



Minutes

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE Thursday, October 1, 2015 BWDSB Education Centre, Chesley

Parents:

North: Jennifer Miller (Co-Chair), Jennifer Barratt-Parker (Co-Chair)
 South: Joe Grieco,
 West: Jim Thorpe
Trustee: Linda Hamill

Administration:

Steve Blake, Director; Bev Sims, Director's Office

Teacher:

Betty-Jo Raddin

Guests:

Sarah Leask

Regrets:

Tanya Schute, Toby Bruce, Colleen Madill, Christine Laur, Judi Chambers, Keith Lefebvre, Matt Pickett, Jean Stephenson

Agenda item	Discussion / Decision / Action Taken	Follow-up/person responsible
Welcome and introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Those in attendance provided a brief introduction regarding their role on the committee. ▪ Jennifer Barrat Parker noted the areas of vacancy in membership. ▪ Jennifer Miller indicated that she would be stepping down which leaves a Co-chair vacancy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All to consider inviting new members ▪ Jennifer BP
1. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add financial report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
2. Review of June, 2015 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ June minutes to be revised to show March minutes were approved. ▪ SCC network meeting feedback (document sheet to be attached to the June Minutes. ▪ Jennifer proposed motion to approve, Joe seconded the motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion carried 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ June minutes to be revised and posted
3. Business arising from the minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional PRO grant was not submitted. ▪ Ideas will be considered for the January meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add 'PRO Grant' application to January 14 meeting agenda
4. Director's Report/ Parent Engagement	<p>▪ Director of Education Steve Blake noted that the school year was off to a good start despite provincial labour issues. Steve also reported on the following topics: Link Crew Day; OSSLT Results; Kindergarten registration and the accommodation review process.</p> <p>Steve suggested the following as areas for parent input:</p> <p>How do we reach parents who aren't engaged with their community school or their children's education? Engagement may not necessarily mean attending meetings or attending other school events, but instead mean supporting the success of their children (e.g., math) in other ways. What does engagement look like and what are the most effective communication strategies that we can use to engage parents?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To be explored for the network meeting and considered as agenda item for the January meeting.

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	<p>There was discussion regarding the question of parent involvement in schools during labour action.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding special education including funding, promoting awareness of the Special Education Advisory Committee and possible regional PRO Grant application.</p> <p>It was requested that the handout provided at the Spring Networking meeting regarding resources, be posted to the PIC website.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bev to post the link on the PIC website
5. Trustee's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trustee Linda Hamill stated that the Bluewater DSB Accommodation Review policy was one of the first in the province to be completed. ▪ She noted that board members are aware of the funding implications of carrying the empty spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
6. Co-Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elections: vacancies exist for all areas. ▪ Jennifer invited Sarah invited to represent parents from the "South" region. ▪ Jennifer BP has been invited to moderate a panel discussion on effective school council's. November 7th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jennifer BP will have expenses paid for by PIC (from the 2015/2016 operating budget). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Interested members to let Jennifer BP know if they would like to attend.
7. Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial Report: ▪ Funds for 2015-16 = \$5000 + \$2695 (\$0.17 per student) ▪ \$2500 was carried forward for the fall network meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
8. PIC Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for 2015-16 November 10th Networking event/School Council 101 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People for Education are not available to present topics due to the People for Education conference. ▪ Discussion regarding the meeting being in three parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Survey on the strategic plan goals with regards to parent engagement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With questions as to what they would like to discuss in the spring networking meeting. ▪ Presentation on School Council 101 ▪ Network session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sharing best practices. <p>The committee discussed offering an opportunity for more people to attend the conference using PIC funds. PROPOSAL: to offer the opportunity for four people to attend the People for Education conference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve to explore finding a Math numeracy expert to present at the meeting. • Jennifer B. P. will produce an agenda/plan and look for resources at the P for Ed conference. • Jennifer M. to produce invitations.
9. Other initiatives and ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anyone that has ideas are encouraged to pursue them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
10. PIC meeting dates 2015 – 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ November 10 – SC Networking Meeting ▪ January 14, 2016 – PIC meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
11. Agenda items for next meeting	<p>January meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reviewing strategic plan action items for parent engagement based on data collected at the Networking meeting. ▪ Parents Reaching Out Grant application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add to January 14, 2016 agenda
12. Summary of PIC Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
13. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7:50 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪