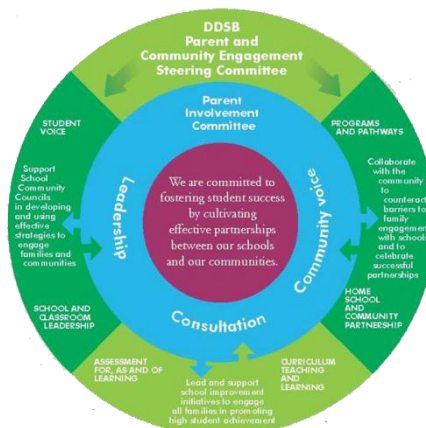


# Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

## Tuesday, November 22, 2016 7–9pm



## MINUTES

**Attendees:** Roselyn Sagar Lal, Alexandra Templeman, Kim Madore, Nancy Mann, Mary Hindle, Martine Robinson, Kim Zeppeiri, Derek Mereweather, Jason Rodman, Cheryl Rock, Shaundell Parris, Eleanor McIntosh, Fletcher Lu, Maylene Brown

**Regrets:** Sherry Doble, Georgia Robinson

- 1. Opening Remarks and Welcome** – Co-chairs, Mary Hindle and Nancy Mann
- 2. Parents As Partners** – Derek Mereweather
  - Date for this year's symposium is April 8, 2017 at Brooklin High School from 9am – 12pm
  - Last year's focus on supporting well-being with speaker Karen Gordon
  - This year's focus will be on supporting students in Mathematics learning and student achievement
- 3. Regional SCC Review and Reflection** – Mary and Nancy
  - Information from feedback form shared by Nancy and Cheryl:
    - Overall very positive feedback. Participants valued presentation on '*Self-Regulation and Positive Mathitude*' by Tanya Hawthorne.
    - Also activities around 'Mathies' (wodb.ca), growth mindset and learning stance in mathematics well received.
    - Pre-session on effective accounting practices for SCC's was well attended

- Other comments mentioned included relevance of mathematics for kids today, what does math look/sound like at home?, Merit Centre resource supporting mathematics learning, and “Jump to Math” book to help parents
- Attendance – Eleanor:
  - Overall 47 family of schools represented in participants. Mostly elementary schools with little attendance by secondary schools
  - Need to consider approaches to increase attendance from secondary schools. It was noted that if school Administrators attend SCC members were more likely to attend. Possible follow up discussion about mandating attendance by at least one administrator for each school to encourage more attendance.
- Future session topics / suggestions from exit ticket:
  - Anxiety and mental health
  - Focus on tweens and teenagers – continuous engagement of parents beyond elementary school
  - STEM
- Suggestion that the January regional SCC could focus more on intermediate / secondary parents (Grades 7 – 12). Possible topics include the teenage brain, choices adolescents make, test taking strategies, learning strategies for teens, misbehavior versus stress behaviour, integration of technology and learning, impact of society and environment on the teenage brain, and transitions.

Draft SCC Agenda – January 24, 2017:

6:45 – 7:00	Sign in and light refreshments
7:00 – 7:10	Welcome – PIC Co-chairs Introduction of keynote speaker – Allison Potts, DDSB Mental Health Lead <u>Topic: A Closer look at the Adolescent years, supporting well-being and achievement in Grades 7 – 12</u>
7:10 – 7:50	Keynote Presentation – whole group
7:50 – 8:00	Transition to Breakout sessions
8:00 – 8:40	Breakout session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Supporting Pathways (7 – 12) – Career Cruising and the Individual Pathways Planning</li> <li>B. Intersection of mental health and achievement – Understanding the adolescent learner</li> <li>C. Effective Practices engaging School Community Councils in school improvement and student achievement (Elementary and Secondary)</li> </ul>
8:40 – 9:00	Networking

#### **4. Superintendent's Update – Martine Robinson**

- Coherence Framework “Coherence is a shared depth of understanding about the purpose and nature of the work in the minds and actions individually and especially collectively”
- Volunteer of Distinction – October 28, 2016 at Sinclair SS. Event was a great success and ran very smoothly
- Renewed Math Strategy – what does it look like in our board
- Community Engagement Sessions with Justice Donald McCleod. Sessions occurring late November and into December with various stakeholder groups. Justice McCleod will be giving his feedback and recommendations to these groups from consultations conducted Spring 2016.
- Please bring great things that are happening in schools to Martine and Eleanor

Adjournment at 8:40 pm