

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

The committee met on January 18, 2016 and reports as follows.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Denise Durnan and Elizabeth Ward (Committee Co-chairpersons), Trustee Jaine Klassen Jeninga, Carolyn McColl, Aaron Huizinga Chandra Reader, Angela Ronco, Annette Simpson, , John Vickers and Marie Visser.

Also Present: W.R. (Rusty) Hick (Director of Education), Judy Malfara (Communications Officer- School Liaison) and Greg Kidd (Manager – Corporate Affairs).

Regrets: Kerri Bath, Jim Treen, Becky Tzagadouris

The Co-Chairpersons began the meeting by welcoming returning Trustee Jaine Klassen Jeninga to the committee.

Director's Updates/Strategic Plan 2015-2018

Director Hick provided a general update on current board and provincial news, including the following subject areas: board news, including the Organizational meeting of the board, positive local settlements with the board's labour unions, and the status of local accommodation reviews.

The Director also reviewed with the committee the board's newly established strategic plan for 2015-2018.

2016 Annual Parent Conference Planning

J. Malfara reviewed with the committee the status of planning for the fall 2016 annual parent conference.

Taking place on October 15, 2016, this conference rotates location by region each year, and provides workshop opportunities for parents on issues of common concern in education. This year's conference is scheduled for the Northumberland region, (Cobourg Collegiate Institute) and planning has focused on continuing the broad theme of Healthy Children, including youth mental health supports.

Parents Reaching Out Grants Discussion

The committee reviewed historical data detailing Parents Reaching Out Grants, by school, from 2010 to 2016. The group discussed: the types of grant applications, and areas of focus (Math, Engaging Parents in School) that have been successful; the online grant submission process; the need to broaden awareness and support schools in the application process.

A parent and school council information guide will be developed and shared with school councils to promote awareness of and assist with the application process.

Parents Survey - 2016

The committee reviewed a recent draft of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) online survey regarding parent involvement activities.

The committee reviewed and discussed this most recent draft survey, provided input on updating some of the questions for currency and preparation for re-issue later this year.

Denise Durnan and Elizabeth Ward
Co-chairpersons