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## Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes – May 10, 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 of Safe & Caring Schools Update (Scot Gillam)**

### **a) Skills Competition – Toronto Congress Centre – May 6-8**

Elementary (May 6) and Secondary (May 7 & 8) students who qualified in the Limestone Competition traveled to Toronto to compete in the Ontario Skills Competition. We had several successful results and buses of students from Grades 7-12 from a variety of schools attended the Competition on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> as part of an Experiential Learning opportunity organized by our new Experiential Learning Consultant Geoff Petznik.

#### **Results – Elementary**

Gold – Lego Robotics (Grade 4-6) – Rideau Public School  
Silver – Character Animation (Grade 7 – 8) – Module Vanier  
Silver – Mechanics (Grade 7 – 8) – Calvin Park  
Bronze – Health and Safety – Calvin Park

#### **Results - Secondary**

Gold – Logan Williams – Autopaint – NDSS  
Silver – Liam Allford – Auto Body Collision Repair – NDSS

Logan Williams will represent LDSB at the Canadian Skills Competition later this Spring in Edmonton, AB. Associate Superintendent Gillam recognized the hard work and dedication of all the Skills teachers, and the Expanded Opportunities team of Mike Mol, Jen Halligan, Maeve Hulley and all the parents and volunteers who made this opportunity a possibility.

### **b) Education Week – Mental Health Week – May 7-11, 2018**

Lots going on to celebrate Education Week and Mental Health week. LDSB has shared many of the activities via Twitter and the website. Celebration of Dance also took place at 3 sites this week with hundreds of elementary students taking part. Dances took place at Fairfield ES, Loughborough PS and Fort Henry.

### **c) Track and Field**

Most elementary schools are holding Track during the week of May 14-17. District meets will follow as well as the LDSB Track Meet.

### **d) EQAO**

Grade 3 and 6 testing will take place during the May 22-June 1 timeframe. Information regarding information on this will be coming home from individual schools.

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#### **e) KFL&A Public Health Immunizations**

Students who do not have up to date Immunization records have been notified of school suspensions. Schools are working with families and the KFL&A to update records as soon as possible so that all records are completed and no students are denied entry to their school.

#### **f) Field Trips**

Time of the year when many classrooms engage in year end activities/trips/excursions. These can be celebratory in nature but should still have curriculum connections and learning at the core of their foundation.

#### **g) Promoting Youth Wellness – Parent Symposium – April 14 2018**

Associate Superintendent Gillam provided a summary of the April 14 Parent Symposium. Attendance was quite surprising considering the weather. Keynote speaker Lynn Lyons was well received, with a lot of positive feedback. Speakers Michael Ballard and Lynda Colgan were also well received but Lynn Lyons really stole the show. Associate Superintendent Gillam thanked the organizing committee and referenced perhaps bringing Lynn back in two years. A survey will go out to the attendees of the Symposium.

### **4. Discussion Items**

#### **Update on IEP Presentation:**

Melissa Hudson, who earlier in the year had presented on “Getting to Know Your Child” as a support for teachers with students who might have some learning challenges. Melissa is putting together a final draft for further input in hopes to have it ready for September. Anyone interested in supporting this, or if they have suggestions, they are to connect directly with Melissa.

#### **Provincial PIC Symposium:**

Chair Robin Hutcheon reported that the Provincial PIC Symposium on April 20 and 21 was a great success. She referenced a few of the workshops that she attended, as did another attendee, Jenn Kehoe. Chair Hutcheon also referred to many Indigenous focus points during the Symposium and spoke fondly of the ability to network with a wide variety of other PIC members from across the Province.

#### **Technology Use:**

There was a lot of discussion with respect to various concerns with technology. A sub-committee, chaired by Christine Innocente, was established – the PIC Digital/Technology Workgroup – they will be meeting on June 11, at 5:30 pm at the Education Centre to begin to formulate questions/concerns that will be brought forward for response/action. If interested, please connect with Christine directly or with Associate Superintendent Gillam.

#### **PRO Grant:**

LDSB PIC will apply for a PRO Grant to hold a multicultural event, with a keynote(s) on Indigenous teaching/reconciliation, etc. The application will be broad based so that PIC can begin to put details together starting in October of 2018.

#### **Karaoke Night:**

The general consensus among the group was to hold a Karaoke night at Molly Brant in June as a way to bring parents together. More information to come.

#### **Planning for 2018/19:**

Ideas were brought forward for consideration including;  
- child care for PIC meetings

- is there mileage available for attendance
- move meetings to various locations – Napanee, northern schools
- technology for meetings – Skype
- live stream meeting
- more information shared with Councils

**Meeting dates for next year:**

October 4, 2018

November 8, 2018

February 21, 2019

Spring TBA – Speaker Series/Event PRO Grant

May 9, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 p.m.