



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

Committee Members

Present: Roxanne Thompson, Englehart High School - via videoconference
Sharren Riel, NLPS – via videoconference
Kim Skidmore, Cochrane High School
Cathy Senyuk, W.E. Miller P.S.
Joanne Hagger-Perritt, Golden Avenue Public School
Tuula Bernard, RMSS
Juergen Leukert, Chair, District School Board Ontario North East
Rosemary Pochopsky, Vice-Chair, District School Board Ontario North East

Committee Members

Absent: Stephen Aitchison, Kerns Public School

Administration

Present: Linda Knight, Director of Education
Barry Peterson, Superintendent of Business/Finance & Treasurer (6:15 p.m.)

Date: November 20, 2006

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Schumacher Board Office

1.0 Call to Order

Linda Knight, Director of Education, called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

2.0 Board Goals

Linda gave the committee an overview of the board's goals. The four goals are not isolate but very much interconnected. They have been developed based upon the Ministry's initiatives and have Ministry focused direction. These goals were passed by the Board in September and are posted on the Board's website. They are the Board's focus and direction for the upcoming year.

3.0 C.L.A.P.

The implementation of the Critical Leading and Accountability Path (CLAP) was presented to the committee members. This spreadsheet outlines the board's vision beginning with junior literacy and continuing upwards to the school work college transition. The C.L.A.P. mirrors the Ministry initiatives and details the board's plans through to 2009.

4.0 Parent Involvement Funding

The committee discussed the memo from the Ministry of Education which gives schools \$500.00 for school councils. Various ways of utilizing these funds was discussed. The memo also advised school councils to send in grant proposals for additional dollars.

5.0 New Trustees

Linda advised the committee that the following four new trustees will be sworn in on December 5th at the Inaugural Board Meeting:

Richard Knowles - Kapuskasing
Dennis Draves - Cochrane
Bill Brookfield - Cobalt
Peter Osterberg - Timmins

These new trustees will join the following trustees who are returning:

Howard Archibald – First Nations Trustee
Heather Bozzer – Timmins
Tom Henderson – Englehart
Juergen Leukert – New Liskeard
Corinne Miller – Timmins
Rosemary Pochopsky – Kirkland Lake
Saunders Porter – Iroquois Falls

6.0 Sharing of Terms of Reference/Procedures and By-Laws

Kim Skidmore presented the committee with a copy of the Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee By-Laws which she received at the People for Education Conference she attended on November 5th. All felt that this would be an excellent starting point for this committee to begin to develop Terms of Reference/Procedures and By-Laws. The committee reviewed the Thames Valley By-Laws and adapted some of these by-laws and incorporated some new ideas. A first draft of the District School Board Ontario North East Parent Involvement Committee By-Laws is attached to these minutes.

7.0 People for Education Conference

Kim Skidmore gave those present an overview of the People for Education Conference she attended on November 6th in Toronto. This extremely well organized conference featured a dynamic public speaker, Chairperson Annie Kidder. Groups of 50 were formed and such topics as the Funding Formula, Schools Councils Make a Difference, Special Education and Challenges for Aboriginal students were discussed. For more information on this conference you can log on to the People for Education website at <http://www.peopleforeducation.com/tracking/regional/northrpt06.pdf>.

8.0 Funding Formula

Barry Peterson, Superintendent of Business/Finance and Treasurer spoke with the committee and answered questions regarding the Funding Formula. Portability of Special Education Funding was discussed in some detail. The Committee asked about the possibility of accessing funds to subsidize the cost of attending future Parent Involvement conferences as well as the cost of inviting school councils to meet with this committee.

9.0 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) School Grants applications

Cathy Senyuk, Joanne Hagger-Perritt and Tuula Bernard discussed their respective schools applications to the Ministry through this Grant program. The group exchanged ideas on ways to involve all school communities to develop ideas for submission to the Ministry. Proposals can be done by a single school or by schools banding together. Schools that submitted proposals will be contacted by the Ministry of Education in early January regarding the status of their application.

10.0 Next Meeting(s)

The next two meetings of the Parent Involvement Committee will be on February 12th at 5:30 p.m. and May 7th at 5:30 p.m. Members are encouraged to send in Agenda items for discussion.

*Janice Sharpe,
Recording Secretary*