



**Parent Involvement Committee Minutes  
Education Centre  
November 22, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ralph Hill, Trustee; Heather Campbell, Director of Education; Kendall Olsen, Principal Representative (videoconference); Kari-Lynn Beckett, Elementary Teacher Representative; Angela Siemens, Community Representative, Zaagi-idiwin Aboriginal Headstart Program; John Fuhrer, Donald Young School Council Representative; Leslie Danielson, Fort Frances High School Council Representative; Kasey Beaushene, Nestor Falls School Council Representative (teleconference); Kirsty Sinclair, School Council Representative, Sturgeon Creek Alternative Program Council; Debbie Spence, Riverview School Council Representative (videoconference)

**REGRETS:** Alicia Gattoni, Co-Chair, Crossroads School Council Representative; Elaine Fischer, Robert Moore School Council Representative; Angela Mainville, Community Representative, Seven Generations Education Institute; Mellisa Gallagher, North Star Community School Council Representative; Lonna Oster, Community Representative, Northwestern Health Unit, North Words and J.W. Walker School Council Representative

**STAFF:** Brad Gushulak and Tanya Kroocmo, STEM Coordinators; Nancy Taggart, Recording Secretary

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Heather Campbell, Director of Education at 6:30 p.m. Committee members introduced themselves and indicated the school or organization they represented.

**2. Election of Co-Chair**

The Director of Education asked for nominations for a Co-Chair. There were no nominations. Angela Siemens agreed to let her name stand and was acclaimed as Co-Chair.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the agenda. All were in favour.

**4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There was no disclosure of conflict of interest.

**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 24, 2016 meeting were reviewed, and no changes were noted. A motion was made by Leslie Danielson and seconded by Kirsty Sinclair to approve the minutes as distributed.



## 6. New Business

- a) Presentation: Edusight – Brad Gushulak and Tanya Kroocmo, STEM Coordinators

Brad Gushulak and Tanya Kroocmo presented Edusight, a web-based tool used for documenting student work through a variety of media and for assessing and reporting on student work. Some of the features of this program include:

- A digital portfolio that meets the requirements of the 'All About Me' portfolio (K-6);
- The ability for teachers to easily document student work by taking pictures, adding comments and uploading to students' timelines;
- The option for students to publish to their timeline;
- One-way communication to enable students and parents to review student timelines.
- The ease of student information to be prepopulated from Trillium, the Student Information System, to Edusight;
- Student information retained from year to year.

- b) School Council Handbook Updated

The Director of Education reviewed the recent changes to the Handbook and it was noted that in addition to changes outlined in the memo, Staff Representatives would be reinserted on page 7, as this section was omitted by mistake. As well, bullets would be added on page 12 to the Effective Meeting Minutes. The Committee was given an opportunity to provide feedback. A motion was made by Kasey Beaushene and seconded by Leslie Danielson, to accept the changes and publish the revised Handbook.

## 7. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a) Memo – School Council Chairs Training Session

The Committee received a memo and draft power point presentation from the Director of Education regarding the School Councils' Session which is tentatively scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup>. The following feedback was provided by the Committee:

- Invitations should be sent to School Council Chairs inviting the Chair and one other member.
- The minimum number of schools represented needs to be 6 to hold the session.
- The Director of Education will facilitate a mock meeting and ask attendees to take part in helping to run the meeting in order to illustrate some best practices.

## 8. Director's Update

Heather Campbell, Director of Education, reported as follows:

- The Rainy River District School Board is continuing work on localizing the history of the Indian Residential Schools and embedding it into the curriculum.



- The Rainy River District School Board has been approved by the Ministry of Education to be a pilot board for the “Broadband Modernization Program: Wave 1” which is a program to enhance broadband services at select schools. Details will follow.
- Parents and school council members are invited to a Student Well-Being Engagement Session being held through videoconference at the Education Centre on Wednesday, November 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.
- McCrosson-Tovell School has been selected to take part in the Connected North project. Connected North is an initiative provided through Cisco and Taking It Global to deliver immersive and interactive education to remote Northern communities through high-definition two-way video and collaboration technologies. Mine Centre School has participated in this project.

## 9. **Correspondence**

- a) Memo to School Council Chairs and Principals re: PRO Grant

The Committee received the memo that was sent to School Council Chairs and Principals outlining the funding allocations of the PRO Grant to be used for Family Math/Mental Health Nights.

## 10. **Next Meeting**

A Doodle Poll will be sent out with possible dates for the next meeting to be held late January. Once it is determined which date will provide quorum, a confirmation email will be sent for the date.

## 11. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.