



Parental Involvement Committee Meeting on February 2, 2017

Melanie Gray, Executive Office
Melanie Simmonds, Executive Assistant
Laura Turcotte, Woodland PS
Shawna Nielsen, Almaguin Highlands
Jacqueline Harrison, McDougall PS
Ruth Ostrom, Parry Sound High
Shannon Mahon, Principal Magnetawan Central and Whitestone Lake
Dawn Buckland, Principal Parry Sound High
Corine Green, Trustee

- Shawna welcomed the group and had introductions around the table.
- Melanie Gray is the executive officer who has taken over the portfolio from Amanda Meighan.
- The group approved the minutes of the June 6th meeting.
- Reviewed a power point and the 4 goals of education, achieving excellence, ensuring equity, promoting well-being and enhancing public confidence.
- PIC, SAC and Board administration all work together.
- Additional parent resources are available on the Board website.
- The NNDSB has a large geographic area so three regional symposiums are going to be held in May that are funded by a regional Pro Grant.
- Ideas such as well-being, equity and inclusivity, mindfulness, LGBTQ, FNMI and LDAO workshops are being considered.
- Would like to tailor each regional session to the needs of that area.
- The invite to these sessions will also go out to staff members.
- Maurice Switzer can lead an FNMI session on treaty relationships and his book can be purchased for parents.
- Susan Lessard is the Board's mental health lead who can lead the mindfulness session.
- The North Bay and Parry Sound Health Unit offers many workshops for parents free of charge.
- It was suggested these sessions should cover both elementary and secondary parents.
- It was suggested that children might attend these sessions with their parents.
- A survey will be sent out with these options so parents can choose their top three.
- These sessions will be held during the week at night with a meal and childcare available.
- Discussed how a meeting could be run through teleconference and online as it is difficult for parents to make the video conferenced meetings.
- Another meeting will be scheduled at the beginning of March once the results of the survey are in.
- Any suggestions can be emailed to:
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