



Parent Involvement Committee

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Education Centre, 20 Education Court, Main Floor Reception Area

6:30 – 8:30 pm ~ Regular Monthly Meeting

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions K. Baglole/S. Stephanian

2. Adoption of Agenda
First - Rochelle Butler; Second – Shelley Stacey

3. Approval of January 2016 Minutes
First - Shannon Collerman; Second – Harold Hoff

4. Community Involvement Hours Policy – HIGHLIGHT
Kevin will send the link to committee members.

Standing Items:

5. Update from French Immersion Advisory Council – no update.
A new representative to be appointed.

6. Update from Rural School Advisory - no update

7. Update from Home & School Association
This week is Canadian Home & School Federation's Appreciation Week.
Next council meeting - Feb. 22
100th Anniversary Conference April 14-16 (Brantford) – details on Home & School website – handout provided

8. Policy Updates
Dawn Danko provided updates.
Community Involvement Policy – (number of student volunteer hours). Dawn provided an overview. Consultation currently on the website. Parents are encouraged to provide their feedback. Next policy meeting is March 9.

Kevin will email the committee to seek interest in meeting prior to the next PIC meeting to prepare a committee response for trustees.

Sharon advised the committee of an on-line tool (Hour Republic) to assist students and parents in exploring volunteer opportunities. This tool also provides the ability to track information.

Political Activity in Schools during Elections policy – coming forward for consultation soon.

Naming of Schools policy – coming forward for consultation soon

9. Standing Committee Update – no update

10. Communication Sub-committee

Norms being developed for Yammer – another meeting to be scheduled.

11. Profiling Volunteer Excellence Committee

Task list has been created. Margaret and Emily will be meeting with Mike Des Jardins on Feb. 12 for an update.

Event is scheduled for April 12 at Michelangelo's.

New Business:

12. School Year Consultation (Calendar)

J. Gillies

Draft elementary and secondary calendars were distributed.

Superintendent Jeff Gillies provided the committee with an overview of the process and highlighted some key areas of consideration for the 2016-17 calendar. The committee is recommending a modified calendar to align with the Separate School Board as well as neighbouring Boards. In this case, the last day of instruction prior to the Christmas break would be Dec. 23. The community consultation is currently available on the board's website – consultation closes Feb. 25. Parents are encouraged to provide their input. After the consultation has closed the feedback and recommendations will be presented to trustees and then to the Ministry for final approval.



13. Update on Transforming Learning Everywhere

P. Joshua and Paul Denomme provided a presentation. The PIC TLE Parent Engagement Group will be merged with the TLE System Parent Group. An email will be sent to existing members. New members are welcome.

Remaining Standing items:

14. Questions from any members of the public present

15. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: March 8, 2016