



## 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 19, 2020 — 6:30 p.m.

### A G E N D A Review Notes

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Chair: Pam Fox

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				x		GCHS – Matthew Donovan, School Cncl				x	
BEPS – Nikki Goodman, School Cncl & PIC				x		GCHS – Johanna Liscomb, School Cncl				x	
DOPS –Meghan Newton, School Cncl & PIC			x			LSHS – Kim Figliomeni, School Cncl & PIC				x	
GOPS – Kelly Mangoff, School Cncl & PIC			x			LSHS – Karen Figliomeni, School Cncl & PIC				x	
MNPS – Tanya Gagnon, School Council & PIC				x		MNHS – Tammy Rathwell...School Cncl & PIC			x		
MNPS – Amanda Warford, School Council & PIC			x			MNHS – Shelley Hogan...School Cncl & PIC				x	
MNPS – Gina Wheadon, School Council & PIC				x		MRHS – Paula Schwantz, School Cncl			x		
MTPS – Pam Fox, School Cncl & PIC			x			NRHS – Dereck Miller, School Cncl & PIC			x		
MTPS – Nicole L'Esperance, School Cncl & PIC				x							
MMPS – , School Cncl & PIC						Trustees/Administration	O S	T C	V C	A	R
NAPS – Sam Poulin-Cloutier, School Cncl				x		Allison Pelletier			x		
SCPS –Jaime Cebrario, School Cncl				x		Christine Major (alt.)					x
TBPS – Melissa Lanovaz, School Cncl & PIC				x		Jason Nesbitt (alt.)					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		
						Carol Leroux, Student Success Lead			x		
						Nancy O'Donnell			x		

### 2.0 Welcome

Nicole Morden Cormier

### **3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes:**

*Quorum could not be established for the meeting. The November 26, 2019 minutes will be brought forward to the next meeting.*

*Quorum could not be established for the January 21, 2020 and April 15, 2020 PIC meetings. Therefore, the agenda review notes were shared with the group. Attached are agenda review notes only.*

### **4.0 Presentations**

#### **4.1 Distance Learning: The Voice of Students**

Student Trustees Sydney Schwantz and Stephanie Rathwell provided the presentation regarding distance learning. Information for the presentation was collected from students at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Virtual Student Senate meeting as well as an anonymous survey that was completed by over 40 students. The presentation highlighted the advantages and disadvantages of distance learning. The Student Senate consists of 2-3 Student representatives from each school.

#### **4.2 Ensuring Smooth Transitions During COVID-19**

Carole Leroux, Student Success Lead discussed the work that has begun to help ensure a smooth transition to grade 9 for students. All High Schools and representatives from each of the schools that feed in to the high schools will work in collaboration to prepare students for the transition. A plan will be created to assist students in their transition whether we return to the physical school buildings or virtual learning in the fall.

Hillary Freeburn, Early Years Lead, presented the "Welcome to Kindergarten Season 2020-2021" information. The presentation included the registration process, getting to know the student and their families, know the staff, and resources for students on how to be attentive, listening and responding. To make sure that families have everything they need to be successful for the start of school collaboration continues with the EarlyOn centres. Planning has begun for Welcome to kindergarten parades, face book page, learning and getting to know you, as well as information sessions on how to join classes virtually.

### **5.0 Director of Education**

*Nicole Morden Cormier*

#### **5.1 Director's Report**

The Director of Education provided a detailed review of her report. She discussed the Ministry announcement that was provided recently as well as the planning taking place for the preparation of a safe reopening of schools. She reviewed the planning that is currently under way between Principals and Families for the organization of safe graduation ceremonies.

The Director introduced Erin Cotour as the new Student Trustee for the 2020-2022 term. She expressed her gratitude for the significant leadership provided by Student Trustee Stephanie Rathwell who's term ends this school year as she is graduating from Manitouwadge High School.

#### **5.2 Communicating with Families in June: Report Cards**

The Director reviewed the Report Card process for June 2020. She advised that Report cards will contain comments of suggested areas of growth for students. Grades will be calculated up to March 13, 2020 so that students are not negatively impacted as a result of the Pandemic and transition to distance learning.

#### **5.3 Ministry of Education Virtual PIC Consultation - April 23, 2020**

The Director provided a brief review of the PIC Consultation hosted virtually by the Ministry of Education.

#### **5.4 System Art Calendar Update**

A copy of the Student Art Calendar Photo Contest poster was provided in the meeting package.

## **6.0 Other**

Nil.

## **7.0 PIC Representative Parents' Reaching Out Grant Updates**

### **7.1 Update from the Director**

The Parents' Reaching Out Grant projects have been negatively impacted by the Pandemic. The Director advised that she will petition the Ministry to allow for the project funds to be moved over until next year. Groups are advised to please email the Director with any requests to transfer project funds to the next school year.

### **7.2 Parents' Reaching Out Grant Project Updates**

Final reports are due by Friday, June 19, 2020. The Director will speak with the Ministry and update Parents as soon as information is available.

#### **7.2.1 Manitouwadge High School – Caring for Mother Earth Education Sessions**

There were no project updates available at this time. The group will email the Director with a request to transition the funds to the next school year.

#### **7.2.2 Manitouwadge Public School – EDSBY Training and Cyber-Bullying**

The group reported that the project is anticipated to be completed in the following week.

#### **7.2.3 Marathon High School – Parent Engagement Through the Arts**

There were no project updates available at this time. The group requested the project to be postponed until next year.

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

Nil.

## **9.0 Next Meeting Dates**

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

**Next Meeting Date:**

November 24, 2020

## **10.0 Adjournment**

*The Parent Involvement Committee meeting on May 19, 2020, adjourned at 7:27 p.m.*