

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

The committee met on September 19, 2016 and reports as follows.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Denise Durnan and Elizabeth Ward (Committee Co-chairpersons), Trustee Jaine Klassen Jeninga, Carolyn McColl, Chandra Reader and Annette Simpson.

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

Regrets: Kerri Bath, Aaron Huizinga Angela Ronco, Jim Treen, Becky Tzagadouris, John Vickers and Marie Visser.

Director's Updates

Director Hick provided a general update on current board and provincial news, including activities as part of the positive start of the new school year.

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.

Parent Involvement Funds Update

G. Kidd reviewed the committee's current budget. The committee has received \$10,315.00 from the Ministry of Education for the school year (based on a base amount of \$5,000, plus a per pupil amount). The committee also reviewed unspent allocations from the previous term that, balanced with expenses and commitments to-date (including the Parent Guides for Learning Refresh Project) that reflects \$0 in remaining available committee funds for the year.

Update - Parent Guides for Learning Refresh Project

G. Kidd provided a brief update on this initiative to refresh the parent brochure series on topics such as literacy, math, kindergarten, homework, and many more. This project will use web-based communications to refresh these promotional materials, and take advantage of both print and digital communication strategies to provide more, and

improved, resources to parent communities. This will be accomplished through a multi-media campaign revolving around printed Parent Resource postcards and social media promotions, which will encourage visits to the Parent section of the KPR website. On the website, parents will find resources in a variety of formats including animated videos, links, and tip sheets.

In May, 2016 the Parent Involvement Committee committed \$12,000 to fund this Parent Resource Project, and G. Kidd was pleased to share news that the committee was successful in applying for a provincial PRO Grant of \$10,000 to further support this work.

Denise Durnan and Elizabeth Ward
Committee Co-chairpersons