



Parent Involvement Committee

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Feb. 14, 2017

Location Rm. 180A Dinner 5:45 pm., Meeting 6:15-8:30 pm

Time	Topic	Lead	Guests
5 mins.	1. Welcome & Introductions	Margaret	
2 mins.	2. Approval of Agenda First: Emily Bolyea-Kyere Second: Amanda Fehrman	Kevin	
2 mins.	3. Approval of Minutes Jan. 10, 2017 First: Shelley Stacey Second: Mike Palma Noted: <i>FASLAC</i> (French As a Second Language Advisory Committee)	Kevin	
30 mins.	4. School Year Calendar Superintendent Jeff Gillies provided a power point presentation which included an overview of the process and the recommended calendar. Public consultation is available until Mar. 3. Calendar to be submitted to Ministry by May 1, 2017.	Jeff Gillies	
45 mins.	5. Budget Priorities Denise Dawson provided a power point presentation of the budget priorities for the school year 2017-2018. A handout "2017-2018 Budget Consultation" was also distributed. Committee members had the opportunity to work in small groups to provide input.	Denise Dawson	

	<p>Highlights:</p> <p>HWDSB 2017-2018 Budget Priorities are: <i>Improving Mathematics; Elementary and Secondary Program Strategies; School Renewal; Special Education; Student Supports; 21st Century Learning (Transforming Learning Everywhere).</i></p> <p>PIC feedback will be sent to the Finance and Facilities Committee and Ebest.</p> <p>Parents are also encouraged to complete the on-line survey.</p>		
5 mins.	<p>6. Profiling Excellence logo The updated logo prepared by Corporate Communications Dept. was shared with the committee.</p> <p>Committee suggestions for edits: "Profiling" – darker font/colours Logo is too simple? Add word "volunteer" School house – old world message</p> <p>Feedback will be provided to the Corporate Communications Dept. and a revised version shared.</p>	Sharon	



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	Standing Items		
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Home & School Updates New bulletin on-line Conference OFSHA – additional information available on-line. School visits on-going	Angela Murchie/Sandra Binns	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Policy Update Approved – new <i>Use of Board Facilities</i> This policy covers the various uses of schools and board property by various groups including school or school board use of our facilities.	Dawn Danko/Penny Deathe	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Standing Committee Update Board meeting – Feb. 13 Board approved Hill Park renovations with a reduced budget and scope from the initial proposal to relocate Community and Continuing Education programs, Alternative Education programs and the Archives to Hill Park. Programs are planned to be relocated for Sept. 2017, while the Archives will be moved at a later date. Pupil Accommodation Reviews (PAR) – in progress for Ancaster and West Hamilton City. Public Meeting #2 scheduled for Mar. 9 (Ancaster) and Mar. 8 (West Hamilton).	Dawn Danko/Penny Deathe	



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	Consultations open for feedback: <i>2017-18 Budget priorities</i> (available until Feb. 24) <i>School Year Calendar</i> (available until Mar. 3)		
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Communication Sub-committee Last meeting – mid-Jan. Thanks to those that completed the surveys. Committee has determined it will not pursue Yammer beyond its current usage. Email addresses will be created for School Councils. Committee may seek additional input from School councils regarding other formats for sharing information. Website updates – further suggestions to follow. <p>It was suggested by PIC to explore the number of families that subscribe to board website etc. – accessing various modes of communication</p> <p>Next sub-committee meeting - Mar. 1</p>	Rochelle Butler	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Profiling Volunteer Excellence sub-committee Event date is April 25 at Ed. Centre Open to all volunteers More information to follow	Margaret/Mike	
3 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FASLAC	Melanie Roberts	

	<p>Peter Joshua attended the last meeting to speak to accommodation reviews.</p> <p>Re-branding and how to communication new name (FASLAC)</p> <p>Mary Hopkins will be designated a French Immersion school for Gr. 1-3 as of Sept. 2017.</p> <p>Frenchapalooza - Lawfield – Feb. 21</p> <p>Sherwood Secondary – continues renovations – lockers, lights, paint New build request being submitted by the Board</p>		
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Schools No update Next meeting - Mar. 1 	Amanda Fehrman	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council support Attending School Council meetings upon request Next meeting - Feb. 15 - Lawfield – 7pm Some new councils require clarification on the role, others a refresher as to the guidelines 	Margaret	
5 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March meeting – Update Mar. 21 - 6:15 pm. at the Ed. Centre 	Margaret	



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	<p><i>Summer experiences for Children & Youth Night (storefronts)</i> – all board depts. that provide these services will be represented. Some community partners will be in attendance as well.</p> <p>Parents will have opportunities to learn about these services and programs as well as sign up their children for summer programs.</p> <p>Invitations to all Parent advisory groups – PIC, SEAC, School Councils, Home & School, Rural Schools, FASLAC.</p> <p>Follow up Information will be provided if individuals are unable to attend.</p>		
Questions from any members of the public present		Margaret	
Adjournment	8:40 pm	Margaret	
Next meeting	Mar. 21, 2017		

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