



**Parent Involvement Committee Minutes
Education Centre
October 25, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ralph Hill, Trustee; Heather Campbell, Director of Education; Kendall Olsen, Principal Representative; John Fuhrer, Donald Young School Council Representative; Lonna Oster, J.W. Walker School Council Representative (teleconference); Angela Mainville, Community Representative, Seven Generations Education Institute; Mellisa Gallagher, North Star Community School Council Representative (Skype); Kirsty Sinclair, Past School Council Representative, Sturgeon Creek Alternative Program Council; Leslie Danielson, Fort Frances High School Council Representative; Elaine Fischer, Past Robert Moore School Council Representative; Kari-Lynn Beckett, Elementary Teacher Representative

REGRETS: Alicia Gattoni, Co-Chair, Crossroads School Council Representative; Angela Siemens, Co-Chair, Community Representative, Zaagi-idiwin Aboriginal Headstart Program; Debbie Spence, Past Riverview School Council Representative

STAFF: Nancy Taggart, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Heather Campbell, Director of Education, in the absence of a Chair, asked for nominations of a parent or community representative for interim Chair. Elaine Fischer accepted the nomination of interim Chair and the meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

There was no disclosure of conflict of interest.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the June 1, 2017 meeting were reviewed, and no changes were noted. A motion was made by Leslie Danielson and seconded by Lonna Oster to approve the minutes as distributed.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) 2016-2017 Draft Annual Report

The draft Annual Report was reviewed by the Committee members. No changes or omissions were noted. Approval of the report was moved by John Fuhrer and seconded by Angela Mainville.



b) PRO Grant 2017-2018 Announcement

The Director of Education announced that the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant has been awarded in the amount of \$20,000 to support the *Connecting Communities through Creativity (Family Arts/Math Nights)* project. Options for the disbursement of funds will be provided at the next meeting.

The Director of Education thanked the sub-committee for their efforts in completing the grant application.

c) Fall 2017 PIC Newsletter

The Committee reviewed the draft newsletter and no changes were noted. The newsletter will be distributed.

d) PIC Recruitment

The Committee discussed ways to recruit new members. Suggestions were made to advertise on social media, distribute an informational flyer, email and send a SynreVoice message to school council members.

Letters will be sent to community partners to confirm existing members for the 2017-18 year. Atikokan High, McCrosson-Tovell, Mine Centre, Rainy River High, Robert Moore and SCAP do not have a representative on the Parent Involvement Committee for the 2017-18.

6. Director's Update

Heather Campbell, Director of Education, reported as follows:

- Enrolment of elementary students in the Board has increased and enrolment of secondary students has decreased, but on the whole, the decline in enrolment is less than anticipated.
- The Ojibwe Language Strategy is moving forward in supporting:
 - Work with daycares in increasing student Ojibwe language in the early years.
 - The Adult Immersion Program, in partnership with Seven Generations, to teach Ojibwe to adults in a 36-week program. There are approximately 20 students enrolled.
 - A partnership with Lakehead University, to develop a clearer pathway for students to become Ojibwe Language teachers.
- EDSBY is an analytical software that will be implemented over the year. Some of the features EDSBY offers are as follows:
 - Linking portfolio entries to the curriculum
 - Providing a marks management tool
 - Allowing for classroom, school system, school community networks



- Providing for electronic messaging, attendance, reporting, etc.

7. Correspondence

a) Policies under Review

Policies that are currently out for stakeholder input were shared with Committee members and they were asked to relay any feedback regarding these policies to Sandra Ward, Executive Assistant to the Director, at sandra.ward@mail.rrdsb.com, by Monday, October 30, 2017. All feedback will be brought to the attention of the Policy Committee.

b) Annual School Council Reports for 2016-2017

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

c) Letter from the Ministry of Education re: School Board Governance Supports

The Ministry of Education is asking School Board Advisory Committee members for feedback on Board governance. A discussion guide was provided which included background and questions on each topic for consideration. Committee members may provide responses to the Ministry of Education until November 13, 2017.

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 7:11 p.m.