

# SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



## Mission Statement

*In partnership with the students, the home and the community,  
Superior-Greenstone District School Board will address  
individual students' needs by providing:*

- ❖ a diverse education that prepares for and honours their chosen path for success,
- ❖ avenues that foster a love of learning, and
- ❖ the means to honour varied learning styles.

## Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

Monday, May 14, 2012 — 6:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

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

Acting Chair: B. McArthur

Director: David Tamblyn  
Recorder: Andree MacGillivray

### 1.0 Roll Call

| <i>Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i> |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
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| <b>Parent Involvement Committee</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Elementary Schools</b>  | O | T | V | A | R | <b>Secondary Schools</b>                                   | O | T | V | A | R |
|  | S | C | C |   |   |  | S | C | C |   |   |
| BAPS – Jenefer Poirier... <i>School Council</i>  |   |   |   | X |   | GCHS – Gerald Abraham... <i>School Council</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 – Birgit McArthur... <i>PIC</i>                       |   |   | X |   |   |
| BEPS – Brenda Goodman... <i>School Council (TBA)</i>   |   |   |   | X |   | MNHS - Denis Lanteigne... <i>School Council</i>            |   |   |   | X |   |
| CAPS - <i>(no students enrolled)</i>   |   |   |   |   |   | MNHS – Linda Baril... <i>School Council</i>                |   |   |   | X |   |
| DOPS - Kitty Dumonski... <i>PIC &amp; School Council</i>   |   | X |   |   |   | MRHS – Jennifer Lake... <i>School Council</i>              |   |   |   | X |   |
| DOPS - Shannon Nyman... <i>School Council</i>  |   |   |   | X |   | MRHS – Jennifer Hart... <i>PIC</i>                         |   |   |   |   | X |
| GOPS – Bernadette Langthorne... <i>School Council</i>  |   |   |   | X |   | NRHS - Albertine Van Ogtrop-Leale... <i>School Council</i> |   |   |   | X |   |
| MNPS – Penny Morell... <i>School Council</i>   |   |   |   | X |   | NRHS - Kitty Dumonski... <i>PIC</i>                        |   |   |   | X |   |
| MMPS – Mari Mannisto... <i>PIC</i>   |   | X |   |   |   | <b>Trustees/Administration</b>                             | O | T | V | A | R |
| MTPS – Tonia Oldford... <i>PIC</i>   |   |   |   | X |   | Darlene Keenan   |   |   |   | X |   |
| MTPS – Pearl Cooper... <i>School Council</i>   |   |   |   | X |   | Mark Mannisto  |   | X |   |   |   |
| NAPS - Mathew Donavan... <i>PIC &amp; School Council</i>   |   |   |   | X |   | Angel Santerre   |   | X |   |   |   |
| RRPS - Shari Kingston... <i>PIC &amp; School Council</i>   |   |   |   | X |   | David Tamblyn  | X |   | X |   |   |
| RRPS - Tara Thompson... <i>School Council</i>  |   |   |   | X |   | Pinky McRae (Ex-Officio)                                   |   | X |   |   |   |
| SCPS –Tosha Borutski... <i>PIC</i>   |   |   |   | X |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| SCPS – Tina Hamel... <i>School Council</i>   |   |   | X |   |   | Nancy Petrick  |   |   |   | X |   |
| TBPS – Terry Bell... <i>PIC</i>  |   |   |   | X |   | Andrée MacGillivray (Recorder)                             |   | X |   |   |   |
| TBPS – Wendy Bähm... <i>School Council</i>   |   |   |   | X |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |

## **1.0 Welcome**

Birgit McArthur

B. McArthur welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2.0 Review and Approval of Minutes: March 20, 2012**

Mover: Tina Hamel Second: Mark Mannisto

That, the minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting dated March 20, 2012, be accepted and approved.

## **3.0 Approval of Agenda**

Mover: Mari Mannisto Second: Tina Hamel

That, the agenda for the Parent Involvement committee meeting of May 14, 2012, be accepted.

## **4.0 Business Arising from Minutes**

B. McArthur had no business arising from minutes.

## **5.0 Chair: Parent Involvement Committee**

(Birgit McArthur)

### **5.1 Parent Involvement Funding**

B. McArthur relayed activities that took place at Margaret Twomey PS with funds from PIC i.e., Family B.B.Q. and Gaming Night. School Councils received \$500 and this money can be used for any project. B. McArthur did stress the Final Report and receipts are to be sent to the Board Office no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **5.2 Process for Parents Reaching Out (P.R.O.) Grants Applications 2012-2013**

B. McArthur reviewed memo as attached to agenda (pgs. 16-17 and pgs. 18-41) Ministry Guidelines. McArthur encouraged committee to read. The report gives details of a variety of applications by ministry. The applications in this Memo are due June 8.

### **5.3 Communication/Correspondence**

#### **5.3.1 OSSD-Credit Cap**

##### **5.3.1.1 April 19/12-Deputy Minister, g. Zegaric: re Credit Cap**

B. McArthur read Memo as attached in agenda to members.

##### **5.3.1.2 Frequently Asked Questions**

B. McArthur reviewed this agenda attachment with committee.

#### **5.3.2 Ontario PIC and School Council Association**

##### **5.3.2.1 Fact Sheet**

B. McArthur read the agenda attachment to the member and touched on founder members.

##### **5.3.2.2 Membership Application**

B. McArthur reviewed the agenda attachment with committee.

#### **5.3.3 People for Education**

##### **5.3.3.1 Newsletter**

<http://www.peopleforeducation.ca/>

B. McArthur advised committee the newsletter goes out electronically and regular mail. There are certain restrictions on Special Ed. Programs. Anyone affected by these caps can contact Jacqui Strachan – Community Development Coordinator at People for Education.

##### **5.3.3.2 Carl Cortner Webinar**

<http://www.sgdsb.on.ca/article/resources-for-pic-members-243.asp>

B. McArthur advised committee to visit this site.

5.3.4 People for Education Tool Kit

B. McArthur advised committee to read pgs. 42-58 of agenda attachment, there are helpful hints for parents/teacher/principal.

5.3.5 Autism Awareness

B. McArthur received correspondence on this subject. To read newsletter go to:  
[mcsinfo@mcys.gov.on.ca](mailto:mcsinfo@mcys.gov.on.ca) Subject Line: Newsletter.

5.4 April 2012-PIC Symposium Report: Tina Hamel & Tosha Borutski

*Attached*

T. Hamel reported on symposium she and T. Borutski attended in Toronto on April 20<sup>th</sup> – theme “*Whole School Approach*”. T. Hamel indicated speakers presenting and new resources useful for PIC/School Council.

**6.0 Director of Education**

*(David Tamblyn)*

6.1 Director's Report April 16, 2012

Reporting from the agenda attachment, David Tamblyn shared Grade 8 Program (six weeks) very successful and positive feedback from the students participating. Tamblyn reported on Schools in the Middle, Growing Success Implementation Project, and Provincial Study on Parent Involvement all of which can be found in depth in attachment. The Strategic Plan is posted on board website and last meeting to take place on May 28. Results from this meeting will be brought forward to the Board in June. Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten – Margaret Twomey PS. on board and B.A. Parker PS next in line.

D. Tamblyn was pleased to announce Brandon Pope, L.S.H.S. student, placed third in Skills Canada welding competition in Thunder Bay. He went on to compete in provincial competition and placed third in same category.

The Aboriginal Art workshop for students in Grades 6-8 was very well received by students. Education Week was another success throughout the schools in our board. Mental Health week took place May 17-18 at George O'Neill PS. – funding was received to train 20 teachers.

6.2 PIC 16-Month School Calendar: Update Artwork Choices

D. Tamblyn advised the theme for 2012-2013 Board Calendar is: Board Strategic Plan. Artwork is being collected by all the schools within our Board for a 16 month calendar.

6.3 Ministry Approval of 2012-2013 School Year Calendar

D. Tamblyn advised committee the ministry of Education approved Superior-Greenstone DSB calendar.

**7.0 Open Discussion**

B. McArthur shared - at the beginning of the school year School Council not very well attended at Lake Superior HS. Discussion took place and maybe next school year new parents-new energy. Schreiber PS. in same situation; parents are willing to volunteer when required but not willing to attend meetings. Marjorie Mills PS has same problem only three people attending. B. McArthur congratulated them for persevering.

P. McRae congratulated B. McArthur for continuing to hold Chair position in light of the fact she is stepping down at the end of June and no one has accepted to take over position.

D. Tamblyn extended his thanks and appreciation to B. McArthur for a commendable job in her role as PIC Chair and School Council at Terrace Bay PS.

B. McArthur thanked everyone for the warm wishes from committee members and wished everyone a good summer and rest of school year.

**8.0 Suggestions: Future Agenda Items**

M. Mannisto asked to have Staffing brought forward at next meeting. D. Tamblyn indicated no meeting in June; and elementary staffing report is out and secondary report will be out May 22.

**9.0 Next Meeting Date**

A specific day was not chosen but first meeting to be held in November 2012 without a Chair. P. McRae asked how to find a way to get an earlier date. At this time November seems to be the earliest time.

**10.0 Adjournment**

*Mover: Birgit McArthur Second: Mark Mannisto*

*That, the Parent Involvement Committee meeting on May 14, 2012 adjourn at 7:30 p.m.*

## PIC Symposium 2012

These years topic for group discussions was the “Whole School Approach”. We were to share how this looks in our board/schools. Fortunately I am presently a member of Schreiber Public School which is all about parents and community support! Many boards are having success with the Restorative Practice approach.

Some of the speakers were:

- Craig Kielburger co-founder of Free the Children
- Dr. Bruce Ferguson
- Video- Dalton McGuinty- announced full day jk funding for all schools by 2014.
- Honourable Laurel Broten minister of education-

Some new resources or things I feel could be useful for our PIC/council members are:

- The release of A Parent Guide, “Reading and Writing with Your Child”.
- Building Parent Engagement Teen addition (each board will receive a copy for each of their PIC members)
- The Capsule Family Gets Involved ( get to use for Parent information nights)
- Ministry of Education Safe Schools—Resources For Parents, flyer
- E-learning, Online Librery ( so much more to learn about)
- SPEAKUP, student voice---- [Ontario.ca/speakup](http://Ontario.ca/speakup) \*like to order items for each school
- KidsHelpPhone.ca \* like to order items for each school

My thoughts, even though some is repetitive, you do learn a few things. You make connections and come back with some new ideas. Yes we have some of the same issues, like declining enrolment, but it's different for us up here in our region. They have so much more going on down there for their students. The Ministry needs to spend some time with us and feel our pain! How can our region work together when there is no funding for PIC's to meet?

Tina Hamel