

March 26, 2019

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

The committee met on March 18, 2019 and reports as follows.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Aaron Huizinga and Danielle Magvas (Committee Co-chairpersons), Teira Brown, Cathy Galbraith, James Grieve, Carolyn McColl, Corry O'Toole, Annette Simpson and Elizabeth Ward.

Also Present: Jennifer Leclerc (Director of Education), Greg Ingram (Superintendent of Education: Student Achievement), Judy Malfara (School Liaison and Communications Lead), and Greg Kidd (Snr. Manager, Corporate Affairs).

Regrets: Trustee Rose Kitney, Kimberly Leger, Tanya Ogden and Marie Visser

**Director's Updates**

Director Leclerc provided some broad updates for the group on recent board and provincial news in public education.

**Essential Practices for Today's Learners**

Superintendent Greg Ingram attended and provided an overview of the *Essential Practices for Today's Learners* model, as part of the Board's commitment to provide effective and innovative instruction in every classroom, in order to create the best possible learning experiences for students.

Superintendent Ingram reviewed with the group the foundational background to the model, which includes the history of effective practices and lessons learned as a district through literacy, numeracy, new pedagogies, Achieving Excellence in Academic Courses (AEAC), growing success, collaborative inquiry, global competencies, well-being strategies, innovation and modern learning.

Examples of engaging classroom activities that exemplify the four main components of the model: Learning by Design, Learning Partnerships, Learning Environment and Learning with Digital were shared with the group, and the committee extended its appreciation to Superintendent Ingram for sharing this information with them.

**2019 Annual Parent Conference**

As part of continued discussion on reviewing and refreshing the board's annual Parent Conference, J. Malfara reviewed with the group historical attendance data and conference themes over time.

General discussion by the group included positive feedback with respect to the keynote speakers and workshops that previously have been presented. Extended discussion

focused on the significant percentage of registrants who failed to attend, and the very low workshop participants as a result.

As part of this discussion, the committee has adopted a change to the format for this year's conference that will include a sponsored keynote speaker, along with networking opportunities for attendees.

#### Annual Trustee/School Council Dialogue

The committee briefly discussed this year's annual Trustee/School Council Dialogue. Supported by the parent involvement committee, this year's event will take place May 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Dalewood Golf and Country Club, Cobourg. Two parent members from each school are invited to the dialogue, which will include facilitated conversations as part of the Board's new strategic planning process.