



# Minutes

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT/PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, June 15, 2016**  
 East Side Marios, Owen Sound

Parents:

North: Jennifer Barratt-Parker (Chair) (Regrets), Joe Grieco, Tanya Shute, Sara Leask

West: Jim Thorpe, Christine Laur

Trustee: Linda Hamill (Regrets), David Mason (Alternate)

Administration: Jean Stevenson (Superintendent of Education), Keith Lefebvre (Principal),

Matt Pickett (Principal) (Regrets),

Teacher: Betty-Jo Raddin (Regrets)

Agenda item	Discussion / Decision / Action Taken	Follow-up/person responsible
1. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Approved.</li> </ul>	
2. Review of May, 2016 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ACTION: May minutes to be revised to show that \$24 Million was spent on the new Meaford school and that it is scheduled to open in 2018.</li> <li>▪ Minutes approved with above corrections.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bev Sims</li> </ul>
3. Business arising from the minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Next Steps (from pictures emailed following brainstorming at May meeting.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ACTION: Informal meeting(s) to be organized over the summer to plan for next year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tanya and Jennifer</li> </ul>
4. Director's Report/ Parent Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No director's report (informal wrap up meeting).</li> <li>▪ Parent Engagement.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jean Stephenson is retiring</li> <li>▪ A new Superintendent will be hired (likely from within the board) to replace Jean.</li> <li>▪ Accommodation Reviews                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Staff at the effected schools are enthusiastic about the up-coming mergers.</li> <li>○ Increased bussing (due to reduced distance requirements) should be cost neutral since half full busses will now carry high school students.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ New Minister of Education                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mitzie Hunter announced as the new Minister of Education. Ms. Hunter comes from the Ministry of Finance, where she was the Associate Minister responsible for the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
5. Trustee's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussed "Future Think Tank" ideas concept.</li> <li>▪ Discussed the lack of internet access to many families of BWDSB students and discussed how libraries can help bridge the gap.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Future topic for discussion at PIC/PE meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
6. Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$4900 remains to be spent as of June 15<sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monies not spent (or specifically allocated) by August 31 will be transferred to the board (general revenue).</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ ACTION all to submit expense reports to Bev Sims before end of June.</li> <li>▪ NOTE: PIC would like to allocate 2015/2016 funds to the Sept 27 Supporting Kaylie Thiessen Presentation/parent network meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All</li> </ul>

7. Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tanya Shute acclaimed as Chair for the committee.</li> <li>▪ Jim Thorpe will stay on for another term as secretary.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
8. Understanding the role of PIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussed that placemats with PIC mandate are handed out at each meeting.</li> <li>▪ Topic of discussion for network meeting following Kaylie Thiessen presentation in September.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
9. Supporting Kaylie Thiessen Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jean stated that no extra cost would be incurred by having Kaylie Thiessen speak in the evening.</li> <li>▪ Continued discussion about a networking meeting following the presentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The evening could consist of a meal/snack, then the presentation followed by a networking meeting.</li> <li>▪ Books purchased for the 2016 spring networking meeting can be given out.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Discussed advertising for the presentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PIC will help to spread the word about the September 27<sup>th</sup> presentation for parents by emailing SCC Chairs and Principals</li> <li>▪ PIC will help to advertise by purchasing posters.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ ACTION: Jean to follow up with Bev about using the same caterer for the meeting and to determine the cost purchasing/printing posters for each school.</li> <li>▪ ACTION: All to think of innovative slogans for Kaylie Thiessen Presentation/parent network meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
10. 2016/2017 planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Informal planning meeting to be set up by Jennifer and Tanya <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invitation will be sent to all PIC members.</li> <li>▪ September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be planned further with consideration to feedback from action items.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ October meeting will be picked over the summer in consultation with Tanya and Director of Education PIC delegate (following the informal PIC meeting)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
11. Summary of PIC Actions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) May minutes to be revised to show that \$24 Million was spent on the new Meaford school and that it is scheduled to open in 2018.</li> <li>2) Informal meeting(s) to be held over the summer to plan for next year. Chair to organize.</li> <li>3) All to submit expense reports to Bev Sims before end of June.</li> <li>4) Jean to follow up with Bev about using the same caterer for the meeting and to determine the cost purchasing/printing posters for each school.</li> <li>5) All to think of innovative slogans for Kaylie Thiessen Presentation/parent network meeting.</li> <li>6) October meeting date to be scheduled in late August</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bev Sims</li> <li>▪ Tanya and Jennifer</li> <li>▪ All</li> <li>▪ Jean and Bev</li>   <li>▪ All</li>   <li>▪ Director of Education delegate and Tanya Shute</li> </ul>