



Minutes

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (PIC)

May 26, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Teleconference

PIC Members:	Area 1: Chantel Walker, Krista Voigt (Chair), Nicole Patterson Area 2: Mandi Lamb Area 3: Jessica Ford, Tammy Parrish Area 4: Rhonda Alpaugh, Jim Thorpe, Leanne Scott
Trustee Members:	Terry Boyd-Zhang, Trustee
Resource Staff:	Alana Murray, Director of Education Wendy Kolohon, Superintendent of Education Velvet Rollin, Principal Darlene Thomson, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Absent:	Chantel Walker, Tammy Parrish, Jim Thorpe

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION / ACTION	FOLLOW UP May 26, 2020
1. Welcome and Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Krista Voigt welcomed everyone and acknowledged the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Territory. 	
2. Approval of Agenda	<p>Moved by: Krista Voigt That the Agenda for May 26, 2020 of the Parent Involvement Committee be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
3. Approval of Minutes	<p>Moved by: Krista Voigt That the Minutes of the January 28, 2020 of the Parent Involvement Committee be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
4. Use of Parent Engagement Funding – parent/guardian sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Kolohon, Superintendent of Education, reminded PIC that originally we were going to use the Parent Engagement Funding for parent workshop sessions. With COVID-19 those circumstances have changed. There may be a possibility to use the funds to help offset the costs associated with the ThoughtExchange license for Bluewater District School Board. PIC discussed the use of ThoughtExchange as a tool and the possibility of using Parent Engagement funds for the license. <p>Moved by Krista Voigt That the Parent Engagement Funding be used to help offset the costs of the ThoughtExchange license for Bluewater District School Board with the condition that PIC receive feedback from any pertinent PIC questions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
5. PIC Chair Ministry Web Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Krista Voigt, PIC Chair, participated in the Ministry Web Conference for PIC Chair. The conference gave opportunity for input on various topics. It was noted that there are differences in how PICs engage with their communities. There is a now a Gmail account for the PIC Chair for BWDSB and it is posted on the PIC website. Discussion occurred around the potential to have a networking meeting next year with PIC and school council 	<p>Potential network meeting April 27</p> <p>PIC website resource links</p> <p>Information to Krista for letter to</p>

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	<p>chairs. It was decided that a tentative date of April 27, 2021 be set for this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PIC website will transition to be part of BWDSB website. In anticipation, PIC is to think about what resource links should be included on the site. PIC would like to communicate with school councils and parents regarding their role. If members have information that they would like included in a letter, please send it to Krista. Krista mentioned a letter that the PIC Chairs are wanting to send to the ministry. PIC was reminded of the process for a statutory committee of the board. 	parents
6. Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Kolohon, Superintendent of Education, updated PIC on how BWDSB is managing during the pandemic. We are reconnecting with our students. Mental health and learning has been at the forefront of this process. Our mental health team is continuing and sharing any community mental health supports with families. On-line learning has been occurring. For students that did not have access to devices, BWDSB have distributed them. For families that do not have reliable internet, hard copy packages are created and couriered to the families. Report cards will occur. Specialized equipment protocol and process were developed. Feedback has been important for us and we have done so through ThoughtExchange. BWDSB is planning summer learning. Graduations and commencement have been postponed. BWDSB is planning for September. 	
7. Trustee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terry Boyd-Zhang, Trustee, appreciates the conversation and is interested in what PIC is planning for the future. She stated she is happy with the supports during the closure period. Alana expressed her thanks to the PIC group and Krista for her leadership of the group. 	
8. PIC Meeting Dates 2020-2021	<p>Moved by: Krista Voigt That the Parent Involvement Committee Meetings for 2020-2021 as presented be approved with the addition of April 27, 2021 tentative evening Networking Meeting for school council chairs and PIC.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	Add to that the tentative date in April for Networking meeting April 27 evening.
9. Agenda Items for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning of Networking Meeting with School Council Chairs Review of Policy/Procedure regarding 'Communication' PIC Website and information contained on the site – invite Jamie Pettit as PIC transitions to new BWDSB platform Establishing a PIC Communications subcommittee Review of PIC By-laws 	Agenda items for October 2020
10. Adjournment	<p>Moved by: Krista Voigt That the Parent Involvement Committee Meeting adjourn at 6:15 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	