



Upper Grand District School Board

Parent Involvement Committee

MINUTES

February 27, 2017, Board Office

Chair – Rabia Khan * Secretary – Lorrie Wren

Attendees:

B. McDonald, M. MacNeil, D. Bush, L. Wren, B. White, H. Janes, R. Khan, L. Glavaz, D. Hale, D. Irving, J. Brown, N. Mills, P. Smith, R. Anim-Somuah, L. Song, C. Gibson, R. Chumbley

1. **Welcome** - Rabia Khan welcomed all to the meeting and we proceeded with introductions around the table.
2. **Agenda** - approved by Jane Brown.
3. **Previous minutes** - approved by Nancy Mills.
4. **Calendar Committee:** Jane Brown sits on a board wide committee to create the next school calendar. The 2017/2018 calendar is similar to this year, only a day or so different. If you have any feedback, please forward it on to the committee.
5. **Mental Wellbeing Update** – Dr Lynn Woodford gave an in depth presentation on what the board has been working on since last year’s update. She outlined the Ministry’s goals, Programs within our schools and the community, Staff training, Students supports, Community supports, & Parent resources. If you are looking for Mental Health ideas for your ProGrant, please contact Dr. Woodford. Please see attached presentation.

6. Board and Ministry Update -

PIC – Board Report February 2017

Topic	Notes
PRO Grants & PRO Regional Grants	<p>\$1000 for SC max</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority to increasing awareness of math strategies and resources for parents to support their children’s learning at home at school or • ‘Support the engagement of parents from Indigenous or racialized communities, or • Encourage parent engagement in promoting the value of arts in support of student success <p>PRO Regional Grants \$30K max May 25th at 11:59 pm is deadline</p>

College Heights	Request to share that they are hosting a Community Working session called reimagining our Future. Parents guardians, former and present staff and students as well as community members are invited to take part in the event. The day will feature roundtable discussions and collaboration as the school community works together to reimagine the perception of CHSS. The working session will run from 9am to 1pm with breakfast and lunch provided. Please share and consider attending. Register by March 17 by contacting the school.
Digital Saturday	March 25 Saturday at JD Hogarth to see tech being shared / used at school and resources for home
Principal Input Feedback Form	Note that Principal Feedback forms were sent via a link last week to all SC's. They are due April 28 2017 so we can review prior to any changes for next year.
Martha – Negotiations Update	Extensions with CUPE / OSSTF / ETFO – still to be ratified

- Bring your pro-regional grant ideas to the March PIC meeting.
- Ministry PIC symposia is in April. Date unknown but if interested, let Brent know.
- Board is currently working on the Budget.
- Renewal\Refresh work to be completed during the summer in many schools

7. **Trustee Report** – Martha MacNeil drew our attention to some board policies that they are looking for feedback on. Go to <http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/board/policies/index.aspx> and share your feedback. Art Gallery of Guelph - <http://artgalleryofguelph.ca/> Martha highlighted some of the great things happening there involving some of our UGDSB students and encouraged us to visit for ourselves. Poverty Challenge – On a voluntary basis, high school students are able to participate in what it's like to live in poverty. This is happening on May 10th.

8. **Chair's Report** – March Meeting – Chair – Rabia Khan Secretary – Lorrie Wren

9. **Spring Event Planning Committee** - April 26th, Centre Wellington D.H.S 5:00-8:00pm

If not yet registered, contact Brent. Brent will contact all schools that have not yet registered to encourage participation. This year the event is starting 1 hour later. There will be no new grab bags this year, but we will be making any previous supplies available to attendees. PIC bought pens that will be made available at the event. Caterer is the same as last year.

We need help to set up and clean up. If you are available, please contact Brent.

10. **Treasurer's Report** – At date of meeting, the balance remaining in the grant was \$5,800.20. The budget sheet also itemized forecasted expenditures, with an estimated balance of \$761.32 following the Spring Event.

11. **Questions/New Business/ Final Remarks** – Dufferin Joint Council Event. Saturday April 26th 9:00 – Noon – Free to attend. Westside Secondary School, Orangeville "Are you as social as your kids?" Guest

speakers – Chris Vollum (Keynote), Scott Davis (Constable with Orangeville Police) and Michelle Campbell UGDSB, Supervisor Library Services
www.ugdsb.on.ca/pic click on the events page for more details and to register. Child care will be provided (registration required) Door prizes

Next Meeting – March 27th, 6:45pm at the Board office.