

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.	
Roll Call / Welcome / Opening	<p>Present: J. Lower, C. Radbourne, C. Socholotuk (NWHU), J. Malone (BBSS), D. Armstrong-Ross (Chair/DHS), P. Williams (ORPS), T. Rundle (EGPS), T. Berube (IGPS), A. Bremner (KGPS), S. Smith (KPS) L. Breton (SNHS)</p> <p>Regrets: S. Aubin (VVPS)</p> <p>Guests: S. Norlock, T. Flynn</p> <p>Recorder: J. LaFreniere</p>	
Approval of Agenda Changed order of Agenda	<p>Moved by: S. Smith Seconded by: P. Williams</p> <p>THAT the agenda for the October 24, 2022 Parent Involvement Committee meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
Declaration of Conflict of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Smith – husband is now an employee of the Board as well as she does work for the Board. 	
Confirmation of Minutes	<p>Moved by: S. Smith Seconded by: D. Armstrong-Ross</p> <p>THAT the minutes of the June 13, 2022, Parent Involvement Committee meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
Business Arising from the Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Superintendent of Education Update J. Lower	<p>J. Lower</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quick overview of Policy 501. Reviewed memo regarding the EQAO release dates of students scores/provincial average. There will be Tutoring Supports offered by the Ministry of Education – parents can apply via a government website. All students ages K-2 will be screened for literacy. Modernizing the curriculum – focus on STEM, computer technology and entrepreneurship. Increase in funding as well as there is an increase in available information for Mental Health. PRO grant information shared from last year. 	<p>J. LaFreniere to send out the PRO grant memo</p>

<p>Summer Learning Update S. Norlock</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall/Winter Programming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Night School Cooperation Education • Spring Programming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Spring Reach Ahead for Grade 8 Students ➢ Lac Seul Spring Program • Summer Elementary Programming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Grade 6 Sprots and Leadership Camp ➢ Elementary CODE Summer Learning Programs • Summer Secondary Programming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Stability Project ➢ Transition to Secondary Programs (Summer Reach Ahead for Grade 8 Students) ➢ Other Credit Courses ➢ Summer Cooperative Education ➢ Credit Recovery • Additional Supports for Students in Extended Learning Program 	
<p>Math Update T. Flynn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed math resources used by teachers K-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Mathology – K-6 ➢ Math Up – K-8 • Discussed the Math curriculum moving forward. • October 18th was a full day learning session with the Elementary Principals/Vice-Principals where they reviewed the curriculum and reviewed the resources available for their staff. 	
<p>Pathways/Elementary Guidance Roll S. Norlock</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the Pathways history • It's a Framework that assists the students to find their strengths/skills • Reviewed which schools offer Pathways • Instead of having multiple teachers as pathways – we now have 5 full time Pathways teachers. • With the new model of 5 full time Pathways teachers all of the schools across the Board have that Program available to them. 	
<p>School Sharing Report All Schools</p>	<p>J. Malone (Beaver Brae)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had many new registrations (90 secondary and 30 elementary) this year which kept our guidance department very busy. • Students and staff are happy to be back to “normal” with sports, clubs, activities, and field trips. • We have hosted several universities and colleges as well as many guest speakers, including our mayoral candidates and councillors. • Reconciliation week allowed us to learn more about the history of residential schools and the impact that they have had on survivors, their families and our community. Our grade 7/8's spent September 30th at the KCA Family Wellness Property while our grade 9-12 students joined the community walk from Cecilia Jeffrey School to the Treaty Three cemetery. We had a school wide lunch of soup and bannock. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our intermediate and secondary students were invited to two community Fall Harvests at Wauzshusk Onigum and the KCA property. Our students enjoyed a day of traditional teachings which included; deer harvesting, beaver hide tanning, drum making, hoop dancing, bannock making, fish frying and a traditional tea making contest. • Interim reports for secondary went out last week and we hosted our parent/teacher evening with a strong turnout. • Our leadership class organized a pep rally as well as our Terry Fox run raising a total of \$3082, surpassing our goal of \$2500. • Our secondary teachers are working again in their PLC's (professional learning community), our destreaming work continues and we are preparing our students to write the literacy test at the end of November. • Our sports teams currently running include football, hockey, volleyball, basketball, cross country running, golf and mountain biking. We will host our first dance of the year this week and are looking forward to spirit week activities. <p>P. Williams (Open Roads)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Student Reps. • Halloween Family Dance coming up. • Participating Trunk & Treat on Saturday, October 29. • Will invite OPP to present to the school regarding safety. • All sports are up and running. • Participated in Orange Shirt Day. • In the process of planning for fundraising. • Planning a Christmas lunch for the students. <p>S. Smith (Keewatin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Family Fun Day We hosted Community Family Fun Day on September 11 at the school. Weather was fantastic so our turnout was great—probably close to 500 people during the 3 hour event. We had a barbecue, games, touch-a-truck, bouncy castles, silent auction and live music. We made \$5,000 to put towards our swimming lesson costs. Thank you to everyone who came out! • Swimming Lessons Our swimming lessons have started—two classes have already gone, the next two classes start on Monday. We are charging \$25 for each student to go, which combined with the money from CFFD should cover all of our costs. We also managed to save a few thousand dollars on transportation costs this year by doubling up lessons—two classes go at the same time, with older students receiving lessons in the lane pool and younger students in the leisure pool. Only Kindergarten will attend separately. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot Lunch Our Hot Lunch program starts this week, once again catered by Gropp's. We averaged the cost of the meals out so we could just charge \$3.50 per lunch option, however we just found out that Coppefin is once again subsidizing our program with a \$3,000 donation (thank you Copperfin!) so we'll lower that cost to \$2.50 per meal. We are also looking into having a pizza day once a week and an in-house hot lunch as well, but waiting for the renovations to our kitchen to be completed. • Halloween We're celebrating Halloween with a Trunk or Treat and sock hop on Friday night, everyone welcome to attend. We're happy to have our gym back in use! And on Monday parent council is purchasing a school-wide pizza lunch. • Fun Fridays Prior to the pandemic we hosted Fun Fridays at the school gym throughout the winter months, and we're hoping to bring that back again soon. There's a few moving parts—like the construction still happening near the gym entryway, and the funds for free dinners like we used to include—but we look forward to once again hosting open gym, movie nights, crafts, games and special events every Friday night! • Grants We've applied for funds to help with swimming lesson costs from the Kenora Lake of the Woods Community Foundation, funds for robotics in the classroom from Best Buy's Tech Education grant, and funds for our Forest <p>T. Rundle (Evergreen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at recruitment for parent council. • Family Day in February will use the PRO Grant funds. <p>D. Armstrong Ross (Dryden High)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first meeting of the DHS Parent Council was well attended. • Report from the Principal was reviewed. • Sports are back to normal. • Spoke about how the PRO Grant from last year was used. <p>T. Berube (Ignace)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignace School had our first school council meeting last Thursday with some new parent representation. • Students participated in Terry Fox Run in September. • The Grade 7/8 class is planning a Halloween Fun Night on Thursday. • High School will be also having a dance Thursday evening. • In terms of sports, Ignace School is participating in cross country running for the first time. • Loonie lunch program continues. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Truth & Reconciliation Day and Every Child Matters, one activity was to create paper chains of orange paper in which students were asked to write "I matter because..." Classes were challenged to see which class was able to create longest chain. In the end all chains have been attached and are hanging in the Falcon's Nest demonstrating ~400 feet of reasons why our students matter & are important • School program from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund—no responses on any of them yet. 	
Trustee of the Board Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Northwestern Ontario Health Unit Report C. Socholotuk (via email)	<p>Back to school! With the return of in-person school the NWHU is once again providing health services at your child's school during the 2022/23 school year!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We provide immunizations to children in schools. We give immunizations as per the Ontario publicly funded immunization schedule; we also notify parents when clinics are happening. • Elementary students receive an annual dental screening. We contact parents/guardians if their child has a dental concern or if we recommend other services. We also offer other free dental services such as fluoride varnish, sealants, and teeth cleanings. For children to receive these services, parents / guardians must complete a consent form that the school will send home. • We offer sexual health clinics in some high schools to provide free, confidential sexual health counselling, support, and services. Appointments are also available in our offices. <p>Stay home when sick Daily screening before your child goes to school is an important tool in preventing spread of illnesses. https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/ The screening tool also provides instructions on what to do when someone is sick, including when a person should be wearing a mask in public settings. You can also visit this website for more information: Public health measures and advice ontario.ca</p> <p>Fall vaccine clinics – Flu and COVID-19 vaccine The NWHU is holding clinics across the region this fall to offer COVID-19 and Flu vaccinations. You can book your appointment on our website: Booking a COVID-19 or Flu Vaccine Appointment – Northwestern Health Unit (nwhu.on.ca)</p> <p>Nutrition programs The Northwestern Health Unit is pleased to support schools once again this year with a range of nutrition programs. School meal and snack programs, Nutrition on Weekends and the Northern Fruit and Vegetable program (will begin in November for K-8</p>	

	schools) are all underway! See our website for details on these programs.	
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. Williams suggested the Board to acknowledge other cultures holidays i.e Diwali Day. 	
Next Meeting Date	<p>Proposed date: December 5, 2022 instead of December 12, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date was accepted. <p>Requested P. Williams to be Vice-Chair - passed</p>	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.	



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