

## SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



*Our Mission: "Inspiring our students to succeed and make a difference"*  
*Our Vision: "We are leaders in providing quality learning experiences in our small school communities"*  
*Our Values: "Caring, Fairness, Empathy, Responsibility, Honesty, Resilience, Respect, Perseverance and Innovation"*  
*Our Motto: "Small schools make a difference"*

### Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 — 6:30 p.m.

### "INFORMATIONAL NOTES"

**NOTE:** Due to lack of quorum, the following is a transcription of notes taken for information only. These are not official minutes as PIC motion could not be moved without quorum".

On-Site at Marathon Board Meeting Room  
Electronic Access via Videoconference and/or Teleconference

Acting Chair: D. Tamblyn

Director: David Tamblyn  
Recorder: Andrée MacGillivray

### 1.0 Roll Call

Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)											
Parent Involvement Committee											
Elementary Schools	O	T	V	A	R	Secondary Schools	O	T	V	A	R
	S	C	C				S	C	C		
BAPS – Jenefer Poirier... <i>School Council &amp; PIC</i>				X		GCHS – Lynne Lafrance... <i>PIC</i>				X	
BAPS – Bernadine O'Brien... <i>School Council</i>					X	GCHS – Lynne Lafrance... <i>School Council</i>	X				
BEPS – Dominique Orban... <i>PIC &amp; School Cncl (TBA)</i>				X		LSHS – ?... <i>PIC</i>					
BEPS –						MNHS - ?... <i>PIC</i>					
CAPS - ( <i>no students enrolled</i> )						MNHS – Jane Bourgeois... <i>School Council</i>			X		
DOPS - Kitty Dumonski... <i>PIC &amp; School Council</i>				X		MRHS – Jennifer Lake... <i>School Council</i>				X	
DOPS – Kim Landry, Chair... <i>School Council</i>				X		MRHS – Pearl Cooper... <i>PIC</i>	X				
GOPS - Suzanne Kukko, Chair... <i>School Council</i>				X		NRHS - ?... <i>School Council</i>					
GOPS – Michelle Bird... <i>PIC</i>				X							
MNPS – ?... <i>School Council</i>				X		NRHS – Martha Verville... <i>PIC</i>					
MMPS – Trina Regan... <i>PIC</i>				X							
MMPS – Mari Mannisto... <i>PIC</i>					X	Trustees/Administration	O	T	V	A	R
MTPS – Annette Heath... <i>PIC</i>				X		Darlene Keenan		X			
MTPS – Pearl Cooper... <i>School Council &amp; PIC</i>	X					Mark Mannisto				X	
NAPS - Mathew Donovan... <i>PIC &amp; School Council</i>		X				Angel Santerre		X			
RRPS - ?... <i>PIC &amp; School Council</i>						Pinky McRae ( <i>Ex-Officio</i> )		X			
RRPS - Tara Thompson... <i>School Council</i>				X		David Tamblyn					
SCPS –Tosha Borutski... <i>PIC</i>				X		John Mutch					X
SCPS – Tina Hamel... <i>School Council</i>					X	Nancy Petrick				X	
TBPS – Terry Bell... <i>PIC</i>			X			Donna Fry				X	
TBPS – Erika Bryson... <i>School Council</i>			X			Andrée MacGillivray ( <i>Recorder</i> )		X			

## 1.0 Welcome

David Tamblyn

D. Tamblyn welcomed those members in attendance and advised this meeting is to be an **Information Session** only due to NO QUORUM. Tamblyn will review certain topics in this AGENDA. D. Tamblyn advised this committee is a statutory committee directed by the Ministry of Education. He advised that through parent engagement, student achievement increases. There is not enough parent involvement for quorum. Another important item issue is that a parent member only is eligible to Chair PIC meetings. It should not be him as Director o Educaiton.

### Without Quorum, Items 2.0 through 5.0 did not transpire

#### 2.0 Review and Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2012

(Attached)

Mover: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

*That, the minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting dated November 14, 2012 be accepted and approved.*

#### 3.0 Approval of Agenda

Mover: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

*That, the agenda for the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of November 14, 2012 be accepted.*

#### 4.0 Business Arising from Minutes

##### 4.1 Election of Chairperson

#### 5.0 Chair: Parent Involvement Committee

## 6.0 Director of Education

### 6.1 "Job Action" Update

D. Tamblyn reiterated this continues to be played out in the media between the MOE and Union. There are no extra-curricular happening in any of our schools. Currently talks are between the Boards and Ministry of Education to reinstate extra-curricular activities. Morale is down by both staff and students; secondary teachers realize extra-curricular a need. Families living in southern Ontario are registering their children in separate system not affected by sanctions – they have extra-curricular activities. There is not much movement at the elementary panel and ETFO is taking its issues to the Ontario Labour Relations Board. Everyone is waiting to hear results. Is it legal action? The continued sanction's affects parent/teacher Interviews. Tamblyn advised teachers are not required to work outside of 300 instructional minutes/day. There seems to be some compromise and taking place during instructional day at some schools.

### 6.2 Amalgamation

D. Tamblyn advised one year ago MOE were looking at amalgamating school boards by the fall of 2013. Since then and with labour unrest, MOE announced at Christmas no longer pursuing amalgamation. Tamblyn advised for the time being this subject is off the MOE Agenda.

### 6.3 EQAO Regional Parent Forum – Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Valhalla Inn

D. Tamblyn encouraged PIC members to apply to attend this forum in Thunder Bay. Those attending would have costs cover for travel/hotel/meals/registration.

Restorative Practice Symposium April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> – Thunder Bay

J. Bourgeois gave a brief outline of what "Restorative Practice" means:

*Restorative Practice is as its name implies. It is a program derived to resolve issues at ground level; be it an issue between students, student and teacher, or parent and teacher. It is a meeting between all concerned parties in a non-judgmental environment, overseen by an impartial mediator.*

*This allows everyone a clear perspective on the situation. It affords each individual a voice in the dispute and a chance for all to come to a healthy resolution.”*

The symposium training is presented by Lakehead Public School Board funded by MOE. D. Tamblyn will attend and he has sent out invitation to Principals to attend. J. Bourgeois advised non-educators allowed to attend.

#### 6.4 Unlocking the PIC Handbook

Not all members received PIC Handbook. (Tamblyn to send out.) D. Tamblyn reviewed specific topics in the handbook with members in attendance.

Tamblyn posed the question: “How can the board support you and tell us what you need from us?”

A discussion took place amongst the committee members and their wants. There seemed to be confusion as to what PRO Grants are and PIC funding. The deadline for PRO Grants to MOE have passed. Application for this grant for next year will be coming out after March. Those who have applied, before deadline date, should be receiving notification soon.

PIC funding is to be used for Parent Involvement/Engagement Event only. Such activities/workshops should see parents involved at school. Tamblyn to get applications and send out to PIC chairs in each community. Principals are to advise when PIC funding available from Board. Some of the money is used at the Board level to have Board Calendars printed for S.G.D.S.B. staff and families.

PIC members noted the following among their concerns.

- Some communities have difficulty getting parents involved in PIC and School Council.
- Uncertain as to the role this plays.
  - D. Tamblyn read from PIC handbook regarding PIC mandate
    - A suggestion was brought forward to have this description broken down in layman’s terms and sent out to all the families in the S.G.D.S.B. area
    - He also referred to the Board Strategic Plan, Setting Goals and the Action Plan
    - The Board website has PIC tab, there is information to help PIC groups – i.e. ideas to hold events etc
- Some communities feel “Job Action” is keeping parents out of the school. Once this gets settled perhaps more parents involvement.

#### 6.5 Following us on Twitter

### **7.0 Open Discussion**

### **8.0 Suggestions: Future Agenda Items**

### **9.0 Next Meeting Dates**

Note: Reg. 330/10 requires that **four meetings** be held in each school year.

The meeting just had is not an official event because quorum was not established

D. Tamblyn will send notice of next meeting. Members present indicated the Wednesday evenings are good meeting night.

### **10.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.