

In Attendance: Doreen Armstrong-Ross-Open Roads PS, Shannon Robinson, Valleyview PS, Heather Bird, King George PS, Stephanie Cran, Northwestern Heath Unit, Jessica Houtz, Ignace PS, Barb Gauthier, Trustee, Michelle Guitard, Trustee, Candice Kerkermeier, KPDSB Mental Health Lead

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome – Introductions	Meeting called to order at: 6:33 p.m.	
Approval of Agenda	Moved by: Shannon Robinson Seconded by: Michelle Guitard <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
Approval of Minutes December 11, 2017	Moved by: Shannon Robinson Seconded by: Michelle Guitard <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
Business Arising from Minutes	None	
School Sharing Reports	<p>Valleyview Public School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has new administration and new principal • meeting with school council and chairs; • held our first parent cooked lunch in our new kitchen (thanks to the Board for supporting that development); • raising money to get some playground equipment – holding a spring sale in May; • sent our letter to the Minister requesting a rebuild of the school, have not heard back; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VVPS hosting a parent session on LTGBQ – all parents welcome to attend (Thursday @ 6:30). • Planning for our PRO grant implementation. <p>King George Public School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hosting a PRO grant event around healthy choices; using some fundraising money to purchase jerseys and supporting the robotics club. <p>Red Lake Madsen Public School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • family health and wellness forum in February with the student health conference; • 3 new student reps on the committee – one acquired a composter; • trying to get a pergola built for some sun shelter; teacher appreciation is coming up in May and with parent captains may organize something for the teachers. <p>Open Roads Public School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRO grant evening – 4 speakers – police, internet safety, yoga, mental health worker; healthy meal prepared, had 50 people attend. • Applied for TD grant, \$10,000 to for an outdoor classroom and will get it built over the summer. Parent council focused on the events. Spring feast this week. 	
Northwestern Health Unit Update	<p>Stephanie Cran (NWHU) gave a quick update on NWHU programs and highlighted the Healthy Kids Community Challenge Power Off and Play initiative to reduce non-instructional screen time; the Turn off the Screens family challenge; and support for safe needle pick up presentations in school now that the snow has melted.</p> <p>Sean suggested KPDSB could promote the challenge in partnership with NWHU with a radio spot;</p> <p>ACTION Steph Cran to follow up with Sheena Valley tomorrow and provide information.</p>	
Trustee Report		

	None	
Director of Education Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If other schools want to have a session on LGBTQ+, the Board is fully supportive and can arrange sessions. • EQAO visit – Grade 3, 6, 9 reading, writing and math testing, 10 (OSSLT); OSSLT precursor to graduate high school. Sean feels EQAO are not accurately capturing the knowledge of the kids in our area or the investment of the staff in the students. 3 weeks ago the EQAO Executive team came and toured the area. Sean is confident the visit will result in changing the assessment for northern Ontario kids; and there will be an acknowledgement that the test is unfairly biased against students here, based on experiences and cultural differences. EQAO has a sensitivity and bias committee, which each question is vetted through. It will take a couple of years to see a difference, but change will happen and kids will benefit from it. • Provincial grants for student needs announced – (GSN – Grants for Student Needs) – annual Ministry of Ed budget; KPDSB primarily concerned about multi-disciplinary wrap around services. This year there were no cuts and very favourable for KPDSB as extended and annualized the additional 1.2 M envelop the Board had received 3 years ago. Recognizes that the mental health needs of both kids and adults are very high. The Ministry will fund an Equity and Inclusive Education Superintendent next school year. • Sean opened the floor for questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doreen asked about the implications for decreases in enrollment at DHS affecting course availability. Sean indicated that the core courses will always be offered, but yes some of the classes with smaller enrollment might be offered only once so schedules may 	

	<p>not allow students to get every course they want. Building in more virtual options; the Board can also pay for courses from another school Board. All 6 high school principal's work together to harmonize their schedules to ensure everything is offered across the system.</p> <p>ACTION – Sean will follow up with Richard about communication with parents; and he will also follow up with Tania Sterling, SO for high schools. Sean indicated that parents are the advocates for the children so should call their child's principal if there are concerns with the timetable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shannon asked if money for capital was approved in the budget. Sean said not this year but there was a commitment to spend money on schools and hospitals next year. ○ Stephanie asked what determines which schools get a VP. Sean answered that enrollment is the primary determining factor and it is also based on student need; and at times geography. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At the next Board meeting, SO's will present the P/VP/Admin report. 	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>New Business -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Engagement Discussion Questions – Steph Cran led facilitated discussion on the NWHU PRO Grant project – collecting information on why parents are involved, ideas for involving more parents and how to create healthy schools. Results will be rolled up and shared with Boards in June, and a tool for school councils shared in September. ● Mental Health Update – Candice (KPDSB) provided a quick review of the Mental Health and Addictions Strategic Plan, a working document over 3 years, reviewed a few times a year by the Mental Health Leadership team and part of the plan is to share with PIC. She has identified mental health champions - people who want to build capacity in their schools; some schools have 1, some have 2- she shares information and then they share it within their school. Working really well and good feedback. 5 of the high schools have Jack Chapters which started as student mental health focus groups (jack.org) and are doing activities ex) RLS – random acts of kindness day; hot chocolate drive – with messages on 	

	<p>the cups. She is looking at working more in Elementary schools next year; also wants a student voice and she is starting to see that and heard great ideas from the students. The KPDSB website mental health tab has information for parents – how to talk with your child about mental health, suicidal ideation, and crisis numbers. ACTION – all chairs share information with their school council and send Candice suggestions of what could be added. She is looking for a parent rep on CAALM (Collective Awareness, Advocacy and Learning of Mental Health & Well-Being) – the committee meets 3-4 times a year, during the day. ACTION - Candice will send request to Nicole Perron to follow up on interest joining CAALM.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting Date Suggested Agenda Items</p>	<p>Fall of 2018</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.</p>	