

Upper Grand District School Board

Parent Involvement Committee

February Minutes (Feb.3, 2014)

In Attendance: **Parents:** Martha MacNeil, Heather Mewhinney, Deb Drake, Kay Elford, Maureen Oesch, Heather Janes, Tim Russell, Wendy Bauman, Lloyd Phillipps, Rosemond Anim-Somkah, Jana Bell, Anne Baliva, Amanda Van Soelen, Megan Taylor, Jen MacLeod, Axy Leigh **Board Personnel:** Martha Rogers, Brent McDonald, Kathryn Cooper, Julie Prendergast **Guest Speaker:** Heather Buck **Regrets:** Kathy Watts, Ann Charles

Welcome & introductions

- Welcome extended to all and introductions were made.
- Approval of agenda. November minutes approved

Board/Ministry Report

- 2 boundary reviews for Rockwood and James McQueen/Hogarth are complete

Guest speaker: Heather Buck: International Baccalaureate

- For complete details about this program visit www.ibo.org and <http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/ib-gcvi/>
- IB programs are internationally recognized and accepted and ensure an increased adaptability and global mobility for IB students
- IB curriculum encourages international mindedness through a focus on global perspectives of learning and teaching
- IB students build foundational skills to think, live and work in a global community
- IB emphasizes the development of the whole student-physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically
- IB aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect
- IB offers 4 programmes: PYP, Primary years, MYP Middle Years 6-10, DP Diploma program gr. 11&12, CRC Career Related Certificate.
- GCVI is offering a Diploma Program that would start in 2016 with a preparatory program for grade 9s beginning Sept. 2014

- \$1100 cost for grades 11 & 12
- GCVI has accepted @ 120 students that are open minded, motivated, balanced, academically capable

Chair's Report

- Spring Event will be held Thursday April 24th at College Heights
- Keynote speaker will be Joe Mazza: Joe currently serves as Project Manager for connected learning and Leadership in the North Penn School District, Landale PA.
- The event will help participants to: increase family participation at school events, develop additional strategies for parents to help their children, improve student achievement
- Invitation to all schools to register 4 attendees - P/VP, a teacher, a parent from SC, a parent from the school community,
- Other sessions to include, Lynn Woodford (Mental Health) a Rep. from the UGDSB finance dept., Pro grant writing, Council Chair 101

Budget items

- No change to budget

Communications

- 39 followers on twitter
- 12 people have responded to the PIC survey
- Results: feedback on the website and a request for social time before meetings

Open Discussion

- BYOD would there be enough interest to run a Saturday event?
- The event would highlight Bill Mackenzie's presentation, UG2GO and Homework Help
- Suggested Date March 22 @ 9:30-2:00 daycare options
- King George PIC events Feb. 11: *Wellness Matters* with Nicole Raftis, Feb. 24: *Early Years* with Kerry Wells, April 3rd: *Healthy Schools* with Glenna Rogers, April 14: *Wellness in the UGDSB* with Dr. Lynn Woodford, May 9: *Family Reading Night* with Dustin Milligan contact Jen for more info jen@blackdogdesigns.ca
- Question about PRO Grants: Can a new school (not opened yet) apply for a PRO grant (Brent to investigate and report back.)

Next Meeting