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**Parent Involvement Committee Minutes
MS Teams Virtual Meeting
March 25, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Campbell, Director of Education; Carla Magisano, Trustee; Cindy Homer, Robert Moore School Council Representative; Lonna Oster, Fort Frances High School Council Representative; Ross Donaldson, Crossroads School Council Representative; Chantal Seguin, Sturgeon Creek School Council Representative; Sharla MacKinnon, Principal Representative; Kari-Lynn Beckett, Elementary Teacher Representative; LaDawn Schmidt, J.W. Walker School Council Representative; Reta Dykstra, Sturgeon Creek Alternative Program School Council Representative; Maria Fuhrer, Donald Young School Council Representative; Nadine Gerula, Rainy River K-12 Council Representative

REGRETS: Nancy Pitura, Atikokan K-12 Council Representative; Angela Siemens, Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board; Elaine Fischer, Community Representative, Northwestern Health Unit

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Taggart, Recording Secretary;

ABSENT: Alexa Wideman, Mine Centre School Council Representative

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Homer, Co-Chair, at 6:31 p.m.

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 February 23, 2021 were approved as amended by consensus.

5. Unfinished Business

a) PRO Grant Update

Director of Education, Heather Campbell, provided an update on the Parents Reaching Out grant options. The majority of the school councils chose the Make a Meal at Home kit. Follow up with principals will be done where school councils opted for online safety training and pathways information. The Committee agreed on the amount per student as set out in the



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memo and on the use of a healthy recipe. The following steps will be followed to create the Make a Meal at Home kits:

- School Councils need to decide on a recipe, whether the sample provided or another healthy alternative. Recipe choices should be communicated to the Director's Office, to ensure the proper printing of recipes and parent tip sheets for each school council.
- Funds will be disbursed to School Councils who will work to purchase the ingredients wherever possible in bulk, along with paper bags for packaging the ingredients.
- The connections to math tip/activity sheet will be revised and reviewed at the next PIC meeting.
- The approved recipe and tip/activity sheet will be copied at the Education Centre for School Councils to include in the kits.
- School Councils will assemble the kits, adhering to COVID-19 restrictions. Presently, this means only up to 5 persons physically distanced and masked in the gym after school hours to assemble the kits.
- School Councils should choose a date and let parents know ahead of time that the kits will be sent home. It was suggested that a good time to send the kits home would be during Education Week, May 2-7.

The survey question that will be included in the kit tip/activity sheet is "Did this activity help you to bring math into your home?" A QR code and link to Facebook could be included on the sheet and families could share pictures completing the activity. Another suggestion was to purchase a prize for participating in the survey that could be purchased with funds from PIC.

Finalized plans for the use of the PRO Grant will be confirmed at the next PIC meeting in April.

6. New Business

- a) Letter from Laura Mills, Superintendent of Business re: Budget Preparation

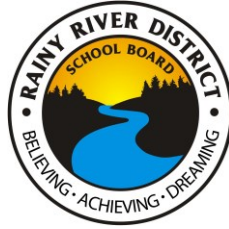
The Committee had a brief discussion about budget priorities for 2021-22. The following suggestions were made:

- prioritize financial literacy and coding
- reduce bus ride times

This item will be added to the next agenda and Director of Education, Heather Campbell, will request an extension to submit feedback once the Committee has had more time to discuss. The Committee was also reminded that the ThoughtExchange budget survey would be open starting March 29.

- b) Draft Spring Newsletter

The Committee reviewed the draft newsletter and a couple revisions were noted.



7. Director's Update

Heather Campbell, Director of Education, reported as follows:

- The Board is working on a Makerspace and Math Project with the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, as well as some schools are registering for Coding Quest.
- The Ministry of Education will be de-streaming Grade 9 Math for the fall and has communicated the possibility of de-streaming other Grade 9 subjects in the future.
- Course selections have started for Grade 8 students entering the high schools this fall.
- At this time, there appears to be no movement of the April Break. Students will be asked to take their devices home when they leave for the break.
- The first Anishinaabemodaa newsletter was launched and will be posted on our website.

8. Correspondence

a) Policies under Review

Heather Campbell, Director of Education explained changes to the policies out for stakeholder input. Policy 5.25, Environmental Sustainability, has been renamed and reclassified. The Student Senate Committee worked on this policy. It has been recommended that Policy 2.65, School Code of Conduct be rescinded as schools are required to align their school codes of conduct with the Board Code of Conduct. Procedure 2.65, School Code of Conduct will be enhanced.

9. Next Meeting

An email will be sent out with possible dates for the next meeting to be held in late April.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.