

## KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

### **PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

The committee met on March 26, 2018 and reports as follows.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Present: Aaron Huizinga and Danielle Magvas (Committee Co-chairpersons), Trustee Sarah Bobka, Teira Brown, Cathy Galbraith, Kim Leger Carolyn McColl, Jadine Parr, James Rook, Annette Simpson, Elizabeth Ward, Marie Visser.

Also Present: Jennifer Leclerc (Director of Education), Dan Fitzgerald, Chief Information Manager, ICT, Sarah Dalliday, Classroom Support Team, ICT, Judy Malfara (School Liasion and Communication Lead), and Greg Kidd (Senior Manager – Corporate Affairs).

Regrets: Amanda Johnstone

#### **Learning Accelerated by Technology in KPR**

Chief Information Manager D. Fitzgerald, and S. Dalliday presented a broad overview of how school and board staff use a variety of technology devices and platforms to create modern learning environments within classrooms.

The committee thanked D. Fitzgerald and S. Dalliday for their presentation, and the extended conversation that followed.

#### **Director's Updates/PIC Symposium**

Director Leclerc provided a general update on current Board and provincial news, including the recently concluded strike by local bus operators.

The Director also reviewed with the committee an invitation to participate in the annual provincial PIC symposium scheduled for April, 2018.

#### **2018 Annual Parent Conference Planning**

J. Malfara attended as part of continued planning for the fall 2018 annual parent conference. Taking place in October, 2018, 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 Clarington region.

The committee held an extended discussion on possible overarching themes for the conference. While noting the past success of recent conferences targeted toward information sharing and resources supporting student and parent mental health, a broadened theme of overall wellness was adopted for this year's conference. This expanded platform would also incorporate workshop selections on learning supports

parents could use in areas such as mathematics and literacy, as well as information sharing around modern learning environments and technology tools.

The committee also asked J. Leclerc to explore the availability of Dr. Greg Wells as a keynote speaker for the event.

Aaron Huizinga and Danielle Magvas  
(Committee Co-chairpersons)