



Minutes

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (PIC)

October 26, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Online Meeting

PIC Members:	Area 1: Nicole Patterson, Area 2: Krista Voigt, Vajahat Banday, Laura Walker, Shona Dykstra Area 3: Leanne Scott
Trustee Members:	Terry Boyd-Zhang, Trustee
Resource Staff:	Lauren Penner-Lipsett, Superintendent of Education Nicole Jackson, Principal Mary Lou Stangler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Absent:	Anna Martens, Jessica Ford, Tammy Parrish, Rhonda Alpaugh, Mandi Lamb, Stephanie Cosgrove
Guests:	Keith Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education; Sheryl Elliott, Superintendent of Education, Jonathan Pepler

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION / ACTION	FOLLOW UP October 26, 2021
1. Welcome and Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair, Krista Voigt welcomed everyone. 	
2. Committee Membership and Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed committee membership and executive roles for upcoming fall elections. Krista described the role of chair and suggested having co-chair for this committee; Shona Dykstra will chair the next meeting on January 25, 2022. Jonathan Pepler expressed interest in becoming co-chair. 	
3. Approval of Agenda	<p>Moved by: Vajahat Banday That the agenda for October 26, 2021 of the Parent Involvement Committee be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
4. Approval of Minutes	<p>Moved by: Vajahat Banday That the minutes for May 25, 2021 of the Parent Involvement Committee be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
5. Indigenous Education Update	<p>Lauren Penner Lipsett introduced Superintendent of Education Keith Lefebvre, who provided an overview of Indigenous education, including Bluewater District School Board's action plan. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of Dr. Niigaan Sinclair's presentation for all staff on the September Professional Activity (PA) day; indicating he is also providing another presentation for all staff on the Friday October 29, PA Day. After school sessions are being offered throughout the year in which Dr. Sinclair will work with staff through a book study. Additional sessions are being offered for those who have taken additional qualification (AQ) courses in First Nation, Metis, and Inuit. Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) is hiring two Indigenous graduate coaches, who will work closely with administrators, advisors, etc. to support successful graduates. Audra Root will be the new Indigenous advisor starting in 	<p>Mary Lou to send Keith email addresses for the EDC.</p> <p>Keith to follow up on Shona's inquiry regarding the direction for Indigenous teaching and learning.</p>

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	<p>November.</p> <p>Superintendent Lefebvre provided further updates related to upcoming projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Project Advisory Committee has been established which includes a development team to understand better the needs of parents in terms of a parent portal. • Information received from PIC members aligned with the ThoughtExchange question that was completed related to the parental portal. • Parent representatives from PIC are invited to join the new Equity and Diversity Committee (EDC); Shona Dykstra and Vajahat Banday volunteered for the EDC committee • Student demographic data gathering will take place in the new year; the objective is to provide a clear understanding of student demographics in the board. 	
6. Special Education Update	Lauren Penner Lipsett introduced Superintendent of Education, Sheryl Elliott who provided an update on special education and a brief description of the services offered by BWDSB in the special education department.	<p>Information on the services BWDSB offers-to be shared to with the committee.</p> <p>Committee members can send suggestions for additional topics of interest for future PIC meetings questions to Lauren/Mary Lou.</p>
7. Staff Report	<p>Lauren Penner Lipsett provided an updated staff report on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighting the PA days and staff training September 2, September 24, and October 29 which are Ministry of Education directed PA days. Learning recovery is a main focus this year. • Other ministry topics of focus include the new Grade 9 de-streamed math course this year, anti racism, anti-bullying, anti-sex trafficking, and remote learning. • COVID-19 protocols we work closely with Sheryl Elliott our pandemic lead, and public health; we continue to update our protocols and look towards reintroducing extra-curricular activities. • Enrolment is up this year; enrollment is taken in the fall with adjustments being made in elementary classrooms to meet ministry class size requirements. • Remote learning classes are attached to schools with no “remote school” this year; total enrollment in remote classes is approximately 1% of our overall student enrollment. 	
8. Trustee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Boyd-Zhang provided an update stating that board meetings have been going well and that things have been moving forward this year. 	
9. PIC Meeting Dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 25, 2022 • March 29, 2022 • May 31, 2022 	
10. Agenda Items for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee membership and executive positions • Bylaws updates • Remapping of areas 	Mary Lou will circulate updated list of members

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="479 212 792 239">• Indigenous Committee 	and schools and update if required.
11. Adjournment	<p data-bbox="479 275 1227 363">Moved by: Krista Voigt That the Parent Involvement Committee Meeting adjourn at 7:08 p.m.</p> <p data-bbox="1154 365 1247 392">Carried</p>	