



RAINY RIVER DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Parent Involvement Committee – Annual Report 2017/2018

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To: Trustees
From: Rainy River District School Board - Parent Involvement Committee

Recommendation: It is recommended that the report be received for information only.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

In the pillar of A Culture of Caring, the Rainy River District School Board Strategic Plan identifies the following home/school partnership goal: “Our students, staff, and communities are supported in safe, inclusive, and collaborative learning environments.”

CONTEXT

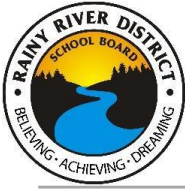
As demonstrated by decades of research, when parents are engaged in their children’s education, students have greater success in school, including higher grades, greater chance of graduation, better school attendance, increased motivation, and enhanced self-esteem.

SUMMARY

The Parent Involvement Committee met four times to develop a newsletter to parents and implement the Parents Reaching Out Grant 2017/18 for Family Arts/Math Nights across the District. The Committee was comprised of three community representatives, an elementary teacher representative, a principal representative, and nine parent representatives.

Parent Involvement Committee Newsletter

To support the work of school councils and highlight best practices, the Committee published a newsletter in the Fall of 2017 and one in the Spring of 2018. The newsletter features helpful tips for parents on how to foster their child’s time management skills, information on how to access support for children with special needs and how to support mentally healthy children and youth, as well as useful websites for parents and students.



Family Arts/Math Nights

The Parent Involvement Committee allocated funds from the Regional Parents Reaching Out Grant to support each school council in hosting a Family Arts/Math Event. This funding supported light refreshments, workshop materials and transportation for parents who required this support. Almost all schools hosted at least one Family Arts/Math Night/Event, with over 1,500 people – students, parents/guardians, extended family members, and community partners – attending these events throughout the District. A Subcommittee of the PIC worked on the application for a 2018/19 Parents Reaching Out Grant, focused on supporting parent engagement in equity and inclusive education with the theme being *Steaming Ahead on Healthy Pathways*.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the 2017/18 school year was a very successful year for the Parent Involvement Committee, with the funding and support for Family Arts/Math Nights and the publication of two parent newsletters.

ROUTING

Parent Involvement Committee	October 29, 2018
Board	November 6, 2018

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Parent Involvement Committee Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 Newsletters