

Present:

Tim Graves, Superintendent of Education
Laura Walker, Community Representative
John Skidmore, Chippewa Secondary
Megan Madge, Mapleridge Public School
Sam Shier, Mapleridge Public School
Emily Samuel, Principal of Safe Schools, Early Years and Leadership Development
Leslie Hansen – South Shore Principal
Krista Holmes, Executive Assistant
Amanda Meighan, Principal of Mapleview
Stephanie Bergman, Alliance Chair
Bev Tamlin, Ferris Glen
Heather Keung, Ferris Glen
Kyla Kadlec, Principal Alliance
Gillian Kajgenich, Principal West Ferris Int and Secondary
Heetel Patel, Sunset Park School

Regrets:

Meredith Joyce, Sundridge Centennial Chair
Jill Cooper, Principal Sundridge Centennial
Jeanie Fuscaldo - Trustee

Land acknowledgment by SO Graves

Call to order – SO Graves at 10am

- Superintendent Graves welcomed everyone to the meeting and had introductions. Move forward with the meeting, no motions approving agenda.

Approval of the agenda – Chair Joyce

Motion to accept the agenda as presented/revised.

- Stephanie Bergman moved, Laura Walker seconded.

Minutes from May meeting

- Motion to accept the minutes as presented.
- Kyla Kadlec moved, Gillian K Seconded. *Carried.*

Notes from the June 12, 2024 meeting. No revisions were suggested.

New Business

6.1 SAC Book Study – Principal Samuel

- Katherine Johnson Martinko, *Childhood Unplugged* – book study. She is not against technology, but using it as a tool, rather than entertainment. After a successful presentation at Ferris Glen last year, we knew that we had to share this with the board. The way that Martinko presents this information really makes it seem like it is accessible.
- With the support of PIC last year, we were able to share 2 books to every school in June.
- We are working towards the book study and how we're going to do this together.
- The research from the Ontario-based Mom focuses on children at the elementary and secondary level, and it is quite accessible to everybody.
- We are looking to have her come back and do a follow-up presentation to the whole board later in this school year.
- Laura wondered if we could have some of it reviewed with children in attendance as well.
- Principal Samuel will bring this idea to the author, and see what we can do (and we will also see if any PRO grant applications come in and want to do bigger events, etc)

6.2 Principal Samuel and Lana St. Louis - 2 new directives from Ministry – reducing vaping and cell phone usage .

- Happy to be working with Planet Youth – this was presented in 2023 by North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, so that they could hear from the Planet Youth representatives. This group was really good at looking at reducing things like substance abuse, etc. We want our youth to engage, positively in our communities.
- Lana and Emily saw the connections, and know that there's a connection between the parents and those barriers (see the slides from Principal Samuel's presentation)
- They also shared some interesting and striking data about parental time, with the students.
- How can PIC support/fund to help open up opportunities for parents?
- Lana and Emily would like to invite the Heath Unit to come present data to the PIC committee, and from there, we would be able to have a more informed discussion about this.
- Great discussion happening about suggestions, and having more “regular” activities, rather than a one-off, etc.

Review PRO grant committee - SO Graves

- SO Graves provided the working copy of the PRO grant application.
- 2 stage process suggested by a member, and it seems to be that that might be best deadline wise. We will earmark the \$ into 2 rounds.
- PRO Sub-Committee members – Laura Walker, Stephanie Bergman, Kyla Kadlec, Gillian Kagejnich.

PIC – funding

- Want to confirm what that looks like. We do not really use those funds anymore since we do our meetings virtually, etc.
- We heard Principal Samuel's pitch for funding, etc.
- We will share the exact amount next time.

Upcoming Events/ Schedule– SO Graves/Chair Joyce

- *Nov 6th – Math Night 6:30-7:30 - Virtual*
- *Nov 19th – Parent and Caregiver workshop – Words Matter – Virtual*
- *Nov 27 – PRO grant Sub Committee meeting – 10am – 11am V irtual*
- *Dec 11 – PIC meeting #2/PRO grant approvals 10 – 11:30am*

- *Apr 16 – Networking Session- evening – confirm this date*
- *June 11 – PIC meeting #4 – 10-11:30am*

Agenda items due – SO Graves/Chair Joyce

Next Meeting - December 11th at 10am via Teams