



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, May 18, 2021 — 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Review Notes

Microsoft Teams meeting

Or call in (audio only) 1 807-701-5980 Phone Conference ID: 889 188 148#

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 – Deana Figliomeni, School Cncl & PIC				x
BEPS – School Cncl & PIC						LSHS – Karen Figliomeni, School Cncl & PIC			x	
DOPS – Tess Legacy, School Cncl					x	NRHS – Kelly Mangoff, School Cncl				
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 Orcoyen, 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						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, System 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						Kathlenn Schram, School Effectiveness Team – Numeracy/MISA Lead			x	
						Kellie Wrigley, School Effectiveness Lead/NTIP Lead			x	

2.0 Welcome

The Director expressed her gratitude to the Committee members present for their attendance and provided an update regarding the status of the provincial lockdown. She noted that the lockdown will remain in place until June 2nd. Regional school board Directors have advocated with the Ministry for a regional approach to the decision to close schools to in-person learning.

The Ministry has advised that youth between the ages of 12-17 years of age, will be able to book a vaccine appointment as of May 31st. Material and info will be coming from Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. School boards are required to share that information with families. If families are concerned about the safety of the vaccine, they are encouraged to contact their local physician or health unit.

3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes:

Quorum could not be established; therefore, the meeting minutes of March 2, 2021 will be brought forward to the next meeting for approval.

4.0 Presentations

4.1 Grade 9 Destreaming

System Leads Kellie Wrigley, Carole Leroux & Kathleen Schram provided a presentation regarding the destreaming of Grade 9. The presentation was titled 'What is 'Streaming' and Why is Ontario Ending Streaming in Grade 9'. A review was provided of why streaming has existed and how destreaming will help students succeed. The first course to be destreamed is grade 9 math. All students will be enrolled in the same course and supportive pathways will be implemented for students moving forward. The objective of de-streaming is to phase out grade 9 academic and applied courses and phase in grade 9 de-streamed courses and support student to be successful in de-streamed courses.

5.0 Director of Education

5.1 Budget Presentation

Superintendent of Business Alex Marton presented the budget information for the 2021-2022 school year. He provided a review of the process of how the budget is created each year and how parent feedback supports that process. He noted that investments support safety, accessibility, and maximizing resources to support student achievement. A review was provided of the sources of funding that include the Ministry of Education, Priorities and Partnership funding, Municipal Taxes, Other revenues and school generated funds. Parents are asked to please send their feedback and ideas regarding the budget for their school, to amarton@sgdsb.on.ca

5.2 Graduation Dates

The Director advised that many graduation ceremony dates have been set, however, many are still working to determine the time. She advised that many schools have selected virtual celebrations or outdoor presentations to recognize this milestone in a positive and safe way for students and families.

5.3 Early Years Updates

5.3.1 Here we come... Kindergarten Virtual Sessions

Early Years System Principal Hillary Freeburn discussed the virtual sessions to be held for those families with children between 3 and 4 years old who are looking to register for school soon. Also, she advised that in collaboration with EarlyOn, SGDSB will be hosting a virtual trade show. The purpose of the trade show is to highlight service providers in the area and discuss self-regulation, social and emotional learning.

5.3.2 Transition to Kindergarten

Transition to kindergarten sessions are being planned. The registration process is accessible, with virtual class visits with books and crafting materials made available.

Welcome parades will be hosted, along with individual transition plans for children who may need additional support or services.

5.3.3 Heggerty – Phonic Awareness Program

A presentation was provided regarding the Heggerty – Phonic Awareness Program at SGDSB. The program is about the science of reading, understanding the sounds of letters and providing students with exposure to words and sounds. The targeted phonic awareness program covers all aspects in a systematic way with 35 weeks of videos. The videos allow for the teacher simply to play the video with no planning or preparation required. The program contains assessment materials that can be utilized for baseline, mid and end of year progress monitoring.

5.4 Free Menstruation Products

The Early Years System Principal announced the exciting new partnership with The Period Purse. They are a Canadian not for profit organization that will be supporting the school board by supplying free menstrual products. Through their generous support, SGDSB will be able to provide free period products in every school and administration building. Products will be available in each bathroom and easily accessible. The Period Purse will also be supporting our students through education around period poverty, products and supporting our students to learn more.

5.5 Summer Programs

5.5.1 Summer Learning

Superintendent of Education Will Goodman discussed the enhanced and new programs available for students this summer. He discussed the intervention for reading supports, the reach ahead credit option for grade 8 students and the availability of a summer coop program.

5.5.2 Special Education

System Principal Annick Brewster provided a review of the Special Education opportunities that will be offered as part of the summer learning supports program. The board will be providing educational assistance for programs that will be offered through the summer. The summer tech program has been developed to include strategies and tools to encourage students to use the technology and boost their self-esteem. Mental health supports will be available throughout the summer.

5.6 Virtual Learning 2021-2022 Initial Plans

Student Success Lead Carole Leroux discussed the preparations for the next school year. She discussed the different types of virtual learning and reviewed the opportunities that could be available to families in the fall, depending on the direction of the Ministry of Education.

6.0 Other

Nil.

7.0 Suggestions: Future Agenda Items

The Director asked parents to submit feedback to either the Director, or their school Principal, regarding ways to improve the attendance and participation for Parent Involvement Committee meetings and School Council.

8.0 Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2021

9.0 Adjournment

The information meeting ended at 7:44 p.m.