

Upper Grand District School Board PIC Committee

September 26th, 2022

# MINUTES

## Those present:

Matt McCutcheon, Martha MacNeil, Gillian Prieur, Kumudine Kariyapperuma, Ben McCabe, Jason Boyce, Peter Sovran, Debbie Bush, Anita MacFarlane, Tina Burden Coates, Rachel Albanese, Barb White, Caroline Folgman, Caroline Derderian, Jen Tulloch, Monica Cojocar, Tara Dean-Witt, Tracy Smith, Stephanie Deward, Leo Song.

## 1. Welcome and introductions

Barb White welcomed everyone to the meeting and individuals in attendance introduced themselves. Everyone shared what they are thankful for.

## 2. Approval of agenda

Gillian Prieur asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motioned by Barb White, seconded by Paula O'Donnell.

## 3. Approval of minutes

Gillian Prieur asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motioned by Debbie Bush, seconded by Kumudinie Kariyapperuma

## 4. Director Report

Director Report: Peter Sovran

- Welcome to families and students to start the new school year, being back is different after 2 years of covid protocols and rules (cohorts, masks, etc.)
- Clubs and Extracurricular activities are back this year
- Outline of the Multi year plan was shared and approved by Board of Trustees in June 2022
- Multi year plan part of Education Act, must be longer than 3 years and is used as a direction for the Board, UGDSB has developed a 4 year plan
- Purpose to Inspire a love of learning and engage supportive learning environment
- Vision to be recognized as leaders in creating unparalleled, agile and inclusive experiences for all
- The plan to implement is broken into 4 key pillars to hold up or get to Foundation Education and Student Achievement

- These 4 pillars are what Board will need to focus on so can realize the vision in 4 years time (Lifelong love of learning, Champion health and wellbeing with particular focus on mental well being, Ensure equity of access and outcomes, lead through sustainability)
- Action plans will be developed to support and implement each element of the multi year plan
- Plans will be presented to Board of Trustees in the Fall
- Student Census was sent out to collect identity based information from students from K-12
- This is a voluntary survey
- Student Census is a key tool to help identify gaps in the Board and system and to determine what additional supports or resources are required
- Student Census template came from Ministry of Education, questions asked had to align with the curriculum and where the curriculum introduces certain topics is where related questions were asked

## 4. Board Report

Board Report Matt McCutcheon

- PIC Elections for Executive Positions
  - Co-Chairs: Barb White and Gillian Prieur
  - Treasurer: Kumudine Kariyapperuma
  - Secretary: Mahrukh Syed
  - Wellness Committee: Mahrukh Syed and Debbie Bush
- Regional Representatives
  - Dufferin Representatives: Gillian Prieur, Barb White
  - North Wellington: Arthur - Crystal, Danielle, Candice Morrison
  - Guelph: Mahrukh Syed, Jeff Bennet/Rachael Albanese, Monica Cojocar
  - Centre/East Wellington: Liz Barrett, Pam Geiger, Letitia Mcdougall )

## 6. Trustee Report

Martha MacNeil shared information.

- Guelph City Council approved the building of new south guelph high school
- It will most likely be around 3 years before school will open
- School approved for 900 capacity
- Municipal Election on October 24th, 2022 but trustees still working and can be reached for any assistance

## 7. Chairs' Report

Barb and Gillian shared information

- Following up to close off last years activities, PIC completed the purchase of resources for lending library at schools to promote important topics of Equity and Inclusive education as well as Indigenous Education
- PIC members encouraged to think about topics they would like to discuss or learn about in the PIC meetings this year
- PIC planning 2 events this year - one for school councils to be held in November, and one for parents in April 2023
- November event to help school councils learn from one another, what is involved in running a council, how to run one successfully, difference between elementary and highschool school councils, what are the roles of different members on a council, how to councils do fundraising and engage parents in community
- School council has important role as an advisory body, how to raise awareness for parents to join and contribute
- A smaller committee established with members from PIC to work on executing this event in timely manner in November

## 9. Questions, New Business and Final Remarks

The recommendation to include Land Acknowledgement and Anti Racism comment as part of agenda was made and received. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 25th, 2022 at 7:00 PM**