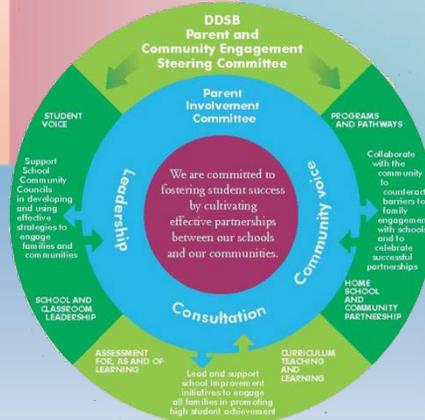


Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

Tuesday October 11, 2016 7 – 9pm



MINUTES

Attendees:

Roselyn Sagar Lal, Alexandra Templeman, Kim Madore, Nancy Mann, Mary Hindle, Martine Robinson, Kim Zeppeiri, Susan Jasper, Derek Mereweather, Jason Rodman, Cheryl Rock, Shaundelle Parris, Eleanor McIntosh

Public Gallery Member: Lorraine (Whitby area)

Regrets: Fletcher Lu, Katie Carnaroli

1. Welcome/Opening Remarks/Activity – Mary Hindle and Martine Robinson
 - Each attendee introduced themselves around the table and talked about why they wished to get involved
2. PIC Structure for 2016/2017 – Martine Robinson
 - Purpose of PIC:
 - Support, encourage and enhance student achievement from a system level;
 - Strong connections to the Ministry of Education’s vision and four core priorities. These are aligned with the DDSB strategic priorities as outlined in the strategic plan Ignite Learning;
 - Focus of the DDSB aligns with Michael Fullan’s work of the Coherence Framework. Four pillars of the coherence framework articulated: Focused Direction, Cultivating Collaborative Cultures, Deepening Learning, and Securing Accountability;

- Focus by the Ministry and School Board on the Renewed Math Strategy (RMS) based on declining EQAO data for mathematics at all levels. More information to follow.
- Goal for PIC meeting to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement for the DDSB

3. Roles and Responsibilities –Mary Hindle

- Connection between the school board and SCC's in our schools;
- Enhance, advise and develop strategies and initiatives to effectively engage parents in promoting and improving student achievement and well-being;
- Develop skills, acquire knowledge and engage in activities that assist SCC's with their work in engaging parents to support their children's learning at home and at school;
- Two way communication between schools and regions;
- Kim Zeppeiri added Trustees role on PIC – Trustees have access to all the area SCC chairs in schools in their area. Important to network with the area Trustees to meet with members of SCC. Trustees are there for supportive roles for parent engagement at all levels. There is an opportunity to be engaged without interfering. Kim highlighted that there are multiple ways to get involved at the school level. There is a huge impact with parent involvement and student success. Kim specifically has a passion for parent engagement and alternative learning.

4. Co-Chair Election - Martine Robinson

- Mary explained the roles and responsibilities of the co-chairs (outlined in the PowerPoint):
 - i. Call PIC meetings*
 - ii. Prepare agendas and chair PIC meetings*
 - iii. Participate in information and training programs*
 - iv. Act as a spokesperson on the behalf of the PIC committee in communicating with the board*
 - v. Consult with senior staff and trustees*
 - vi. Facilitate the completion of a written summary of the PIC activities to the Chair and Director*
- Martine asked that we hold over the co-chair elections to the end of the meeting allow for more people to participate in the voting process as some may join late.
- Nancy Mann self-nominated for the co-chair role with Mary Hindle. All attendees voted in favour.

5. Superintendent's Update – Martine Robinson
 - Guidelines and Norms;
 - Goal: to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement as an effective tool for increasing student achievement and well-being in the DDSB;
 - Success Criteria:
 - When parents understand that the scope of parent engagement is large enough to encompass any lifestyle;
 - Martine outlined the engagement opportunities for the year including PIC meetings, Regional SCC Meetings, Volunteer of Distinction, and Parents as Partners Symposium

6. Volunteer of Distinction 2016 – Eleanor McIntosh
 - Date is October 27 at Sinclair SS from 7-9 pm
 - Photo of PIC members to occur at 6:30 pm
 - For PIC members this is an opportunity to network with members of the school community;
 - PIC members play a role in meet and greet capacity at the sign in and registration table;
 - Email to come from Michelle Chassels as a reminder and follow up for PIC members to confirm their attendance

7. Regional SCC Planning – Mary Hindle & Susan Jasper
 - First meeting is November 8, 2016, 7 – 9 p.m.
 - Review Proposed Structure: Introduction -> Keynote (DDSB/External) -> Breakout sessions/Panel Discussions -> Area networking -> Closure
 - Members reviewed the exit ticket summary from last regional SCC in Spring 2016 – common ideas included engaging parents from bussed in communities, the role of the SCC, supporting parent engagement at all levels
 - Other suggestions tabled from members included involvement for parents living in working households; engaging parents in secondary schools environments – important to look at how we can bring more secondary SCC's to regional sessions; mathematics and assessment
 - Highlights for successful practices from FOS showcased each meeting (possible for February)
 - Kim suggested that it would be important to offer a chance for attendees to have a healthy snack as part of the evening where people could network and share ideas;
 - Cheryl added that food provides another layer/opportunity for community building;
 - “Social media is the highlight reel of life and not the journey” – Kim Zeppeiri

Draft Outline:

6:00 – 6:45 pm: New to SCC and Financial Accounting

7:00 – 7:40 pm: Part Two: Keynote Speaker – possibly engaging Allison Potts about Growth Mindset in Mathematics

7:40 - 8:25 pm: Part One: Follow up Session with math leads about new math and tools to access help that they need (advocacy)

8:25 – 8:45 pm: Area/FOS Networking

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- 1) Establish a structure and vision for our first Regional SCC Meeting
- 2) Review the Volunteer of Distinction and define the role of the PIC for the event