



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, November 24, 2020 — 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Microsoft Teams meeting

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 – Meghan Newton, 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 –, School Cncl & PIC				
MNPS – Tanya Gagnon, School Council & 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										
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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	Christine Major (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						Carol Leroux, Student Success Lead			x	
MNHS – Jody Kucznski			x			Shy-Anne Bartlett, Interim Indigenous Education Lead			x	

2.0 Welcome

The Director welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2020-2021 school year. The Director discussed the committee purpose of enhancing meaningful parent engagement, student achievement and wellbeing. This year the meetings will feature guest speakers, information sharing, celebrating successes and reviewing areas of change.

3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes:

Quorum was established; however, the meeting minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting could not be approved as the Committee members present for that meeting are no longer Committee members. The minutes will be filed as meeting notes.

Quorum could not be established for the May 19, 2020 PIC meeting. Attached are agenda review notes only.

4.0 Presentations

4.1 COVID-19 Information for Families

Manager of Mental Health Services Deana Renaud provided an introduction of Dr. Sarah Newberry, a family physician with the Marathon Family Health Team. Dr. Newberry provided an informative presentation providing a deeper understanding of the COVID-19 virus. She discussed virus transmission, important safety measures and discussed the importance of supporting each other.

Available resources can be found by visiting the MFHT.org and committee members are encouraged to share the following links with their School Councils.

<https://mfht.org/2020/03/30/physical-distancing-self-isolation-supports/>

<https://mfht.org/category/mental-health/>

Please email the Director with any suggested topics for future presentations.

4.2 Virtual School

A presentation was provided by Principal Annick Brewster and Vice-Principal Tara Balog regarding Superior-Greystone District School Board's Virtual School. The highlights include the Elementary divisions 4 homeroom classes, samples of student work, French and Ojibway Language classes, the review of synchronous and asynchronous learning.

5.0 Director of Education

Nicole Morden Cormier

5.1 Director's Report

The Director of Education Nicole Morden Cormier provided a review of the written report. The report highlighted the administrative staff changes, negotiations update, student trustees working to support student mental health. The Director encouraged parents to regularly access the Edsby platform for ongoing updates and communication.

The committee is encouraged to share the Director's Report with their School Councils.

5.2 School Renovations Presentation

A visual presentation was provided by the Director that illustrated the School renovations that have been completed in 2020. A copy of the presentation was included in the agenda package.

5.3 Parent Involvement Committee Chair

The Director advised that Pam Fox has resigned from her position of Parent Involvement Committee Chair. The Director expressed her gratitude to Pam for her leadership and time.

The position of Chair for the PIC is currently vacant and will need to be filled through an election process. Those members interested in putting their names forward for the position of Chair are requested to email the Director prior to the January 2021 meeting. If there are multiple members interested, then a vote will be held.

5.4 Update from the Director - Parents' Reaching Out Grant Project Updates

- Manitouwadge High School – *Caring for Mother Earth Education Sessions*
- Manitouwadge Public School – *EDSBY Training and Cyber-Bullying*
- Marathon High School – *Parent Engagement Through the Arts*

The Director reviewed the application process that took place last school year and how the projects were selected. She advised that the PRO Grant projects funded for last year were not able to complete their projects due to COVID-19 Pandemic. The Director presented the options available to the Committee and the group approved to re-allocate the funding to those schools for their completion of their projects during this school year.

6.0 Other

Nil.

7.0 Suggestions: Future Agenda Items

Nil.

8.0 Next Meeting Dates

Ministry Reg. 330/10 requires that four meetings be held in each school year.

The Board of Trustees will approve the Board and Committee schedule at their Organizational meeting on November 30, 2020. Therefore, the following dates are tentatively set for the PIC in 2021; Tuesday, January 19, 2021, Tuesday, March 2, 2021, and May 18, 2021

9.0 Adjournment

Mover: Bev Webb Second: Melanie Shepherdson

That, the Parent Involvement Committee meeting on November 24, 2020, adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Carried