



Minutes

**Parent Involvement Committee
Tuesday, January 13, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.
Bluewater DSB Education Centre - Chesley**

Parents:

North: Jennifer Miller (Co-Chair), Jennifer Barratt-Parker (Co-Chair by phone)

South: Joe Grieco, Toby Bruce

West: Jim Thorpe

Community: Patricia Greig, Sue Loyst

Trustees: Jane Thomson (for Linda Hamill)

Administration: Steve Blake, Director; Bev Sims, Director's Office; Keith Lefebre, Principal, Matt Pickett, Principal, Jean Stephenson, Superintendent of Education

Regrets: Parents: Tanya Schute, Jennifer Isber-Legge, Katherine Arnold, Colleen Madill, Christine Laur

Trustee: Linda Hamill

Teacher Betty-Jo Raddin

Guests: Jennifer Hicks, Dawn Poole, Alisha Sutherland

Agenda item	Discussion / Decision / Action Taken	Follow-up/person responsible
Welcome and introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Toby Bruce introduced as a prospective new PIC member. ▪ Kevin Larson was in attendance as a writer for the <i>Saugeen Times</i>. 	
1. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion put forward from Sue Loyst to approve the agenda. ▪ 2nd: Judi Chambers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carried 	
2. Review of October 6, 2013 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion put forward from Sue Loyst to approve the October 2014 minutes. ▪ 2nd: Jennifer M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carried 	
3. Business arising from the minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None. 	
4. Confirm elections and appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Toby Bruce accepts appointment for the South Area ▪ Terms to be determined off line and updated version of bylaws to be distributed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bev, Jennifer BP and Jim
5. PIC member contact info on website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PIC members indicated they were willing to have their contact information on the PIC website. ▪ Bev will follow up with individual members ▪ If members object they are to contact Jennifer BP or Jennifer M to have it removed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bev – follow up
6. Director's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Director Steve Blake thanked Kevin for his previous work and support of parent engagement. ▪ Linda Hamill is the new trustee representative on the PIC (Jane Thomson is the alternate representative). ▪ The new Board of Trustees was sworn in on December 2. ▪ Reviewed the highlights of the Director's Annual Report which is available on line. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/director/DAR_2014-FINAL.pdf ▪ PICs Role in supporting the strategic plan? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PIC members could participate in local consultations at schools). ▪ Waiting for new provincial guidelines for accommodation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stephen to consult with co-chairs

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Schools a topic presented. ▪ David Cronbeen and Carl Suban ▪ Minister of Education addressed the PIC Chairs on topics including: ▪ The new Health & Physical Education Curriculum and the ARC Process ▪ Network Meeting was held after the formal presentations. ▪ Recommendation, by PIC Chairs, that a formal method be developed for PICs to share ideas 	
10. Consultation on Health & Physical Education Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent Consultation on the Human Development and Sexual Health Component of the Elementary Health and Physical Education Curriculum ▪ One parent per school council was chosen to ensure a wide range of opinions were heard. (as well as PICs and groups such as People for Education) ▪ Secondary school students will be asked directly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jennifer BP
11. Budget Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently \$6400 – mileage and conference expenses available ▪ suggested that the book could be ordered as a resource 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jennifer BP to get book details to Bev
12. School Council Networking Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Date: April 28, 2015 (principals meeting also during the day) ▪ School Council Chairs plus a guest. School Principals to be invited. ▪ Reviewed handout/worksheet ▪ Ideas for topics: ▪ Parent engagement and math literacy ▪ Growth mindset ▪ SEAC and support for parents. (last year Alana presented a workshop) ▪ Strategic Plan Feedback ▪ People for Ed speakers on “measuring what matters”? ▪ Should be a main topic as a guest speaker given the distance and logistics or this could be a topic for the fall. ▪ Committee members encouraged to send agenda ideas to Jennifer Barratt Parker. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jean ▪ Keith and Matt ▪ Sue and Matt ▪ All to send ideas to Jennifer BP.
13. PIC Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jamie Pettit is regularly updating the PIC website ▪ Jean provides resource material on parent engagement. ▪ Discussed ways to promote the PIC website to parents ▪ Info sent to Principals to be sent to school newsletters. ▪ PIC tweets ▪ School councils should also be included 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jennifer and Patricia – follow up
14. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SEAC video is available on the PIC website ▪ Sue gave an overview of the mandate and issues facing the committee. ▪ Sue indicated that the membership on SEAC has declined and they are in the process of recruiting members from applicable associations ▪ Jim Dawson and Jane Thompson are the trustees on the committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
15. Safe Schools policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As follow up to a previous meeting Joe attended (as PIC rep) he provided proposed recommendations based on personal experience. ▪ Suggested path forward – specific procedures need to be cited, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪

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	<p>gaps identified and a motion put forward which would be voted on if needed. If the motion was accepted then it would be forwarded to the policy committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussion tabled. ▪ Policies are available on the website. ▪ Policy references to be sent out. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bev to send out references to related policies.
16. Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ April 28, 2015 – School Council Networking Meeting ▪ June 9, 2015 	
17.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agenda Items Network Meeting Safe Schools follow up. 	
18. Adjournment		