

PIC Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2017 Meeting

Chair: Heather Janes

Secretary: Debbie Bush

Guest Speakers: Roger and Faith Garriock (Destination Imagination) & Anita McFarlane (Food and Friends)

Present: Martha MacNeil, Debbie Bush, Rosemond Anim-Somuah, Vikki Brown, Lorrie Wren, Heather Janes, Brent McDonald, Paul Smith, Kathryn Selves, Sue Shaw, Darren Hale, Leo Song, Jane Brown, Deanna Irving, Jennifer Goody-Brown)

- 1) Welcome & Introductions- went around the room and everyone introduced themselves and said which school or position at the board they had.
- 2) Approval of Agenda- Rosamond Anim- Somuah 1st, Lorrie Wren 2nd
- 3) Approval of September 2016 Minutes-
- 4) Presentation by Destination Imagination Roger Garriock
 - 500 hundred schools offer this program
 - Goal is to get children/ students use the creative process to turn their ideas into reality and learn invaluable skills through the process including: Creative & Critical Thinking; Team Building; Problem Solving; Risk Taking; Project Management; Perseverance; Self-Confidence
 - Is a leading educational nonprofit dedicated to teaching students the skills needed to succeed in school, their careers and beyond. We develop project-based learning programs that blend STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education with the arts and social entrepreneurship.
 - Can use the program at recess or after school. Some schools bring the program right into the classroom
 - 7 challenges: Technical, scientific, engineering, fine arts, improve, service learning and early learning
 - Target Grades 3 to 6
 - There is a 'Rising Stars' program for JK to Grade 2
 - Approx. \$20/each child
 - Feb 25th 2017 there will be a competition in Toronto all are welcome contact Faith if interested for more details
 - For more information, visit website at <https://www.destinationimagination.org/>
 - If your school is interested in piloting the program in September 2017 or you are interested in volunteering or getting involved: Please contact Faith Garriock faithgarriock@gmail.com
- 5) Presentation by Food and Friends Anita McFarlane (Program director)
 - Programs: Scholarship program; Food & Friends; Free to play; adopt a family
 - Events: Trees for tots; Live free; Fore our kids; Gala
 - A fundraising campaign for YOUR school/organization:
 - Every dollar raised stays in YOUR school to support YOUR Food & Friends Program!
 - Live Free: Share the message; Call the need to mind; Help communities get involved; Help your school/organization strengthen its sustainability.
 - The model is flexible, moldable, universal.
 - There are 4 different awards: Most Improved School; Most Raised; Most Online Donations ; Spirit Award
 - Kits Include: Promise cards (for kids to write what they will live free of); Toonie post cards (information about the campaign where families can attach a toonie); A set of 5 posters for elementary and 1-3 sets for secondary; A donation box; Instructions for teachers, announcement scripts and info sheet about Food & Friends

- Delivery at Principal / Vice Principal meeting: January 18, 2017
- Pick Up at Principal / Vice Principal meeting: March 22, 2017

6) a) Board Report- Brent McDonald

- Parents Engaged in Education – starting a workshop for SC basics.
 - Sat April 22, 2017.
 - See <http://www.parentsengagedineducation.ca/> for more details
- Survey Season for parents:
 - Parent survey - Secondary French language instruction review; Feb 6 to March 10, 2017 www.ugdsb.on.ca/secondaryfrenchreview
 - Thank you for the 300-400 response around Parent App (Calendar and Events were most popular);
 - Survey of Principal feedback forms: sent last week to SC – They are due April 28th, 2017;
 - Public Policy – use of social media please provide feedback
 - Lunch lady likely to be the vendor to provide hot lunches in our schools after a bid process
 - Lunchbox: Finance met with tem and other boards to review processes; Principals were told by Finance to wind down use of Lunchbox by end of Dec until they complete processes (need to honor same process as the board does with other providers; NEW: Lunch box met with Finance if successful should be in place by Sept 2017
- PIC Spring event: Engaging Families for Student Achievement;
 - Presentation by Nancy Angevine-Sands, OCT;
 - Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - Centre Wellington District High School, Fergus
 - Interactive; lots of opportunity for table talk

7) Martha MacNeil- Trustee Report

- Not much to add from Board and Ministry report
- Tomorrow is a general meeting – anyone is welcome - parents will be coming to speak to the JK cap and sibling rule

8) Chair Report- Heather Janes

- A group will come together to start working on Pro-grant for next year.
- Contact Heather Janes, Martha MacNeil & Vikki Brown who plan to start the process

9) Spring Event- Brent McDonald

- Most planning is done
- Team is planning at this point, will be looking for volunteers to help out day of event
- Speaker is Nancy Angevine from With Equal Step(she presented at PIC last May)
- for more information, visit <http://withequalstep.com/index.php/about-us>

10) Treasurer Report- Vikki Brown

- Current balance is \$6,076.89
- Much of the money to be spent on Spring Event (Chaplin's food)

11) No new business to cover
Meeting ended at approx. 8:30 PM

**Next Meeting at the Upper Grand District School Board Office
500 Victoria Street North, Guelph
Monday, February 27th at 6:45PM**

Chair: Ravia Khan

Secretary: TBD

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