

In Attendance:

Doreen Armstrong-Ross (ORPS), Leah Green KGPS, Ramona Quequish SMPS, Jennifer Horton, EGPS, Heather Bird KGPS, Kylie Sutton (RLDHS), Cassandra Matthews (EFPS), Michelle Guitard Trustee, Cynthia Elliott (LBS), Erin James (RLMPS) Sean Monteith (DOE) Stephanie Cran, NWHU

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Follow-Up |
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| Welcome – Introductions | Doreen Armstrong Ross from Open Roads and Dryden High School welcomed everyone and all new Parent Involvement members | |
| Approval of Agenda | The Agenda was reviewed by the group. Leah KGPS and Ear Falls Carried | |
| Approval of Minutes | Minutes of April 23, 2018 were reviewed by the Committee. Moved By: Michelle Guitard Seconded By: Erin James | |
| Business Arising from Minutes | None | |
| School Sharing Reports | <p><u>Red Lake Madsen</u> Waiting to hear on Pro Grant news. They are going to move forward with their project. Looking for Indigenous support on council and have one First nation parent at this point. First event of the year was an eco initiative and they purchased trees and planted them about a month ago and had a parent with an environmental background come and teach as well as an elder. Great learning event. There have been two meetings so far this year and nine members. 3 new parents for breakfast club program. New Principal and that has been great. Still doing School Council Newsletters</p> | |

Red Lake DHS

Lots of Parent interest in council
Lots of conversation on Technology.
Still waiting for Pro Grant Confirmation.

Evergreen PS

Only member on School Council last year.
This year eight members
Going to do a family mural project
Focussing on different ways to live.
More Arts and Drama discussed
Another meeting this week.

King George PS

Council met once and did an email meeting once.
Looking at playground and accessibility (big kid playground)
Leah was introduced as co chair.

Lillian Berg PS

Two meetings with two people.
Trying to change the face of school council.
Six members in council, 2 student reps.
Working towards researching how to become a forest school.
Meeting with Principal of Keewatin School in Kenora for more information
Makerspace fundraising goals in the near future.
Researching outdoor classroom.
Trying to involve more parents (Facebook page created)

Open Roads PS

Meeting times changed to lunch and we have a higher number of parents now.
Fundraising group and Parent Council (two groups)
Fundraising mostly done by email.
Pro Grant going to do sessions for parents i.e. mental health online safety and drug and relaxation (Yoga).
Halloween Dance was fun and a great fundraiser.
Outdoor classroom fundraising has occurred.
Student Reps have come to meetings
Looking for more outdoor equipment.

Dryden High School

Parent Council is struggling. Only three parents attended meeting.
Meetings are planned for the year.

Sioux Mountain PS

Met two times this year.
Meeting during lunch hours this year to accommodate parents that can't make evening meeting.
Renovations with school were discussed and explained.
Council examined EQAO data.
School improvement plan being drafted.
School nutrition fund has been received.
New to parent council and looks forward to participating throughout the year

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| <p>Northwestern Health Unit Update</p> | <p>Stephanie Cran did an update for NWHU Noted Health unit's role in school board. Consultation going on now website for the parents.ca On Physical Education. Encourages others to give feedback via surveys etc.</p> <p>Engaging Schools in Healthy School Research. How can we do a better job of engaging parents in schools? NWHU is working on an info graphic. Also, a report on health unit website. What they heard back from parents was: parents wanted to share unique talents with others and some parents need some help. Infographic will be shared at next meeting Healthy Schools Certification was explained six step process with a priority topic to work throughout the year the NWHU will support the process.</p> <p>Nutrition discussed and the NWHU funds the High School. Food Programs are well utilized at the High School. They offer it in different areas of the school to reach more children.</p> | |
| <p>Trustee Report</p> | <p>Michelle Guitard noted a Policy update affecting our Indigenous Trustee. The Term has been changed from two years to four years, like the term of other trustees.</p> <p>She noted that mid November the trustees are meeting for a retreat to plan where the board is going over the next four years.</p> <p>Michelle noted thanks to all the parents and new parents coming out. This is her last PIC meeting and noted to the new parents that she has reported back to the Trustees all the information in these meetings. She thanked everyone for their hard work.</p> | |
| <p>Director of Education Report</p> | <p>Sean welcomed everyone gave a presentation to the group. Particularly the new parents. It was a presentation Sean did at University of Toronto explaining the Keewatin Patricia District School Board. It explained the Demographics of the Board as well as the Vision Statement and what we stand for.</p> <p>The Efficacy Review was discussed and explained. The Kids Come First was discussed. Northern Fruit and Vegetable program was discussed at Sioux mountain PS. Northwestern Health unit helped to provide this program for schools. (Savant Lake Pickle Lake Sioux Mountain- they have limited resources).</p> <p>New Provincial Government discussed. Whole new world with this government compared to the previous government that believed in Education.</p> | |

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| | <p>Sean noted the New Government's view on the Sex Ed Curriculum which represents 7 percent of total curriculum.</p> <p>Cancellation of Truth and Reconciliation</p> <p>New Government focussed on math.</p> <p>Heads up School Board may be struggling financially with this new government. Sean noted we will not touch Spec Ed. Or Mental Health.</p> <p>Certain terms have been eliminated like Equity, inclusiveness, with this government.</p> <p>Ontario College of Trades discussed it will be eliminated in the near future.</p> <p>Election- KPDSB will have a huge change. Sean noted Michelle Guitard will be leaving and new Trustees will come join the Board in December. Chair David Penney will retire, Trustee Wilkinson will retire as well as Trustee Barnes. The Trustee Retreat will be in two weeks.</p> <p>Strategic Plan expires this year and must be revised. PIC will be involved with the new Strat Plan in the near future.</p> <p>Sean opened the floor up to questions:</p> <p>Red Lake-Erin asked about Outdoor classrooms and whether they were welcomed by the Board?</p> <p>Sean noted that outdoor classrooms are more of a recent trend. The Board has not discussed this type of programs but Keewatin Public School currently has a successful program. As a Director he does not discourage these programs however the sustainability part is always a question. Must have a good plan. Sean encourages School Council to always include the teachers in planning.</p> | |
| New Business | | |

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| | <p>Doreen noted CAALM Committee and she will be a parent rep on that committee. She will update the Committee at the next meeting.</p> <p>Pro Grants are now on pause and possibly cancelled. Sean noted they are cancelled. Was cancelled about a month ago.</p> | |
| <p>Next Meeting Date Suggested Agenda Items</p> | <p>Wait until we know who Trustee Reps are for this committee (January)</p> | |
| <p>Adjournment</p> | <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.</p> | |