



**Parent Involvement Committee Minutes
Education Centre
October 24, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.**

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; Angela Mainville, Community Representative, Seven Generations Education Institute; John Fuhrer, Donald Young School Council Representative; Alicia Gattoni, Co-Chair, Crossroads School Council Representative; Elaine Fischer, Robert Moore School Council Representative; Debbie Spence, Riverview School Council Representative (videoconference)

REGRETS: Leslie Danielson, Fort Frances High School Council Representative; Kasey Beaushene, Nestor Falls School Council Representative; Kirsty Sinclair, School Council Representative, Sturgeon Creek Alternative Program Council; Mellisa Gallagher, North Star Community School Council Representative; Lonna Oster, Community Representative, Northwestern Health Unit, North Words and J.W. Walker School Council Representative

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Taggart, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Alicia Gattoni at 6:35 p.m. Committee members introduced themselves and indicated the school or organization they represented.

2. Election of Co-Chair

Co-Chair Alicia Gattoni asked for nominations for a Co-Chair. The Director of Education provided a brief overview of the Parent Involvement Committee by-laws and the role of the Co-Chair. There were no nominations. A motion was made by John Fuhrer and seconded by Elaine Fischer to defer the election of Co-Chair until the next meeting when more parent and community members may be present. All were in favour.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Angela Mainville and seconded by John Fuhrer. 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 September 26, 2016 meeting were reviewed, and no changes were noted. All



were in favour to approve the minutes as distributed.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) PRO Grant 2016-2017

The Committee received the report regarding funding allocations for the PRO Grant. This funding will be used for Family Math/Mental Health Nights at schools. The Committee was reminded that the community partners who supported the grant application must be involved in the planning of the events.

Three options for distributing funds for resources were reviewed. Option Three, with a base amount of \$300.00 and \$2.76 per student was approved by consensus.

Three options for distributing funds for refreshments were reviewed. Option Two, with a base amount of \$100.00 and \$0.30 per student was approved by consensus. It was noted that School Council money could be used in addition to provide funds for refreshments.

The Director of Education will send a memo to school council chairs and principals with respect to this year's allocation.

7. New Business

a) School Council Refresher Training Session

Committee members were in favour of holding a refresher training session for school council chairs. A doodle poll will be sent out to determine a date near the end of November. Dinner will be provided.

Items to be included on the agenda were discussed as follows:

- Review of School Council Handbook, Quick Reference Guide
- Roles within a School Council
- How to hold a successful meeting
- Explanation of PRO Grant funding and tips on how to hold a successful Family Night.

It was noted that a copy of the Parent Involvement Committee by-laws would be sent out with the meeting minutes.

8. Director's Update

Heather Campbell, Director of Education, reported as follows:

- The provincial online trial of the OSSLT failed due to a cyberattack on the EQAO website. The test was cancelled. Students will have a chance to complete the test in March.



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- 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.
- Math For Young Children teacher training sessions are taking place this week at Donald Young School, Robert Moore School and North Star Community School.
- The Rainy River District School Board is working on localizing the history of the Indian Residential School curriculum and exploring the use of existing literature as teacher resources for example, *Stolen Lives: The Indigenous Peoples of Canada and The Indian Residential Schools*. Committee members can let the Director of Education know if they would like to borrow a copy of this book.

9. Correspondence

a) Fall PIC Newsletter

The Committee reviewed the newsletter and gave positive feedback. The Director of Education gave credit to Darlene Madill, Communications Officer, for organizing a great newsletter. The newsletter has been distributed and posted on the website.

b) 2015-2016 Annual Report

The Annual Report was included in the package and reviewed by Committee members.

10. Next Meeting

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

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.