



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".

Videoconference Site Locations

Superior-Greenstone District School Board..... (SGDSB)..... 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON
 Manitowadge High School(MNHS)200 Manitou Road W., Manitowadge, ON
 Lake Superior High School (LSHS)..... Hudson Drive, Terrace Bay, ON
 Superior-Greenstone DSB Learning Centre..... (SGDSBLC) 46 Salls Street, Red Rock, ON
 Geraldton Composite High School..... (GCHS).....500 Second Street West, Geraldton, ON

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 — 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

On-Site at Marathon Board Meeting Room

Electronic Access via Videoconference and/or Teleconference

Dial-in: 1-833-247-7123 Conference ID: 6183933 Conference Password: 44335

Chair: N. Morden Cormier, Director

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
	S	C	C				S	C	C		
BAPS – Chantal Olson, School Cncl & PIC		x				GCHS – Matthew Donovan, School Cncl & PIC		x			
BEPS – Dominique Goodman, School Cncl & PIC					x	LSHS – Karen Figliomeni, School Cncl & PIC	x	x			
DOPS –Meghan Newton, School Cncl & PIC		x				LSHS – Kim Figliomeni, School Cncl & PIC		x			
GOPS –Laisa Cowen-Forsyth, School Cncl & PIC					x	LSHS – Deanna Figliomeni, School Cncl & PIC	x				x
GOPS – Kelly Mangoff, School Cncl & PIC		x				MNHS – Shelly Hogan...School Cncl & PIC					x
MNPS – Amanda Warford, School Council & PIC					x	MRHS – Paula Schwantz, School Cncl & PIC					x
MNPS – Gina Wheadon, School Council & PIC	x					NRRHS – Kim Landry, School Cncl & PIC					x
MTPS – Pam Fox, School Cncl & PIC	x					NRRHS –Jennifer Moore, School Cncl & PIC					x
MTPS- Lisa Paris, School Cncl & PIC					x	NRRHS – Corinna Dampier, School Cncl & PIC					x
MTPS – Nicole L'Esperance, School Cncl & PIC					x	NRRHS – Kelly Mangoff, School Cncl & PIC		x			
MMPS – Alyson Beaudry, School Cncl & PIC		x				Trustees/Administration	O	T	V	A	R
NAPS – Sam Poulin, School Cncl & PIC					x	Cam Craig, Principal MTPS	x				
SCPS –Jaime Cebrario, School Cncl & PIC					x	Jenn Ousoren, Principal MRHS	x				
SCPS –Bev Webb, School Cncl & PIC		x				Jason Nesbitt		x			
TBPS – Melissa Lanovaz, School Cncl & PIC					x	Allison Pelletier (alt.)					x
MNPS - Angie Lavigne, School Cncl			x			Kal Pristanski (alt.)					x
						Pinky McRae (Ex-Officio)		x			
						Nicole Morden Cormier, Interim Director of Education			x		
						GerriLynn Christianson (Recorder)	x				

1.0 Welcome

Director of Education Nicole Morden Cormier welcomed the group and the evenings presenters. She introduced Trustee Jason Nesbitt as the Boards PIC representative for 2019. She thanked parents for their continued partnership, as the educational culture in our homes has a direct impact on student achievement.

2.0 Review and Approval of Minutes: Nov 27, 2018

Mover: A. Pelletier Second: M. Donovan

That, the minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting dated November 27, 2018, be accepted and approved.

Carried

3.0 Presentations

3.1 Early Years Presentation

Early Years Lead Hillary Freeburn and Indigenous Education Lead Nancy O'Donnell provided a comprehensive presentation regarding the ways that Indigenous culture and language is being imbedded into the Early Years curriculum. H. Freeburn advised that family laptops are now available and located in each school, in the office or front area. These laptops are available to provide parents with access to Edsby, participate in school surveys or complete forms and to help parents stay up to date with the school social media account.

The presentation highlighted how schools are working together to embed Indigenous perspectives in SGDSB Kindergarten classrooms. As part of the Strategic Plan the schools are working towards continued improvements to well-being and ensuring students feel a positive sense of identity. SGDSB is rich with many cultures and a large population of self-identified students. The project is important to help students feel a sense of identity and see their language reflected in their classrooms. The presenters noted that the final stage of the project for this year is to introduce smudging protocols and hosting powwows. The goals are to expose students to culture and encourage learning to help students understand what a powwow is and the significance of the different elements such as the drum, the fire, and the regalia. The parental consents went home and the smudging was done outside.

N. O'Donnell provided a presentation on the purpose of smudging and how it is currently available to students upon request. She explained that smudging is part of the Indigenous culture and is not part of ceremony. She reviewed the guidelines and why students would smudge at the schools. Teachers are not asked to teach about smudging as this is information that would be provided by Indigenous knowledge keepers who would be invited in to a school to present. Parents will know ahead of time if smudging will take place and why. Principals and plant department need to know where the smudging is taking place. Also, Teachers and staff may have allergies or sensitivities. Smudging is always optional.

4.0 Chair: Parent Involvement Committee

4.1 Election of Chairperson

The Director advised that the position of Chairperson for the Parent Involvement Committee remains available. She explained that it is a requirement of the Ministry that a parent facilitate the meetings and provided a review of what duties will be required. She invited all who are interested to please email the Director or her Admin Assistant. Any nominations received will be discussed at the next PIC meeting and the Committee can appoint its Chairperson.

5.0 Director of Education

Nicole Morden Cormier

5.1 Directors Report

The Director provided a detailed review of the presentation material provided. Committee members are encouraged to share the presentation material with their parent council groups. The presentation included updates regarding the Edsby platform, changes in funding for special projects,

student senate and Speak Up grants. She noted that the School Board will begin work on the budget for the next school year and discussed that input is being requested from Student senate and Parent councils for physical plant and program feedback or requests.

The Director announced the implementation of two student Trustees and advised that Stephanie Rathwell will begin her new role as the second Student Trustee on February 1, 2019.

5.2 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants for School Councils

The Director provided a review of the intention of the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants for school councils. She noted that each school council is provided with a budget of \$500 to assist their council's goal they would like to accomplish in the school year. School councils are requested to share their applications so that other area school councils can see what type of work is taking place across the district and in an effort to assist councils with their applications.

5.3 Proposed School Year Calendar

The PIC Committee was encouraged to review and provide feedback on the proposed 2019-2020 School Year Calendar. Members were asked to share this information with their school councils. A copy of the calendar can be viewed on the Board website. The Director advised that once feedback has been collected the Directors of all area school boards will meet to finalize the calendar.

5.4 Parent Involvement Committee Symposium

The Director noted that annually the Ministry of Education hosts a Parent Involvement Committee Symposium that usually is scheduled for the spring of each year. She noted that to date the Ministry has not sent any communication regarding this event. If the Ministry proceeds with the event, a notice will be sent to all PIC members.

5.5 Strategic Plan

The director provided a detailed presentation of the Strategic plan. She discussed the various ways the Board has worked to communicate the plan to all the stakeholders so that everyone has a sense of where we are heading as a school board.

She reviewed the document highlights that included the following;

- Encouraging student voice and leadership, making sure that the students are at the core of everything we do;
- Learning is key for all of us;
- A focus on achievement and well-being;
- Positive relationships are essential and the foundation of our Strategic Plan;
- Stewardship – we all need to give back to our world;
- Engagement in learning, understanding of learning, communication and positive sense of belonging for all.

6.0 PIC Representative Feedback

6.1 The PIC representatives provided highlights of the activities of their schools Parent council.

- A. Beaudry representative for Marjorie Mills Public School presented the Parent council organized events that included a welcome back barbeque, canteen for the cross country run, family thanksgiving luncheon, penny auction, breakfast with Santa, turkey noodle soup and bannock fundraiser lunch that was held in November. Funds generated from some of the events will go towards the grade 8 class trip and the purchase of a swing set for Marjorie Mills Public School.
- M. Newton representative for Dorion Public School provided a review of the Parent Councils focus on forming partnerships and Indigenous education. She noted that with the funds received through the PRO grants, the school is currently working towards inviting Indigenous artists to present so that parents and students can engage in the culture, organizing a Medicine walk in the area. She noted that the subcommittee continues to work on various fundraising efforts towards the rental of a bus to take students to thunder bay for swimming lessons.

7.0 Suggestions: Future Agenda Items

7.1 Progressive Discipline and Restorative Practices

Presentation by Charlie Bishop is scheduled for April 23, 2019.

7.2 Indigenous Education

7.3 Math Strategy

8.0 Next Meeting Dates

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

Next Meeting Date: April 23, 2019

10.0 Adjournment

Mover: K. Mangoff

Second: A. Pelletier

That, the Parent Involvement Committee meeting on January 29, 2019, adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Carried