

In Attendance: E. James (RLMPS); L. Burry (ORPS); C. McLeod (DHS) P/VPs – T. Benoit (BBSS) NWHU: S. Cran Trustee: Director: S.L. Pharand		
Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
Chair of PIC Welcome Introductions Roll Call	Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.	
Approval of Agenda	Moved by: Lindsay Burry Seconded by: Christine McLeod  CARRIED	
Approval of Minutes Date 2020	Moved by: Erin James Seconded by: Stephanie Cran  CARRIED	
Business Arising from Minutes	None	
Correspondence	At the last meeting, PIC chairs were invited to join in a teleconference to be held on April 23, 2020 with the Ministry of Education, to provide feedback on PIC function and Learn-At-Home implementation. The PIC chairs felt the meeting went very well and after the teleconference they continued the conversation, sharing information and support. They wanted to let the Minister know that they were pleased to be consulted as they are the voice of parents. They have written a letter to Minister Lecce with some observations and recommendations (letter was part of June 1 Agenda package). This group is hopeful that they will continue to meet to share ideas and have a direct dialogue with the Ministry in the future.	
School Sharing Reports	The school chairs verbally share their school reports and, if there are submitted reports, they are attached for reference.  <b>RLMPS:</b> Erin James shared that her staff celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week by having a Drive Past Parade with parents and students driving past all the teachers houses. They made a video montage and posted it on Facebook to share with the community. Normally they would use their PRO-grant to host a feast but this year the staff (with the help of the Friendship Centre) are supplying 29 families with a Meal Kit which includes all the ingredients and recipe to make wild rice soup. In addition to this, the care package will also have instructions for traditional games	-

	<p>including cards and dice for the games. Families will pick these packages up on June 2 when they come to the school to retrieve their children’s belongings. So, in lieu of an in-person feast, they will have an “at home feast” and know that they are being thought of.</p> <p><b>ORPS:</b> Lindsay Burry asked Sherri-Lynne for feedback on the following idea from their school. Their original idea was to host an evening at the school which would include games and activities which would help with their children’s education. Now they are hoping to virtually engage the parents through the school email list and social media and acknowledge their greater role during this pandemic. They would like to ask parents to submit a picture of themselves with their child(ren) i.e. playing games, reading together etc. – any activity which contributes to their learning. At the end of the week they will take the pictures and turn them into a video to share with families through social media and the email list. They would also like to enter the names of participating families in a draw for a chance to win learning resource packages which would help parents to further engage with their children at home.</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne approved this awesome plan.</p> <p><b>BBSS:</b> Tracey Benoit noted that their PRO-grant money is usually used for a spring feast. However, this year they coordinated with 46 families who receive nutrition support weekly and in partnership with local businesses, they delivered Pizza Kits so families could make their own pizza. They documented this on their Facebook page. They are planning to do this with the grade 6 families as well. Also, the French teacher did a French bread making class (also in partnership with a local business) to use their grant money. She may also use some of Erin’s ideas!</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne said this was an excellent way to promote parent engagement. She suggested continuing to work with the school council with the new ideas.</p> <p><b>DHS:</b> Christine McLeod noted that they have not met since the last PIC meeting, so there is no update. However, she loves these ideas! Their plan was to connect re different pathways in schools – virtually of course. She will give an update at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>PRO-Grants</p>	<p>As noted in the April 27<sup>th</sup> minutes, Supplies can be ordered this year for use next year but the items must arrive before August 31<sup>st</sup>. Arrangements need to be made with the Principal for ordering as there is a protocol for schools to accept deliveries under COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>No additional updates have been received from the Ministry at this time re carry forward of dollars.</p>	
<p>Trustee verbal report</p>	<p>Sherri-Lynne Pharand gave an update on behalf of the Trustees. She noted that the Grants for Students Needs</p>	

	<p>(GSNs) have been delayed another 3 weeks – to the end of June. Normally they would be received by March 31. This affects the budget process. They will provide the Program Funds (PPF) that are granted annually at the same time – we hope there will not be further delays.</p> <p>Every Monday, beginning June 1, there is a teleconference with Minister Lecce, Directors and Chairs of Boards to share information and provide an opportunity to ask questions. Everyone appreciates being kept in the loop. On June 1, there was an update about Special Education reminding how important it is for Boards to support continuity of virtual learning and reminding Boards to have fully accessible platforms. Minister Lecce said they are focusing on the implications of COVID-19 on funding requirements, so the funding is delayed. He also addressed other memos that have come out with guidance for teachers re completing report cards.</p> <p>Regarding school re-opening in September: there is no established date as of yet when a decision will be made ... the decision will be made by the Medical Officer of Health for Ontario in conjunction with the COVID-19 Command Table. The Minister understands that Boards needs some time to plan.</p> <p>The Minister talked about the importance of continuity of learning and thanked everyone for all the work they are doing.</p>	
<p>Northwestern Ontario Health Unit Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stephanie Cran</li> </ul>	<p>S. Cran delivered the NWHU report (attached report)</p>	
<p>Director of Education Report</p>	<p>Sherri-Lynne let PIC know that in addition to the agreement that KPDSB and CUPE have with Lake of the Woods to share staff for re-deployment, agreements have now been signed by all of KP's union groups i.e. for extra help in hospitals, long term care homes and the shelter for the homeless in Red Lake. She noted that there is information on the portal where staff can sign up. Health facilities put their needs into the same portal. When a match is made, the Ministry checks to ensure the person is available to volunteer, and if so are re-deployed.</p> <p>2020 Secondary Plans – see attached</p> <p>The Board is preparing for every possibility regarding return to school in September. There is a committee that meets twice a week to discuss all considerations to keep students and staff safe.</p> <p>All schools have made arrangements for students to retrieve their personal belongings, thanks to help from the NWHU. Childcare will be returning during stage 2 of provincial re-opening. We will be ready as many of the child cares are in our schools.</p>	

	<p>The Ministry wants to consult with families and school boards re opening in September. A document will be sent so PIC can give parent feedback on the plan that the Ministry is developing. Mary will send out and receive this information which will be collated and sent to the Ministry.</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne was asked if all Union groups had settled their contracts. She replied that all groups have reached a settlement at the Provincial level. Now virtual bargaining is taking place locally. An agreement was reached with CUPE and with the EA group.</p>	<p>Mary to send out information to PIC.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Nil</p>	
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>Next PIC meeting date(s) – Please hold this suggested date in your calendars: <b>Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.</b> (This date should be after the first Parent Council meeting of the year.)          It was suggested that at the first meeting in the fall, the group should be asked if Mondays at 6:30 is still the preferred date/time.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Erin James thanked everyone for their patience and cooperation this year and she shared how much she enjoyed and appreciated everyone's input.</p>	