



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

Committee Members

Present: PIC CHAIR - Tuula Bernard, RMSS
Kim Skidmore, Cochrane High School
Roxanne Thompson, Englehart High School
Janet MacDowell, Elk Lake Public School
Cathy Senyuk, W.E. Miller P.S. (at 5:50 p.m.)
Saunders Porter, Chair, District School Board Ontario North East

Administration

Present: Linda Knight, Director of Education
Michelle Leigh, Assistant to the Director of Education

Date: February 20, 2008

Time: 5:37 p.m.

Place: Schumacher Board Office

1.0 Call to Order

Tuula Bernard, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

That the agenda be approved.

3.0 Minutes of October 20, 2007

The minutes were approved. Saunders Porter noted that the Accommodation Review for Cobalt-Coleman Public School that was discussed in Item 8 of the minutes has since been cancelled.

4.0 Bill 212

Linda Knight handed out the Power Point Presentation titled Safe Schools which was prepared by District School Board Ontario North East to meet the *Bill 212 – Safe Schools Act* legislation requirements. This presentation is attached to the minutes.

This presentation has been sent out to principals to use with their school councils.

Linda discussed the following points covered in the presentation:

- Code of Conduct
- Anti-Harassment
- Bullying Prevention
- Violence Prevention
- Progressive Discipline
- Suspension
- Expulsion

5.0 Parent Reaching Out Grants

Linda Knight handed out the Ministry document that showed which District School Board Ontario North East schools applied for the Parent Reaching Out grants and the amounts they requested and what they actually received. In grant money.

6.0 Provincial Parent Board Update

Kim Skidmore discussed her experiences with the provincial parent board meetings. The group is still in the process of doing vision, mission statements, guiding principals for submission to the Ministry of Education for approval.

Originally the term of the Provincial Parent Board was a one year term. They are changing it now to a 1 – 2 year term and are in the process of applying for a 2 – 3 year term.

They discussed possible replacements for Kim Skidmore, the representative for the northern quadrant, when her term is up next year.

7.0 Other Business

Survey Letter

It was decided to re-send the survey letter for school councils as the initial responses were poor. We will ensure that the letter is sent to all principals for distribution to parent councils. The turnaround time for this survey will be shorter than in the past.

Items for Next Meeting

The following items were put forth for next meeting:

- Training for School Councils before school's out
- Training for bullying/safe school councils
- Planning meeting for school council training session

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 5th, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

***Darlene Cyr,
Recording Secretary***