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Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2018

1. Approval of Agenda – approved
2. Associate Superintendent of Safe & Caring Schools Scot Gillam welcomed everyone to the meeting. The LDSB Indigenous Acknowledgment was delivered.
3. Associate Superintendent Gillam introduced Nicki Gowdy, Chair of PIC, Wess Garrod, Trustee Representative and Trustee Elect Gingrich to the meeting.
4. **Associate Superintendent of Safe & Caring Schools Update (Scot Gillam)**

a) Communication Update – information outlining communication tools, school sites and dates will be shared with PIC at the November 8th meeting.
Schools who are waiting for the cashless solution are encouraged to speak with other sites who are using online tools to expedite hot lunches without cash – Sir John A, Southview and Henderson were referenced. Training for new treasurers will be provided on an “as needed basis”. Assoc. Superintendent Gillam to provide more information on this shortly.

b) News

Specialist High Skills Major funding has been approved.

Still waiting for confirmation of PRO Grants – we now believe they have been halted. More info hopefully can be shared at November meeting.

Summer Programming update – Reading Camps, Math Camps and Summer school were all highly successfully in engaging LDSB youth in learning during the summer.

School Within a College (SWAC) Women in Trades (WITTS) program approved by St. Lawrence College for Second Semester. Regular SWAC, which is open to everyone, will still run as well. SWAC WITTS specifically designed to increase the number of females engaging in a pathway that includes the trades.

Terry Fox a focus for September – a cause supported by many LDSB schools.

Orange Shirt Day celebrated on September 27 for Truth and Reconciliation support.

Rowan's Law Day – September 26 – to support Concussion Awareness. Assoc. Superintendent Gillam spoke about the Queen's/LDSB project NP2 which worked with Junior Football players and coaches to make them more concussion aware when playing football. Each player was provided with video footage of them participating in a combine like event. Suggestions were made to improve the skills and hopefully reduce the number of concussions on the field. Hope to expand to other sports.

5. Discussion Items

Update on Research Opportunity:

Melissa Hudson, who works with Queen's University, reminded everyone of the research participant opportunity for individuals between the ages of 6-22. The flyer was shared with members of PIC and was also emailed to Principals again in the Fall. Individuals who are interested can contact Melissa directly at qpond@queensu.ca

Recognition of Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Minutes at Board:

Assoc. Superintendent and Trustee Garrod facilitated a conversation around ensuring the PIC voice is relevant and has a means to share the good work that comes out of the PIC. The process for bringing concerns forward was reviewed. Assoc. Superintendent reminded the group that he was the Director's Representation on PIC and as such, is obligated to bring back PIC system concerns and/or the recognition of best practices to share to the Senior Team. Likewise, Trustee Garrod reminded the group that this is the trustee representation's role as well. It was also agreed that the Minutes from Parent Involvement Committee would be included in the package that Trustees receive at the regular Board Meeting. The Minutes will be added to Section A, *Matters Requiring Action at the Meeting in the Consent Agenda section: Reports from All Committees*. This necessitates the streamlining of information gathering and summarizing for the Minutes. Individual or small group concerns will need to be dealt with independently or during working group time, while building towards consensus or demonstrating system connections.

Digital/Technology Work Group Update:

a) Digital Technology, Safety, Privacy and Pedagogy Evening will be taking place this Wednesday, October 24th at École Sir John A Elementary School from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. See agenda below. Please confirm with gillams@limestone.on.ca if you are planning on attending.

5:30 – Welcome and Introductions

5:35 – Alistair MacLeod, Manager of IT – What is currently in place? Privacy, Firewalls, Cloud Security, Search Engines, etc.

5:55 – Mistene Clapp – Connected Technology Teacher, LDSB – Curriculum and Digital Citizenship

6:05 – Valerie Hurding – School Resource Office, Kingston Police - Community Oriented Response and Enforcement

6:15 – David Murakami Wood – Queen's University, Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Surveillance Studies – Privacy, Firewalls, Cloud Security, etc – big picture

6:35 – Question Period

b) Digital/Technology Work Group Follow up

Committee is struggling with numbers and could use more help. Will reach out after October event. Mary Jean from KFL&A provided update on the Literature review and a report back should be ready by April. The Group will continue to look at screen time and sedentary behaviour related to digital tech.

PIC Goals Moving Forward

Assoc. Superintendent Gillam spoke to goals with respect to PIC, especially if Minutes are going to be provided in the Consent Agenda for Board Meetings.

1. Positive relationships – continuing to focus on all of us working together, collaboratively to identify supports for Councils and best practices.
2. Board Focus – how do we determine which supports/concerns are board wide and are appropriate for the PIC to discuss and support
3. Purposeful and Succinct – make the most of our meetings. Issues that are not board wide, or system supporting, can be brought forward to Assoc. Superintendent Gillam at anytime for discussion and follow up. These items will be catalogued and shared via the distribution list and/or minutes
4. Orientation and Succession Planning – Co chair elections in November, training for Treasurers being organized.

Spring Symposium Update

Nothing to report as no PRO Grant announcement as of that night. Currently, understand that PRO Grants are on hold. Will need to discuss at November PIC meeting.

Meeting Dates and Locations for This Year:

Discussion around locations for this year – suggested and agreed upon locations included GREC for November, with busing options from Napanee and Kingston being looked into. KCVI was identified as a potential site for February meeting. Assoc. Superintendent Gillam has confirmed GREC for November 8, 2018. Busing options to be messaged shortly. KCVI will be confirmed later in the Fall. The location for May will be a discussion item for future meetings as well.

Future Meeting dates:

November 8, 2018 - GREC

February 21, 2019 – KCVI – to be confirmed

Spring TBA – Speaker Series/Event

May 9, 2019

Assoc. Superintendent Gillam had to leave the meeting at approximately 7:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned shortly after that.