



Parent Involvement Committee

MINUTES

October 18, 2016

Location Rm. 180A Dinner 5:45 pm., Meeting 6:15-9:00 pm

Time	Topic	Lead	Guests
5 mins.	1. Welcome & Introductions	Margaret	
2 mins.	2. Approval of Agenda <i>First</i> – Paul Rielly <i>Second</i> – Frances Agro	Margaret	
2 mins.	3. Approval of Minutes Sept. 13, 2016 <i>First</i> - Kerry Turcotte <i>Second</i> –Shelley Stacey	Margaret	
10 mins.	4. Meet Our Director Manny thanked parents for their involvement and contribution to public education. November/December – launch of plan for innovation challenge. Manny is the liaison to the Ministry. Q & A with the Director.	Manny	
35 mins.	5. EQAO – General Update Peter provided a power point presentation. Key points: Assessments Elementary – Reading, Writing and Math. Assessments follow the curriculum. Assessments – Secondary – Gr. 9 Math, OSSLT Parent feedback opportunity – forward feedback to Margaret Reid and she will send on to Peter Sovran.	Peter Sovran	

	<p>Peter cautioned parents on the presentation of EQAO/HWDSB scores as reported in the media. For example there may be a few negative percentage points difference from year to year – this is not a statistical comparison. However, relative change comparisons are a valid way of looking at results from different groups (cohorts) of students.</p>		
45 mins.	<p>6. Elementary Program Strategy Consultation Peter provided an overview. Copies of on-line consultation and program strategy matrix were distributed. Committee broke into small groups to provide feedback. Committee re-convened and shared a recommendation from each group. This information was collected and will be submitted on behalf of PIC.</p>	Peter Joshua	
5 mins.	<p>7. Committee Sign up Sheets were available for members to sign up for participation on the following committees: <i>Profiling Volunteer Excellence</i> <i>Communication Sub-committee</i> <i>(Oct. 26 My Path My Way)</i></p>	Margaret	

	Focus groups re: Strategic Directions – Communication audit – reps from PIC are requested– Nov. 8 meeting		
5 min.	8. School Outreach School Council Support – volunteers are requested to assist school councils in the district.	Margaret	
5 mins.	9. Permission to Post Name & School Parents signed the attendance sheet to confirm their permission.	Sharon	
	Standing Items		
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Home & School Updates Hamilton-Wentworth Council – next meeting Dec. 6 Home & School Information Night Nov. 15 Ontario Federation – new website EQAO information sheet available Search for new Executive Secretary Annual conference – April 2017	Sandra Binns	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Policy Updates Trustees have started reviewing our Pillar Policies, under which more specific policies and procedures are housed. Trustees have asked staff to re-map the pillars and policies to our new strategic directions to improve clarity. No policies	Penny Deathe	

	were revised or approved at our last meeting.		
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Standing Committee Update FIAC (French Immersion Advisory Committee) name change to FSLAC (French As a Second Language Advisory Committee) Letter has been submitted to Ministry on behalf of SEAC seeking more resources for school supports. (letter is posted on the board website as part of the board meeting agenda for Oct. 17). Upcoming <i>Communication audit</i> – the priority is effective communication through effective strategies. This impacts both internal and external communication.	Penny Deathe	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Communication Sub-committee No update Names gathered for the Communication Focus Groups as part of Annual Plan.	Susan Millman	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Profiling Volunteer Excellence sub-committee No update	Margaret/Mike	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rural Schools Update No update		
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FIAC Update now FSLAC Canadian Parents for French – Nov. 2	Melanie Roberts	



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	Margaret has sent the meeting schedule for this school year to PIC members		
Questions from any members of the public present	None	Margaret	
Adjournment	9:00 p.m.	Margaret	
Next meeting	Nov. 8, 2016		