



Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee

May 21, 2015, 6:30 pm

Dogwood Room, Waterford District High School

Chair: Brent Howard

Recorder: Holly Knill

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions J.Forbeck
 - 1.1. John Forbeck, Brent Howard, Shawn McKillop, Rita Collver, Tom Waldschmidt, Nancy Waldschmidt, Helen Maltby, Verna Millington, Sarah Nichol, Pam Barrowcliffe, Roy Nutley, Holly Knill, Michelle Carpenter, Jean Montgomery, John Harris
2. Minutes B.Howard
 - 2.1. Approval of Minutes
Verna Millington moved to approve the November minutes; Jean Montgomery seconded
~ carried
 - 2.2. Business Arising from Minutes
None
3. GEPIC Slate of Members J.Forbeck
 - 3.1. Bylaw 8 Selection Process
Let Valerie Slawich know if you are interested in sitting on GEPIC next year; we will also recruit through our School Councils, and at the School Council Orientation in October.
4. Financial Report J.Forbeck
 - 4.1. Financial Update
As received.
5. Updates from the Board Table T.Waldschmidt/J.Harris
 - 5.1. Tom Waldschmidt recently attended the MP and MPP annual breakfast, the Bite of Brant event at the Burford Agricultural Hall, and the Breakfast of Champions sponsored by the Brant Food for Thought. Both Tom and Rita Collver have attended Parent Council meetings at twelve schools in their district. They reflected that the size of the Council were inconsistent as some schools have faced difficulty recruiting parents
6. Director's Update J.Forbeck
 - 6.1. Education Week activities were well received; the Grand Erie Games will be held in Waterford and are in need of student volunteers. In Job Action, provincially there are OSSTF groups on strike at three school boards. Grand Erie OSSTF have not filed for conciliation yet. Locally, our ETFO group has engaged in Work to Rule action which will affect EQAO and report cards. Special Education, class trips, and graduations will not be affected.
 - 6.2. Multi-Year Plan Survey
Parents are encouraged to complete the survey by clicking on the provided link. The data is required by June 23rd.
7. GEPIC Chair's Update B.Howard
 - 7.1. Pic Symposium
Brent Howard attended the annual PIC Symposium in April. John Malloy spoke about inspiring, engaging, and collecting and Lynda Cogan focused on math scores and the areas in need of improvement.



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7.2. GEPIC Grants

The sub-committee met and approved extra funds for the following school events:

- Brier Park – Healthy Lunches
- King George – Family Math Night/Reading Night
- North Ward – Family Game Night
- Ryerson Heights – Following our Leaders
- Walsh – How to help with homework
- Walter Gretzky – Parent-friendly Language
- Banbury Heights – amazing Race: Braveheart Edition

Tom Waldschmidt moved to accept these grant requests; seconded by Pam Barrowcliffe.

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“Beyond the Bake Sale” books will be purchased for each School Council, GEPIC member, and Trustee.

Nancy Waldschmidt moved to accept the purchase of these books; seconded by Verna Millington

~ carried

8. Planning, Discussion and Sharing

S.McKillop

8.1. School Council Chair Orientation Session

Discussion around how social media can help increase participation, will revisit this idea in the fall. It was decided to have two events next year, one in Waterford on October 7th and one in Brantford on March 2nd.

9. School Council Updates – Activities/Learning Connections

Helen Maltby – Cobblestone Elementary

Our spring play “Happily Ever After” involved our grade 4 to 8 students. Chris D’Souza was our guest speaker at our PRO Grant Inclusion event, which was open to everyone.

Ray Nutley – Banbury Heights

Reading Roks, where community members read books to students; Amazing Race; Lolley Calendar fundraised approximately \$8000; Blue Jay Game for students, staff, parents, and community members.

Verna Millington – Ecole Dufferin

“The Sound of Dufferin”; year-end event “Amazing Race Around the World at Mohawk Park”; kindergarten orientation.

Verna Millington – BCIVS

Production “A Night on Broadway”; fundraising to replace the stage floor.

Michelle Carpenter – SEAC

SEAC meets monthly; recently attended the Grand Erie Pan Am Games.

Jean Montgomery – WDHS

Musical “Catch Me if You Can”; Senior Prom is this coming weekend; Shaun Bergman brought the Grey Cup to WDHS; Mental Health Symposium held at Six Nations; Hope More Campaign, for students who are struggling.

Sarah Nichol – Walsh Public

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Movie Night

Pam Barrowcliffe – North Ward

Mini Art Show in gym for every student along with the Book Fair; compilation of yearbook – rolodex of parent connections; Fun Fair; speaker Laura Bronson, a Skateboarder/Artist “Keeping It Real”.

Nancy Waldschmidt – Paris Central

Fun Fair; Track and Field; Memorial Service was held for a student; High School “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”; Prom.

Brent Howard – SCS

Rainbow Ball, Band went to Wonderland, field trips to Botanical Gardens; speaker Chris Vollum talked about internet and social media

10. Other Business

10.1. None

11. Dates 2015-2016

11.1. November 5, 2015; January 21, 2015; March 10, 2016; May 19, 2016