

## **PIC Meeting**

7:00 p.m. Large Boardroom UGDSB

Attendance:

Kathy Watts (chair), Deb Drake, Paul Smith, Rabia Khan, Heather vander Merjden, Jen Edwards, Cindy Gibson, Debbie Bush, Rosemond Anim-Somuah (communications officer), Axy Leighl, Vikki Brown (treasurer), Heather Janes, Maureen Oesch, Lindsey Glavaz, Lorrie Wren, Kathryn Selves, Nicole Clark, Amanda VanSoelen

Board personnel:

Dr. Martha Rogers (director of education), Brent McDonald (superintendent), Martha MacNeil (trustee), Darren Hale (elementary principal)

1. Welcome and approval of previous minutes/agenda
  - Welcome by Chair Kathy Watts
  - Approval of agenda by Lorrie Wren and Lindsey Glavaz
  - Approval of minutes by Debbie Bush and Nicole Clarke
  
2. School Climate Surveys (“SCS”)
  - Presented by Superintendent Bonnie Talbot and Principal Tammy Flemming
  - SCS Mandated by PPM 144 – to assist with Bullying Prevention Plans
  - Statistical design and analysis expertise provided by researchers at the University of Guelph
  - Surveys conducted between February and March 2016
  - Survey design was self-reporting. To be considered in the analysis, schools had to have 10 families and 10 staff members complete the survey. Seven schools were incomplete and those school communities will be presented with a further opportunity to complete the survey.
  - General trend UGDSB students like school less as they grow older
  - General trend that UGDSB students are happier and risk of self harm rates lower than provincial rates
  - Feelings of no connection with an adult at the school is strongest with at risk students – this is something we need to work on
  - Data to be used in SIPS and Bullying Prevention Plans

### 3. Board Ministry Report

- Presented by Brent McDonald and Dr. Rogers
- PIC's goal is to help school councils to do their job and raise the level of parent engagement
- PIC by-laws were reviewed by a sub-committee last year and there will be a continued effort to comply with the by-laws and recommendations from the 2015/16 by-law subcommittee – copy provided to meeting attendees
- Brent shared websites for parents/students
  - ◆ Council of Directors of Education (CODE)
- Brent provided handouts to attendees:
  - ◆ Memo dated Sept. 16 re: School Insurance Information 2016/17
  - ◆ Email from Lynne McInnis dated September 19.2016 Re: Movie Night Fundraisers for Schools
  - ◆ Elora Public School Special Invitation to JK/SK parents – example for other councils to consider
  - ◆ Memo re: Babysitting for School Council Events
  - ◆ Handout on approved UGDSB PRO Grants
  - ◆ Ideas for \$500 from PIC Parent Engagement allocation
  - ◆ PIC by-laws
- PIC website
  - ◆ Looking to build upon last year's website expansion
  - ◆ Brent looking for suggestions of things school councils need to do their work – looking for suggestions to make the website more user friendly
- Parent engagement group website – Brent will share it at a later day...it's currently a tentative site but it contains practical information and is similar to People for Education
- PRO Grant info
  - ◆ Handout on successful UGDSB grant applications - \$50,000.00 to UGDSB schools this year
  - ◆ No PIC grant this year
  - ◆ No rollover of PRO Grant money permitted so spend grant in full
- Dr. Rogers
  - ◆ Budget balanced and passed
  - ◆ Special Ed funding by ministry altered to the benefit of UGDSB
  - ◆ UGDSB had added EAs and teachers
  - ◆ Enrollment has increased slightly (300 elementary and 200 secondary level students)

- ◆ Superintendent Doug Morrell has been successful in attracting foreign students at secondary level
- ◆ Labour is stable
- ◆ Expecting a sunny year!

4. Trustee's report presented by Martha MacNeil

- Outlined trustee page on UGDSB website
- Martha encourages members to read the page
- Drew members' attention to policy page and policies under review and requiring feedback
- French Review recommendations being worked through currently – how to admit JK students into French Immersion

5. Chair's report by Kathy Watts

- DUCK has listed 3 conferences on their website
- People for Education conference will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> in Toronto
  - ◆ Cost is \$60
  - ◆ Keynote speaker is Dr. Stuart Shankar

6. Spring event led by Brent McDonald

- Volunteers to explore a speaker: Vikki Brown, Axy Leighl, Lindsey Glavaz, Lorrie Wren
- Brent to set up email conversation and teleconference

7. Formalization of PIC membership

- Brent asked for people to submit their names for positions of officers and for regional representation (in accordance with by-laws)

Chair: Rotating

Vice-chair/Co-Chair:

Treasurer: Vikki Brown

Secretary:

Communications: Rosemond Anim-Somuah/Vikki Brown

Guelph/South Wellington:

1. Maureen Oesch
2. Lindsey Glavaz
3. Kathryn Selves
4. Heather Janes

Centre Wellington:

1. Nicole Clarke
- 2.
- 3.

North Wellington:

1. Axy Leigh
- 2.
- 3.

Dufferin:

1. Lorrie Wren
2. Jennifer Edwards
- 3.

SESSIC committee rep: Heather Janes TBD

Wellness committee rep: Maureen Oesch TBD