

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

The committee met on February 27, 2017 and reports as follows.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Denise Durnan and Elizabeth Ward (Committee Co-chairpersons), Trustee Jaine Klassen Jeninga, Janet Clarkson, Danielle Magvas, Carolyn McColl, Dana Petrillo, Annette Simpson and John Vickers.

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

Regrets: Eric Baker, Jennifer Jickels, and Marie Visser

2017 Annual Parent Conference

J. Malfara reviewed with the committee programming and feedback from the most recent conferences as part of initial planning for the fall 2017 annual parent conference. Taking place in October, 2017, 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 will take place in the Peterborough egion, and the committee held a wide-ranging discussion reviewing topics of consistent interest for parents. There was general agreement to follow-up last year's successful conference with a continued focus on the broad theme of Healthy Children, including youth mental health supports, and the valuable networking that this conference provides for parents.

There was discussion and consideration of possible keynote speakers for this year's conference, with consideration of early childhood development author and self-regulation expert Dr. Stuart Shanker. Further information on scheduling and availability is being gathered prior to a final decision. The committee also discussed possible workshop subjects with further discussion expected at the next meeting.

Director's Updates, including Director's Annual Report: Spend the Day with Us!

The Director of Education provided a number of updates on local and provincial education issues, and the committee was presented with this year's Director's Annual Report – Spend the Day with Us!

Denise Durnan and Elizabeth Ward
Co-Chairpersons