

Parent Involvement Committee Minutes (PIC)

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.

Teams Online Meeting

Present:

Tim Graves, Superintendent of Education
Laura Forget, Parent
ChaiKrista Holmes, Executive Assistant
Gillian Kajganich, West Ferris Principal
Jill Cooper, Sundridge Centennial
Howard Wesley, Trustee
Alyssa Rowley, Co-Chair at Evergreen Heights
Marion Pellerin, Mattawa and FJ McElligott
Marg McDiarmid, Principal Mapleridge
Cheryl Sheffield, Mactier School Principal
Leslie Hansen, South River Principal
Debbie Hope – Land of Lakes

Regrets:

Jeanie Fuscaldo, Trustee
Jennifer Moore, Mapleridge School
Erika Lougheed, Board Chair
John Skidmore, Chippewa Secondary

Land acknowledgement - SO Graves

Call to order/introductions

As documented above.

Approval of the agenda and minutes from Nov 14.22 meeting

For the agenda - motioned by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Laura Forget.

For the minutes, motioned by Laura Forget, and Cheryl Sheffield seconded.

Update from Ministry Parent Engagement Session – Principal Jill Cooper & Laura Forget

- Discussed how to reach families in various regions. Focusing on difficulties, as well as the successes that we've had engaging.
- Virtual school community and networking.
- Ended session how to best use PRO grants for individual school communities.
- Laura Forget noted re-engaging families now that we're able to be back in the schools was a key focus.
- Both Principal Jill Cooper and Laura Forget felt that we were in-line with what was happening within the province in terms of both successes and challenges.

PRO grant application update – SO Graves

- The subcommittee met at the end of December to review the applications.
- The attachment provides the details of what school, amounts, projects, etc.
- We were very excited that we had so many positive applications and responses.

New Business

By-Law Review

- By-Laws are attached, and on PIC section of the website.
- The survey link will be coming to the committee shortly by email.
- SO Graves is suggesting that we have a subcommittee, that will meet after the **Feb 3rd deadline.**
- Subcommittee – Principal Sheffield, Principal McDiarmid, Principal Cooper, Principal Kajganich The subcommittee will review the suggestions and propose a revision to the by-laws consistent with the Ministry Regulations

School Council Survey – see attachments from 2021-2022 school year
Committee members made the following suggestions for inclusion on the survey to School Councils.

- Equity and Inclusion
- Mental Health
- Math,
- Science of reading/processes
- Fundraising,
- Empowering the voices of our population that are less heard from so we may address their needs,
- Outdoor learning projects
- **The deadline is Jan 27th for more topics.**

Other Business:

- A reminder of 2 upcoming sessions (Feb 8th and March 8th)
- A reminder that we continue to rotate the times so that we have daytime and evening meetings, etc.
- Alyssa from Evergreen was very excited to share that Evergreen's SAC attendance is continuing to grow, and they believe that COVID-19 did in fact help them with overall engagement.

Next PIC meeting is April 5th – It's a combined PIC meeting and SAC networking, running via Teams from 6:30-8pm.