



SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 — 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Microsoft Teams meeting [Click here to join the 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	T	V	A	R	Secondary Schools	O	T	V	A	R
BAPS – Natalie Cormier , School Cncl & PIC						GCHS – Johanna Liscomb , School Cncl					
BAPS – Melanie Shepherdson , School Cncl & PIC						LSHS – Deana Figliomeni , School Cncl & PIC					
BEPS – School Cncl & PIC						MNHS – Karina Hunter , School Cncl & PIC					
DOPS – Meghan Newton , School Cncl						NRHS – Kelly Mangoff , School Cncl					
GOPS – Bev Webb , School Cncl & PIC						MRHS – Paula Schwantz , School Cncl					
GOPS – Tricia Enders , School Cncl & PIC											
MNPS – Tanya Gagnon , School Council & PIC											
MNPS – Jennifer Warren , School Council & PIC											
MNPS – Gina Wheadon , School Council & PIC											
MNPS – Jennifer Fleurent , School Council & PIC											
MTPS – , School Cncl											
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NAPS – , School Cncl						Allison Pelletier	S	C	C		
SCPS – Jaime Cebrario , School Cncl						Mark Mannisto (alt.)					
SCPS – Rebecca Watson , School Cncl & PIC						Jason Nesbitt (alt.)					
TBPS – Melissa Lanovaz , School Cncl & PIC						Pinky McRae (Ex-Officio)					
Principals						Nicole Morden Cormier, Director of Education					
MTPS - Cameron Craig						Will Goodman, Superintendent of Education					
MRHS – Stephen Willson						GerriLynn Christianson (Recorder)					
MNPS – Tara Balog						Deana Renaud, Mental Health Manager					
NRHS – Jennifer Rissanen						Hillary Freeburn, Early Years Lead					
Annick Brewster, Principal						Carol Leroux, Student Success Lead					
LSHS – Christ Martin						Shy-Anne Bartlett, Interim Indigenous Education Lead					
						Alex Marton, Superintendent of Business					

2.0 Welcome

Nicole Morden Cormier

3.0 Presentations

3.1 Dealing with COVID-19 from the First Nation Perspective

Dr. Christopher Mushquash

4.0 Review and Approval of Minutes:

[\(Attached\)](#)

Mover: _____ Second: _____

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

5.0 Director of Education

5.1 PIC Committee Chair Appointment

5.2 Director of Education Report

[\(Attached\)](#) - Nicole Morden Cormier

5.3 2021-2022 School Year Calendar Board Approved

[\(Attached\)](#)

5.4 Budget Presentation

Alex Marton

5.5 2021-2022 Student Art Calendar

6.0 Other

7.0 Suggestions: Future Agenda Items

8.0 Next Meeting Dates

Tuesday, May 18, 2020

9.0 Adjournment

Mover: _____ Second: _____

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



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MINUTES

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LSHS – Christ Martin					x	Carol Leroux, Student Success Lead			x	
MMPS- Bev Vachon			x			Shy-Anne Bartlett, Interim Indigenous Education Lead			x	
GOPS – Eric Leroux			x			Alex Marton, Superintendent of Business			x	
BAPS – Heidi Cloutier			x			Kellie Wrigley			x	
MNHS – Jody Kuczynski			x			Melissa Bianco			x	

2.0 Welcome

Director of Education Nicole Morden Cormier provided an introduction of Alex Marton, the new Superintendent of Education. The Director and Hillary Freeburn, Early Years Lead provided a warm welcome and introduction of our esteemed presenter Dr. Susan Hopkins.

3.0 Presentations

3.1 Stress, Self- Regulation, and Relationships

Dr. Susan Hopkins provided a presentation on stress management, self-regulation and positive relationships. She discussed the benefits of self-regulation and provided examples of how to identify the stress behaviours that are seen in children and adults.

4.0 Review and Approval of Minutes:

Mover: Karen Figliomeni

Second: Natalie Cormier

That, the minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting dated November 24, 2020, be accepted and approved.

Carried

5.0 Director of Education

Nicole Morden Cormier

5.1 Dr. Sarah Newberry Presentation Link from Nov 24, 2020 Mtg.

The Director encouraged the committee to share the presentation link with their Parent Councils from the November 24, 2020 PIC meeting.

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/1008c3df-bfe8-49f9-9f99-1893d470b089>

5.2 2021-2022 School Year Calendar Posted for Feedback

The Director advised that the school year calendar has been posted for stakeholder feedback and can be accessed on the board's website at <http://www.sgdsb.on.ca/proposed-2021-2022-school-year>. The school year calendar options were developed in conjunction with our coterminous boards as transportation services are shared. Once the feedback is collected and reviewed, the school boards will collectively select the calendar that will be forwarded to the school board and the Ministry of Education for approval.

5.3 School Cash Online

The Director introduced the new School Cash Online program. Registration for the program was opened on Monday, January 18, 2021 and can be accessed at <http://www.sgdsb.on.ca/school-cash-online>. The School Cash Online program supports the school boards Strategic Plan and is an excellent communication tool that will provide a safe and secure way for families to purchase school items.

5.4 Reminder: Parent Involvement Committee Chair

As discussed at the November 24th PIC meeting, the Committee must appoint a parent as the Committee Chair. The Director called for volunteers or nominations for the role and advised that nominations can be submitted by email to the Director until the March 2nd meeting. Parents Karina Hunter and Paula Schwantz expressed their interest in the role. The Director is available to follow up with all parents who express interest in the position. The matter will be brought forward to the next meeting for final decision.

5.5 Models of Learning During COVID-19

The Director provided a detailed review of the models of learning available to families during the COVID-19 Pandemic. She reviewed the visual graphic displayed to illustrate the available learning models. She thanked parents for their ongoing support and patience as we collectively manage the changes and new safety routines.

5.6 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants: Next Steps

The Director advised that the school councils who received funding in the previous school year have advised that due to continued safety measures of the Pandemic, they are unable to complete the Parents Reaching Out Grants projects at this time. The Director presented the available options of how the Committee may choose to manage the funding. The first option presented was to offer schools to reapply for the funds with new projects, the second option is to utilize the funds to pay for presenters at future PIC meetings for the whole school board and the third option is to return the funds to the Ministry of Education.

The Committee voted by majority to utilize the funds to organize new presentations through the virtual meeting format. Parents are encouraged to email the Director or her Assistant with any suggested topics for future presentations.

6.0 Other

Nil.

7.0 Suggestions: Future Agenda Items

There were no suggested agenda items. The Committee was reminded that agenda topics can be submitted to the Director or her Assistant via email at any time.

8.0 Next Meeting Dates

The next virtual PIC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and the final meeting of this school year is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

9.0 Adjournment

Mover: Natalie Cormier

Second: Paula Schwantz.

That, the Parent Involvement Committee meeting on January 19, 2021, adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

Carried



Dr. Christopher Mushquash

Presentation Topic:
**Dealing with COVID-19
from the First Nation
Perspective**

This session will take place prior to the SGDSB Parent Involvement Committee meeting.

All are welcome to attend.

This session will be hosted through Microsoft Teams and the live link to join is located on our website

www.sgdsb.on.ca/parent-involvement

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

JOIN US!

About the Presenter

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.





SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Date: March 2, 2021

TO: Parent Involvement Committee

FROM: Nicole Morden Cormier, Director of Education

SUBJECT: Director's Report: March Updates

Mandate of the PIC:

- To support, encourage, and enhance meaningful parent engagement at the board level to improve student achievement and well-being.
- To provide information and advice to the board on parent engagement.
- To communicate with and support school councils; and
- To undertake activities to help parents support their children's learning at home and at school.

The following information is provided to you for information and discussion. Please feel free to distribute this report to your School Council and/or include this as an agenda item for your next meeting.

Topic	Update
Central Staffing Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Back to Mrs. Amanda Gyori (Onsite Vice Principal DPS 0.5, and Multi-Disciplinary Team Vice-Principal, 0.5)• Thank you to Mrs. Hillary Freeburn for her leadership at DPS for the past 15 months. Mrs. Freeburn will continue in her role of 1.0 Early Years System Principal and Principal of DPS (off-site).• Mrs. Cathy Tsubouchi, Superintendent of Business, is retiring. She is using her well-earned vacation at this time. Mr. Alex Marton has assumed the role of Superintendent of Business.• Mrs. Carole Leroux has assumed the Principal's responsibilities for the Virtual School – Secondary. Ms. Balog continues as the Virtual School – Vice Principal – Elementary.
Virtual School	<p>Current Enrollment:</p> <p>Kindergarten – 9 Grade 1-3 – 20 Grade 4-6 – 24 (full) Grade 7/8 – 21 TOTAL – 74</p> <p>Secondary Grade 9 – 13 Grade 10 – 40 (mix of 10, 11, 12) TOTAL – 53</p>

<p>COVID-19 Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff, students and children with any new or worsening symptom of COVID-19, as indicated in the school and childcare screening tool, even those with only one symptom, must stay home until: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They receive a negative COVID-19 test result. They receive an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional, or It has been 10 days since their symptom onset, and they are feeling better. <p>SGDSB has been applying the single symptom screening criteria. The Chief Medical Officer of Health has now directed that the single-symptom screening criteria be applied province-wide.</p> <p>The provincial screening tool is being updated to reflect this direction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary students and staff are now required to provide daily confirmation/proof of having self-screened prior to or upon their arrival. Any individual that does not pass this on-site screening procedure will be asked to return home and self-isolate until they meet the criteria for return. Isolation requirement for household contacts of symptomatic individuals has been enhanced due to the arrival of the new variants. Staff, students and children are required to stay home from school or childcare if anyone in their household has new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19 and has been recommended for isolation and testing. <p>All asymptomatic household contacts of symptomatic individuals are required to quarantine until the symptomatic household member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> receives a negative COVID-19 test result, or receives an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional <p>If the symptomatic individual tests positive or is not tested and does not receive an alternative diagnosis from a health care professional, the symptomatic individual must isolate (including from household members) for 10 days from symptom onset, and all household contacts must isolate until 14 days from their last contact with the symptomatic individual.</p>
<p>Asymptomatic Testing for All Students and Staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students and staff can now be tested if they are asymptomatic. Testing will be done in all communities on a rotating basis. It is voluntary and with parental permission. Testing will twice for students – the first week and then two weeks later. Two types of testing will be available. Pharmacies are being approached to offer testing to others who may be involved in education. More to come on this item soon.
<p>EQAO Literacy Test (OSSLT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EQAO is extending the administration window for the OSSLT field test by two weeks. The field test will now be offered from March 23 to June 4, 2021, inclusively. A reminder: this year's OSSLT field test will be available to students participating in in-person learning and working toward their Ontario Secondary

	<p>School Diploma (OSSD). Students in Grades 10 and 11, and non-graduating Grade 12 students, can attempt the test and, if successful, have it counted on their transcript. Because the Ministry of Education has waived the literacy graduation requirement for all students graduating during the 2020–2021 school year, graduating students do not need to take the field test.</p>
Grade 9 De-Streaming	<p>Grade 9 math throughout the province will be de-streamed in September 2021. Many of our schools are already engaged in this work, due to small cohort sizes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase out Grade 9 Academic and Applied (streamed) courses and phase in Grade 9 de-streamed courses and support students to be successful in de-streamed courses. • Dismantle the systemic discrimination associated with streamed Grade 9 courses that has contributed to the marginalization of some students, including Black, Indigenous and racialized students, students from low-income households, and students with disabilities and other students with special education needs. • Remove barriers and support more students to graduate from secondary school and pursue post-secondary education pathways of their choice.
For More Information on What Is Happening in Schools and SGDSB	<p>Each month, the principals and system staff contribute to the Director's Monthly Report. This report is shared at every board meeting and can be accessed on the SGDSB website at http://www.sgdsb.on.ca/2021-board-meetings or by visiting our Edsby News River page.</p>

Respectfully submitted by:

Nicole Morden Cormier
Director of Education



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PROPOSED 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR (ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY)

School Holidays Professional Activity Days Examination Days (Secondary)
 All Students begin school on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 and end on Friday, June 24, 2022

August 2021						
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In accordance with the Ministry of Education, Ontario Regulation 304, as amended by O. Reg. 364/15 School Year Calendar, Professional Development Days, and Superior-Greenstone DSB in conjunction with its coterminous boards is proposing the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar as illustrated.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

September 6, 2021	Labour Day	March 14-18, 2022	March Break
October 11, 2021	Thanksgiving Day	April 15, 2022	Good Friday
December 20, 2021 to		April 18, 2022	Easter Monday
December 31, 2021	Christmas Break	May 24, 2022	Victoria Day
February 21, 2022	Family Day	July 1, 2022	Canada Day

Board Approved February 22, 2021