



**Parent Involvement Committee Minutes
Education Centre
April 19, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ralph Hill, Trustee; Heather Campbell, Director of Education; Kendall Olsen, Principal Representative; Kari-Lynn Beckett, Elementary Teacher Representative; Angela Siemens, Co-Chair, Community Representative, Zaagi-idiwin Aboriginal Headstart Program; John Fuhrer, Donald Young School Council Representative; Leslie Danielson, Fort Frances High School Council Representative; Elaine Fischer, Robert Moore School Council Representative; Angela Mainville, Community Representative, Seven Generations Education Institute; Kasey Beausheene, Nestor Falls School Council Representative (teleconference); Debbie Spence, Riverview School Council Representative

REGRETS: Alicia Gattoni, Co-Chair, Crossroads School Council Representative; Mellisa Gallagher, North Star Community School Council Representative; Kirsty Sinclair, School Council Representative, Sturgeon Creek Alternative Program Council; Lonna Oster, Community Representative, Northwestern Health Unit, North Words and J.W. Walker School Council Representative

STAFF: Nancy Taggart, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Angela Siemens, Co-Chair at 6:40 p.m. Committee members introduced themselves and indicated the school or organization they represented.

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 March 1, 2017 meeting were reviewed, and no changes were noted. A motion was made by Leslie Danielson and seconded by John Fuhrer to approve the minutes as distributed.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) By-Law Review

The Director of Education explained the amendments that are being recommended by the Bylaw Subcommittee. A motion was made by Kasey Beausheene and seconded by Leslie Danielson to give notice of the proposed amendments to the By-laws. All in attendance were in favour.



b) PIC Newsletter – Fall 2017

The draft newsletter was reviewed by the Committee. School Council meeting dates will be added prior to the newsletter being distributed.

6. **New Business**

a) Letter to PIC Co-Chairs from Laura Mills, Superintendent of Business

The Director of Education provided examples of previous years' feedback and the Committee provided feedback on budget priorities for 2017-18. The Director of Education will draft a letter which will be emailed to the Committee for review before being signed by the Co-Chairs and submitted to the Superintendent of Business.

A budget survey is available on the Board website until April 21, 2017.

7. **Director's Update**

Heather Campbell, Director of Education, reported as follows:

- Edusight, the digital web-based tool for documenting student work is no longer going to be in operation as the company has folded. EDSBY is the analytics software for Grades K to 12 that has all of the features of Edusight and is currently being piloted.
- Dr. Young Hoon and Shannon Robinson from the Northwestern Health Unit presented to the Principals on Social Determinates of Health and Health Equity.
- Funding was received to launch a seven year Native Language Strategy to create pathways for Native Language teachers and promote Ojibwe. This is a language revitalization partnership with Seven Generations Education Institute, Lakehead University and the First Nation communities in the District.
- The Broadband Modernization Program is moving ahead to consider network upgrades within school boards across the region. This initiative is designed to meet the Ministry's target of 1 Mbps/student.

8. **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

9. **Next Meeting**

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

Heather Campbell
Director of Education



Dianne McCormack
Chair

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10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.