



SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Our Mission:

"In SGDSB we are learners. Everything we do is designed to help all students succeed and make a difference. We build positive places for learning and working... together".

Our Vision:

"Inspiring our students to succeed and make a difference".

Our Motto:

"Small schools make a difference".

Our Values:

"Character, Citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity and Critical Thinking".

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 — 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Microsoft Teams meeting

Or call in (audio only) 1 807-701-5980 Phone Conference ID: 573 073 998#

Acting Chair: Nicole Morden Cormier

Recorder: GerriLynn Christianson

1.0 Roll Call

Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)										
Parent Involvement Committee										
Elementary Schools	O S	T C	V C	A	R	Secondary Schools	O S	T C	V C	A R
BAPS – Natalie Cormier, School Cncl & PIC			x			GCHS – Johanna Liscomb, School Cncl				x
BAPS – Melanie Shepherdson, School Cncl & PIC					x	LSHS – Karen Figliomeni, School Cncl & PIC			x	
BEPS – School Cncl & PIC						LSHS – Deana Figliomeni, School Cncl & PIC				x
DOPS – Tess Legacy, School Cncl					x	NRHS – Kelly Mangoff, School Cncl			x	
GOPS – Bev Webb, School Cncl & PIC					x	MRHS – Paula Schwantz, School Cncl			x	
GOPS – Tricia Enders, School Cncl & PIC					x	MNHS – Karina Hunter, School Cncl & PIC				x
MNPS – Tanya Gagnon, School Council & PIC				x		MNHS – Sarafina Orcoven, School Cncl & PIC			x	
MNPS – Jennifer Warren, School Council & PIC				x						
MNPS – Gina Wheadon, School Council & PIC				x						
MNPS – Jennifer Fleurent, School Council & PIC				x						
MTPS – , School Cncl										
MMPS – , School Cncl						Trustees/Administration	O S	T C	V C	A R
NAPS – , School Cncl						Allison Pelletier				x
SCPS – Jaime Cebrario, School Cncl				x		Mark Mannisto (alt.)				x
SCPS – Rebecca Watson, School Cncl & PIC					x	Jason Nesbitt (alt.)				x
TBPS – Melissa Lanovaz, School Cncl & PIC			x			Pinky McRae (Ex-Officio)			X	
Principals						Nicole Morden Cormier, Director of Education			X	
MTPS - Cameron Craig			x			Will Goodman, Superintendent of Education			X	
MRHS – Stephen Willson			x			GerriLynn Christianson (Recorder)			X	
MNPS – Tara Balog			x			Deana Renaud, Mental Health Manager			X	
NRHS – Jennifer Rissanen					x	Hillary Freeburn, Early Years Lead				x
Annick Brewster, Principal			X			Carol Leroux, Student Success Lead			x	
LSHS – Christ Martin					x	Shy-Anne Bartlett, Interim Indigenous Education Lead			X	
GOPS – Erik Leroux			X			Alex Marton, Superintendent of Business			X	
MNHS – Jody Kuczynski			x							

2.0 Welcome

The Director of Education, Nicole Morden Cormier resumed the role as acting chair and welcomed the new School Council members. Interim Indigenous Education Lead, Shy-Anne Bartlett welcomed special guest Dr. Christopher Mushquash.

3.0 Presentations

3.1 Dealing with COVID-19 from the First Nation Perspective

Christopher Mushquash, HBSoc., M.A., Ph.D., C.Psych., is Ojibway, and a member of Pawgwasheeng (Pays Plat First Nation). He is a registered clinical psychologist (Ontario), Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Lakehead University, and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Clinical Psychologist at Dilico Anishinabek Family Care, Associate Vice President Research at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, and Chief Scientist at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Research Institute. He is a Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Mental Health and Addiction, with expertise in rural and northern clinical practice and the development of culturally appropriate interventions for mental health and addiction difficulties in First Nations children, adolescents, and adults. He is an academic researcher and Indigenous scholar who was born and raised in rural Northwestern Ontario.

Dr. Mushquash provided a comprehensive presentation that discussed the emotional difficulties that children are experiencing as a result of the pandemic. He advised that children are struggling to understand the roles and rules while adjusting to consistency changes. He discussed the importance of using adaptive coping behaviours, getting appropriate sleep, physical activity and structuring your time during the day. Supporting the wellness of ourselves and modeling that healthy behavior to the children is important and he discussed the importance of finding opportunities for students to give them meaning and purpose.

4.0 Review and Approval of Minutes:

Mover: Paula Schwantz

Second: Natalie Cormier

That, the minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting dated January 19, 2021, be accepted and approved.

Carried

5.0 Director of Education

5.1 PIC Committee Chair Appointment

The Director advised that the position of Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Chair is still available. If anyone is interested in the role, they are asked to please email the Director or her Administrative Assistant.

5.2 Director of Education Report

The Director provided a brief review of the report that was shared with the committee in the agenda package. The representatives are encouraged to share the report with their School Councils. The report included topics such as the changes to the COVID-19 Online Screening Tool, Voluntary Asymptomatic Testing, Grade 9 Destreaming, and Grade 9 Mathematics. The Director advised that the Director's monthly report is provided at the monthly regular board meeting and is also posted to SGDSB's Edsby page.

5.3 2021-2022 School Year Calendar Board Approved

The 2021-2022 School Year Calendar was approved by the Board at the February Regular Board meeting. The Ministry of Education has recently sent a memo to school boards requesting that calendars consist of 3 PA Days before students arrive to school at the start of the year. The

Director reviewed the dates that will require revision in order to comply with the Ministry request. The revised calendar will be brought forward to the Board for approval at the March meeting and then submitted to the Ministry of Education.

5.4 Budget Presentation

Superintendent of Business Alex Marton discussed the timelines for the development of the budget for the 2021-2022 school year. He outlined the importance of having the input from the Parent Involvement Committee and School Councils. He encouraged Parent involvement by providing their thoughts and ideas of what they would like to see within the schools. The May PIC meeting will consist of a review of the funding priorities, a presentation of the preliminary budget and opportunity for discussion.

5.5 2021-2022 Student Art Calendar

The Director discussed the funds that are available once again this year to create the Student Art Calendar. The Parent Involvement Committee approved the spending of the funds for the 2021-2022 Student Art Calendar. The PIC provided feedback regarding the design, requesting that the calendar consist of student photography and artwork. They requested the addition of the full moon dates and the time change dates within the calendar.

6.0 Other

The Committee discussed the school graduation plans. The Director advised that at this time photographers are not able to enter the school property for graduation photos as they are not considered essential workers under the provincial orders. However, Principals have been exchanging a variety of ideas for outdoor celebrations. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

7.0 Suggestions: Future Agenda Items

There were no suggestions for future agenda items provided at this time. The Director advised that committee members are encouraged to provide ideas and suggestions for the next meeting's agenda at any time by email.

8.0 Next Meeting Dates

The next Parental Involvement Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2020; the final meeting of the school year.

9.0 Adjournment

Mover: Natalie Cormier

Second: Melissa Lanovaz

That, the Parent Involvement Committee meeting on March 2, 2021, adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

Carried