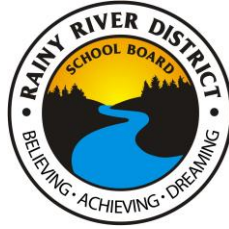


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**Parent Involvement Committee Minutes  
Education Centre  
October 29, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ralph Hill, Trustee; Heather Campbell, Director of Education; Angela Mainville, Community Representative, Seven Generations Education Institute; Kari-Lynn Beckett, Elementary Teacher Representative; Leslie Danielson, Fort Frances High School Council Representative; Johan Sawatzky, Donald Young School Council Representative; Lonna Oster, J.W. Walker School Council Representative; Cindy Homer, Robert Moore School Council Representative; Elaine Fischer, Community Representative, Northwestern Health Unit; Debbie Spence, Rainy River School Council Representative; Kirsty Sinclair, School Council Representative, Fort Frances High School; Gary Edwards, Sturgeon Creek Alternative Program School Council Representative

**REGRETS:** Angela Siemens, Community Representative, Zaagi-idiwin Aboriginal Headstart Program; Sharla MacKinnon, Principal Representative; Mellisa Gallagher, North Star Community School Council Representative;

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Nancy Taggart, Recording Secretary

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Elaine Fischer at 6:30 p.m. Committee members introduced themselves and indicated the school or organization they represented.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

**3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There was no disclosure of conflict of interest.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the May 22, 2018 were approved by consensus.

**5. New Business**

a) 2017-2018 Draft Annual Report

The draft Annual Report was reviewed by the Committee members. No changes or omissions were noted. It was noted that we were underspent in PRO Grant funds by approximately \$4,000.



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b) Draft Fall 2018 PIC Newsletter

The Committee reviewed the draft newsletter and it was noted that an informational item in regard to secondary graduation requirements could be added. A few changes will be made and the newsletter will be distributed.

c) PIC budget 2018-19

The budget for this year is \$6,500. In the past, this funding assisted in covering metrage, travel, babysitting services, school council chairs' training sessions and the printing of newsletters and school council handbooks. The Committee was asked to provide suggestions for the use of the funds and this will be an agenda item at the next meeting. With the government's pause on Parents Reaching Out Grants, Angela Mainville inquired if other funding could be found to support Family Nights. Heather Campbell will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

d) PIC Recruitment

The Committee agreed that representation is still needed from some schools. The following members will contact school council members of those schools to try to recruit members.

AHS – Elaine Fischer  
CRS – Lonna Oster  
MCS – Heather Campbell  
MCT – Debbie Spence  
NFS – Cindy Homer

Letters will be sent to community partners to confirm existing members for the 2018-19 year. As well, it was suggested that letters of recruitment will be sent to Tribal Health Services and Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board, should existing partners not provide the three community representatives for the Committee.

## 6. Director's Update

Heather Campbell, Director of Education, reported as follows:

- The Board has increased the number of counsellors for students from 2.5 to 4.5.
- Human Resources is making immense efforts to be responsive to the hiring challenge by scheduling interviews upon receiving applications; advertising in the *'Professionally Speaking'* magazine; and attending a career fair at Lakehead University to promote occasional teacher and ESP opportunities.
- A Culturally Responsive and Teaching Conference was held in October in partnership with Seven Generations Education Institute and Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). Kevin Lamoureux from the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba presented at the conference.

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- The Northwestern Health Unit supported the Board in the *Power Off and Play Program*, which enabled the Board to purchase items for students to use during indoor recess.
- The Board increased the number of water bottle filling stations in schools over the summer.
- The Techways Program is a new Board initiative, which is geared towards engaging Grade 7 and 8 students in hands-on learning experiences and in learning about Pathways.
- Dr. Greg Wells will be presenting to all staff at the system-wide PD Day on November 26, 2018.

## 7. Correspondence

- a) Annual School Council Reports for 2017-2018

Annual Reports from all the School Councils were included in the package for Committee members.

## 8. Next Meeting

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

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.