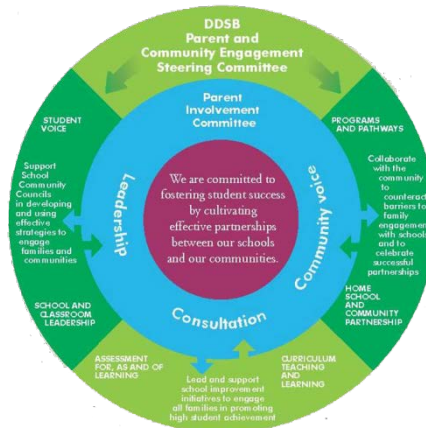


Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 7–9pm room 1019



MINUTES

Attendees: Susan Jasper, Martine Robinson, Cheryl Rock, Sashi Aravinth, Mary Hindle, Roselyn Sagar Lal, Derek Mereweather, Jason Rodman, Fletcher Lu, Kim Zeppeiri, Shaundell Parris, Maylene Brown, Nancy Mann

Regrets: Sherry Doble, Georgia Robinson, Kim Madore, Alexandra Templeman, Eleanor McIntosh

- 1. Opening Remarks and Welcome** – Mary Hindle and Nancy Mann
Motion to accept Minutes from the November 22 meeting made by Roselyn;
Seconded by Fletcher – Motion Carried
- 2. Special Education** - John Legere, Superintendent of Education/Special Education and Andrea McAuley, Education Officer/Special Education discuss Special Education review and changes
 - Changes in the next 2-3 years;
 - The mission of Special Education is to provide a range of programs, placements and services for students with special needs in supportive which enables them to develop to their full potential;
 - Special Education Review is an opportunity for us to strengthen an already strong system of supports, services and programs for students with special needs;
 - Outcomes of the review will be strategically phased in over two year period;
Elementary: 2017-2019, Secondary: 2018-2020;

- 39 recommendations within seven work groups. Currently starting the implementation phase;
- Approximately 150 staff in the DDSB Spec Education Department (includes instructional facilitators, psychological services, social work, speech and language specialists, and hearing support staff);
- Currently there are 14 special education class types;
- The 'Why' for changes – improved quality programming for students, responsiveness to community, family and staff input. An opportunity to provide an improved service delivery model for students with special needs closer to their home school community;
- 12 300 students identified (IPRC) with special needs; 15 000 students receive special education supports & services;
- Currently 217 small classes in DDSB, 222 small classes for September 2017;
- **New:** Self-Regulation Class (intervention program) and Student Support Class
- Summary of Proposed Changes – 1) Improved service delivery model for students closer to home school location; 2) Improved quality of programming for students; 3) Re-deployment of special education staff aligned with Family of Schools model; 4) Redefining special education roles to improve special education service delivery;
- Video link to build capacity about DDSB Special Education Supports and Services: <https://youtu.be/miK6RawqKmM>

3. **Regional SCC Review and Reflection** - January 24, 2017 - Mary & Nancy, Susan

- Attendance – Range of attendance by family of school (# of feeder schools, # of feeder schools that participated, # of participants);
- November 8 - 103 participants, January 24 – 65 participants
- Exit Tickets – Positive feedback
- Discussions about moving the Regional SCC to February instead of January;
- Discussed moving the first Regional SCC earlier in the year – possibly October;
- Kim mentioned having an Orientation in Late Sept/October

4. **Parents As Partners - April 8, 2017** - Derek Mereweather

- Promotional video shared with the group;
- Update/Overview – theme from *STEM to STEAM*; event for family and students. Event is April 8 @ Brooklin High School - No registration required. Hands on Activities for students and parents;
- Community Partners include – OCT, UOIT
- Opportunity to win Lego Robotics Kit -Donated to that child's school
- Free daycare for children younger than daycare. FDK – Grade 3 activities are planned;
- Continue the promotion and word of mouth;

- Volunteers PIC members requested to help with various tasks including registration table, daycare registration table etc. Please contact Jderek.mereweather@ddsb.ca or michelle.chassels@ddsb.ca;

5. **Provincial PIC Symposium** - Mary & Nancy

- Saturday April 22 at Liberty North in Barrie 9:00-3:30
- Registration is next week. Email Michelle Chassels by Friday if interested

6. **Superintendent's Update** - Martine

- Bell Time Review:
 - Adjusted bell times. Greater accessibility to bussing for between 1500 – 2000 students. Reduced the distance (home to school) from 4 km to 3.2 km bus boundaries changes;
 - increased the ridership on buses (higher efficiency);
 - assists 1.2 million in cost saving;
- Justice McLeod's Recommendations:
 - 24 Recommendations for students and families of African and Caribbean descent. Recommendations have been shared with stakeholders, including Trustees and Director of DDSB. Core group of participants to stream line the recommendations and design implementation plans
 - Upcoming boy's conference – *The Cypher*: Male empowerment conference, Wednesday May 24 UOIT/Durham College Campus (Target audience is black male students grade 8 to 10). Approximately 20 students per school will be invited to attend for the day;
- DDSB Mourns the Passing of Elinor Hansen, Trustee for Townships of Brock and Uxbridge. She was a very passionate well respected member of DDSB. She will be missed by the DDSB community;
- Review the Draft brochure "School Community Councils";
- Discussion on the PIC meeting dates/times to help out with the attendance;
- Discussed May 9 – Planning the Role of PIC Members, possible orientation

Adjournment 9:01pm

