



Parent Involvement Committee

Minutes

May 9, 2017

Room 180A

Dinner 5:45 pm., Meeting 6:15-8:15 pm

Time	Topic	Lead	Guests
5 mins.	1. Welcome & Introductions The meeting began at 6:27 pm	Margaret	
2 mins.	2. Approval of Agenda First: Laura van Alphen, Earl Kitchener Second: Heather Lambert-Hillen, Norwood Park	Margaret	
2 mins.	3. Approval of Minutes First: Susan Millman, Westmount Second: Mike Palma, Holbrook	Margaret	
30 min.	4. Food 4 Kids Sharon introduced Lena Bassford – Food 4 Kids supports children in our schools by providing healthy food on weekends and during the summer. Bulk purchase and community donations delivered to schools on Fridays and discretely placed in the student’s backpack, etc. Over 1,500 students receiving assistance in Hamilton/Halton schools. Video reviewed presenting an over-all look at the program. Currently not in secondary but reaching those kids will be a future goal.	Margaret/Sharon	Lena Bassford
60 mins.	5. Student Success Sharon introduced Peter Joshua who shared through powerpoint the HWDSB Student Success approaches (attached). Concern was expressed about the average “B-C” student who doesn’t fit	Margaret	Peter Joshua



	<p>into the profile – how do we help them? Conversation circled around various programs; how to get the disengaged student back into class; orientation for grade 9; how to switch pathways without affecting college/university choices etc. Peter/Sharon appreciated the comments/suggestions and said they will share with appropriate staff.</p>		
5 min.	<p>6. Membership Sending around a list – if you are going into year 2, please acknowledge you are returning. If your two-year term has ended, applications are online. Due the first week of June.</p>	Margaret	
5 min.	<p>7. Vice Chair Election Chair a two-year term – Margaret returning Kevin not returning so looking for a vice-chair. Email Margaret if interested. Next meeting will accept names from the floor and will speak to the group as to why they'd like to be vice-chair – 5 minutes per person.</p>	Margaret	
	Standing Items		
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home & School Updates- none 	Angela Murchie/Sandra Binns	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Update-none 	Dawn Danko/Penny Deathe	



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3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board Update-none	Dawn Danko/Penny Deathe	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication Sub-committee Welcome email – board providing an email for each member but there is a delay on the server when sending out pictures. Ask Rob to find out why. Emails will be cleared out over the summer. Sharon believes this will include everything, including folders. Passwords will then be re-set.	Rochelle Butler	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Profiling Volunteer Excellence sub-committee How many attended? Different format; open house style. It was successful but still gathering feedback. Volunteer certificates was for only those who signed up on line so some didn't get any. Schools were aware of the process. Sharon will send out a reminder to schools to submit names.	Margaret/Mike	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FASLAC –none Accommodation reviews and concerns for grandfathering; transportation recommendations put forward to Board	Melanie Roberts	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural Schools-none	Amanda Fehrman	
3 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Council Support Quiet so no report Difficult to get representation at the secondary level. It is a challenge to encourage attendance. Communication through social media could be helpful. Keeping your meeting on schedule helps. Time is precious.	Margaret	



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Questions from any members of the public present		Margaret	
Adjournment 8:36 pm		Margaret	
Next meeting	June 13, 2017		