



**Parent Involvement Committee Minutes
Education Centre
November 29, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ralph Hill, Trustee; Heather Campbell, Director of Education; Kendall Olsen, Principal Representative (Skype); Kari Larson, Riverview School Council Representative (Skype); Kari-Lynn Beckett, Elementary Teacher Representative; Angela Siemens, Community Representative, Zaagi-idiwin Aboriginal Headstart Program; Leslie Danielson, Fort Frances High School Council Representative; John Fuhrer, Donald Young School Council Representative; Elaine Fischer, Community Representative, Northwestern Health Unit; Shauna Leigh Carlson, Robert Moore School Council Representative; Mellisa Gallagher, North Star Community School Council Representative; Gary Edwards, Sturgeon Creek Alternative Program School Council Representative

REGRETS: Alicia Gattoni, Crossroads School Council Representative; Angela Mainville, Community Representative, Seven Generations Education Institute; Kirsty Sinclair, School Council Representative, Fort Frances High School; Lonna Oster, J.W. Walker School Council Representative; Jana Riches, Robert Moore School Council Representative; Debbie Spence, Rainy River School Council Representative

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Taggart, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

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

2. Election of Co-Chair

Co-Chair Angela Siemens asked for nominations for a Co-Chair. Angela Siemens nominated Elaine Fischer. There were no other nominations. Elaine Fischer accepted the nomination and was acclaimed as Co-Chair.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mellisa Gallagher and seconded by Gary Edwards. 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 25, 2017 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 2017-2018

The Committee received the report regarding funding allocations for the PRO Grant. This funding will be used for Family Arts/Math 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. Letters have been sent to the community partners to inform them the grant was approved.

Three options for distributing funds for resources were reviewed. Option Three, with a base amount of \$400.00 and \$3.04 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 \$0.90 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.

b) PIC Recruitment

The Director of Education welcomed new members. There are only four schools that do not have a representative on the Parent Involvement Committee.

7. New Business

a) 2017-2018 PIC Budget

The budget for this year is \$6,500. In the past this funding assisted in covering metrage, travel, babysitting services, school council chairs' 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.

A question was asked regarding the outcome from feedback that the Committee provided for the 2017-18 Rainy River District School Board budget. This is the link to the approved budget https://www.rrdsb.com/sites/www.rrdsb.com/files/brdadmin/finance/Trustee_budget_book_2017-18Final.pdf

8. Director's Update

Heather Campbell, Director of Education, reported as follows:

- Dr. Carol Campbell from the Ministry of Education is leading a review of the EQAO

Heather Campbell
Director of Education



Dianne McCormack
Chair

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assessment. There will be a regional session held at the Education Centre on December 12 for parents, school council members, community partners, trustees and school administration. An invitation, along with the guide will be sent to school councils.

- The School Year Calendar survey link for the 2018-2019 school year is posted on the Board website and on social media. The survey closes on December 1, 2018. The Committee was reminded to complete the brief survey.

9. Next Meeting

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

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.