



Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee

March 23, 2017, 6:30 pm

Dogwood Room, Waterford District High School

Chair: Brent Howard

Recorder: Valerie Slawich

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions B. Blancher
 - 1.1. Present:
 - Regrets:
2. Minutes B. Howard
 - 2.1. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.2. Business Arising from Minutes
3. Financial Report B. Blancher
 - 3.1. GEPIC Budget Update
4. Updates from the Board Table J. Harris/T. Waldschmidt
5. Director's Update B. Blancher
6. GEPIC Chair's Update B. Howard
7. Planning, Discussion and Sharing S. McKillop
 - 7.1. Parent Open Forum Session Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Ryerson Heights with Child Care – 8:30 am – 2:00 pm.
 - 7.2. RSVPs
 - 7.3. Assign GEPIC member to arrange coffee and water for the morning –
 - 7.4. Assign GEPIC member to arrange lunch; we also need to feed the children
 - 7.5. Annual PIC Symposium April 1, 2017
 - 7.6. PRO Grants – Applications Open for 2017-18
8. Other Business
9. Dates 2016 – 2017
 - 9.1. May 11, 2017

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MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions L. De Vos
 - 1.1. Linda De Vos, Jenny Gladish, Christina Rajsic BCHU, Jennifer Smith, Liana Clarisse, Sheila Slood, Sarah Nichol, Trisha Werner, Christine Oliveira, Susan Noort, Jean Montgomery, Tom Waldschmidt, Nancy Waldschmidt, Brent Howard, Crystal Gratwick, Mallory Malcolm
 - 1.2. Regrets: B. Blancher, S. McKillop, K. Sandy
2. Minutes Brent Howard
 - 2.1. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.1.1. Susan Noort moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Christine Oliveira
~ carried
 - 2.2. Business Arising from Minutes
 - 2.2.1. No new business
3. Financial Report L. De Vos
 - 3.1. GEPIC Budget
 - 3.1.1. As presented - no change from previous meeting
4. Updates from the Board Table T. Waldschmidt
 - 4.1. Tom shared that the Board is getting ready to prepare the budget for 2017-18; Secondary Schools will be starting exams and Semester II is fast approaching. The Inaugural Board meeting was held in December and David Dean was elected as Chair; Greg Anderson as Vice Chair; Tom Waldschmidt and Alexandra Felsky as Vice Chairs. Karen Sandy is our new Trustee for GEPIC, but she is away at a Conference today. The recent Norfolk ARC resulted in keeping Elgin Ave open. Students will be transferred from West Lynn to Elgin Ave and West Lynn will be closed.
5. Director's Update L. De Vos
 - 5.1. December was busy with Christmas activities. Elementary schools are gearing up for next year with Kindergarten registration starting soon. Monday is a PD for Elementary Schools; teachers will be in schools working on report cards. Linda participated in the International Conference in Ottawa last week with educational partners from around the world. Great networking to learn from each other what is happening around the world. We are very proud to share that Canada is ranked #2 in Science and Math in the world! Guests had lots of questions for Canada regarding our many successes.
6. GEPIC Brent Howard's Update Brent Howard
 - 6.1. GEPIC Grant Applications and Awards
 - 6.1.1. The subcommittee met recently to review 34 applications, ultimately approving 25 of them valued at \$8200. Feedback received from schools was the lack of a confirmation page for the online application. This will be an easy fix for next year. Schools were able to ask for \$500, some cuts were made to spread money further. Schools were encouraged to group together to offer one program to several communities.
 - 6.1.2. Christina Rajsic shared that school nurses can help with cooking clubs. Run by the Brant Community Health Unit, up to 15 families can participate for free and take a spaghetti dinner home.
 - 6.1.3. It was suggested that when we communicate the awards to the schools, and to remind

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- them of the \$500 parent engagement fund and \$200 school council fund available to them.
- 6.1.4. Jean Montgomery moved to approve the awards; seconded by Trisha Werner
~ carried
7. Planning, Discussion and Sharing J. Gladish
- 7.1. Parent Open Forum Session Saturday, April 1, 2017
- 7.1.1. Poster and Advertising – will roll out in the next few weeks
 - 7.1.2. Location – Val will look into the venue
 - 7.1.3. Daycare – Val will look into daycare
 - 7.1.4. Coffee/Water will be made available in morning – GEPIC volunteer
 - 7.1.5. Two sessions will be held with a continental brunch at 11:00
 - 7.1.6. Advertising – Jenny will include Facebook/Portal/Web/Directors Meeting/School Messenger
 - 7.1.7. Registration Date – Val will pick new date to reflect daycare and catering requirements; Jenny will amend the flyer
- 7.2. May have to hold a short meeting or conference call before March 23rd meeting
8. Other Business
- 8.1. No New Business
9. Dates 2016-2017
- 9.1. March 23, 2017; May 11, 2017

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Gepic Budget 2016 - 2017

GEPIC-CENTRAL			
DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	SCHOOL/EVENT
Opening Budget	\$ 10,000.00		
Orientation Food	\$ 707.94		
School Council Guides	\$ 91.20		
Photocopying	\$ 17.10		
GST Rebates	\$ (67.91)		
GEPIC Grant	\$ 1,200.00	Haldimand Combined - Chris Vollum	A.Melick, T.Creek, G.Central,F.Ave
Total Spent to Date	\$ 1,948.33		
Total Remaining	\$ 8,051.67		

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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education in London Region

FROM: Ruth Flynn, Director
Inclusive Education Branch

DATE: March 1, 2017

SUBJECT: Guidelines for 2017 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)
Symposium

I am pleased to follow up on the memo to you from Deputy Minister Bruce Rodrigues and the letter from Honourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education, inviting parent members of your Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) to attend the 8th Annual PIC Symposium. Based on the success of last year and the positive feedback we received, we will once again host six regional symposia and one French-language symposium. This allows us to better respond to local needs and will give more parents the opportunity to participate. You have been copied on the details for your region's symposium from your regional office.

I am writing to invite you (or a designate) to the afternoon portion of the symposium and request your assistance with the travel and accommodation arrangements of your PIC and school council delegates. As in previous years, your district school board's expenses will be reimbursed by the ministry following the event. Your support in encouraging and enabling these parent volunteers to participate in their local symposium is greatly appreciated.

Symposium and Registration Details

The London Regional PIC Symposium will take place on **Saturday, April 1, 2017** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Best Western Plus Stoneridge Inn & Conference Centre, 6675 Burtwistle Ln, London, Ontario. Registration for parent participants will begin at 8:30 a.m. We'd like to invite you to join the symposium at 12:00 p.m. for lunch, followed by an afternoon program which will include a keynote address, dialogue, discussions and a chance to enhance connections with parents through face-to-face dialogue.

Two (2) parent members of your PIC and five (5) parent members of school councils from your district school board, for a total of seven (7) parent participants from your district school board, may register online at: <https://pic2017symposiumlondon.eventbrite.ca>. The deadline for registration is March 24, 2017. Please note that all participants must be registered in advance of the symposium.

Hotel Arrangements

As in previous years, PIC representatives will be asked to contact their district school board to assist with travel and accommodation arrangements. For the London Regional PIC Symposium, participants who live in excess of 100 kilometres from the Best Western Plus Stoneridge Inn & Conference Centre, 6675 Burtwistle Ln, London, are eligible for hotel accommodation. Overnight accommodation for this event will be covered for **Friday, March 31, 2017**, except in special circumstances for which prior approval of the Ministry of Education has been sought. If you wish to discuss special circumstances, please contact Sherry Bortolotti by email at Sherry.Bortolotti@ontario.ca or by telephone at 519-667-2031.

A number of rooms have been blocked for symposium participants at the Best Western Plus Stoneridge Inn & Conference Centre. Please reserve rooms on behalf of your PIC and school council parent representatives online at <http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/groupSearch.do?groupId=3N4TK1V9>. You may also reserve by calling the hotel at 519-652-6022 and referencing the Ministry of Education block for April 1.

Please finalize your arrangements by **March 20, 2017** to qualify for the group rate of \$99.00. Kindly complete the attached *Credit Card Billing Authorization Form* and email it along with a photocopy of the credit card to sales@stoneridgeinn.com to ensure the proper payment of the hotel room and taxes. This is required in advance of PIC and school council parent representatives' arrival at the hotel.

Travel Arrangements and Expenses

The Ministry of Education will reimburse district school boards for economical plans for travel, meals and accommodation.

Travel and accommodation expenses are to demonstrate value for money and be considered necessary and economical with due regard for health and safety. Alcohol is not an eligible expense, nor can it be included as part of any individual meal, travel or accommodation expense.

Please refer to the attached Expense Claim Guidelines when making plans for travel and accommodations. A copy of the guidelines was sent to PIC parent representatives so they are aware of the details of eligible expenses. PIC representatives were also asked to distribute the symposium details and Expense Claim Guidelines to school council parent representatives they are inviting to attend the symposium.

Expense Claims and Reimbursement

For reimbursement, please send a total invoice payable to your school board as well as the completed Expense Claim Forms, one for each parent participant, and all itemized receipts to Josiane Ng no later than **May 10, 2017**. She can be reached at:

Josiane Ng
Parent and Community Engagement Office
Ministry of Education
13th Floor Mowat Block, 900 Bay St
Toronto ON M7A 1L2

Thank you for ongoing support of parent engagement and our PIC Symposium. We hope to see you or your designate on April 1.

If you have any further questions, please contact me directly or Sherry Bortolotti in the Regional Office at Sherry.Bortolotti@ontario.ca or by telephone at 519-667-2031.

Sincerely,

Ruth Flynn, Director
Inclusive Education Branch

Att:
Expense Claim Guidelines
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Credit Card Billing and Authorization Form

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**MEMORANDUM TO:**

Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary Treasurers of School Authorities
Director of Provincial Schools Branch
Parent Involvement Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs

FROM:

Ruth Flynn
Director
Inclusive Education Branch

DATE:

February 16, 2016

SUBJECT:

2016-17 Parents Reaching Out Grants

We are pleased to announce that applications for the 2016-17 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants program are now being accepted. We greatly appreciate your leadership and continued support for PRO Grants and for encouraging more parents to be involved in their children's learning.

[Achieving Excellence: A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario \(2014\)](#) recognizes that parents are a key part of Ontario's success in education. Ontario's PRO Grants support parents in identifying barriers to engagement in their own community and to find local solutions to engage more parents in support of student achievement and well-being.

There are two components to the PRO Grants program:

PRO Grants for School Councils support projects that help identify and remove barriers to parent engagement that may prevent some parents from fully participating in their children's learning. School councils may develop proposals individually, with other school councils or with other groups in their school or community. Each school council may apply for a maximum of \$1,000. To learn more about PRO Grants for school councils, please visit the ministry website at: <https://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/schools.html>.

With your support, we can deepen outreach to schools that have not participated in the PRO Grants program in the past and priority schools in high-needs areas. We appreciate your efforts in communicating the availability and benefits of PRO Grants and encouraging school council participation.

PRO Grants for Regional/Provincial Projects are available to Parent Involvement Committees, district school boards, parent organizations, non-profit organizations and post-secondary institutions working in partnership with parents to support student achievement and well-being. As in previous years, priority will be given to parent-led projects that have been developed in partnership with district school boards. The maximum grant available for regional/provincial projects is \$30,000. For more information about PRO Grants for regional/provincial projects, please visit: <https://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/regional.html>.

This year, special consideration will be given to eligible school council and regional/provincial projects that promote parent support for their children's math learning at home and at school, as well as projects that support engagement of parents in fostering safe, inclusive and accepting schools.

Attached we have provided presentation decks that outline the purpose and application process for PRO Grants for school councils and regional/provincial projects. In the past, PIC Chairs/Co-Chairs have found these presentation decks useful to share with parent groups through workshops, information meetings/sessions, or via email, for example. For more information, please visit the [ministry website](#). If you have questions, please contact Ayn Posada, Senior Policy Advisor at 416-325-7774 / Ayn.Posada@ontario.ca.

Please note that the deadline for submitting a 2016-17 PRO Grant application is **Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 11:59 P.M. EST**. Applications must be completed and submitted online.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the PRO Grants program and for encouraging parent engagement in student learning and well-being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ruth Flynn", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ruth Flynn
Director
Inclusive Education Branch

cc. Regional Office Managers
Regional Education Officers – Parent Engagement Leads
Executive Assistants to Directors of Education

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2016-17 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

School Councils

February 2016

PARENT ENGAGEMENT IN ONTARIO

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Achieving Excellence: A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario, 2014 recognizes that parents are a key part of Ontario's success in education.

Parents who are engaged and actively involved in their children's learning make Ontario's great schools even stronger.

Over the past number of years, there have been more opportunities for parents to become engaged, both at the local and provincial level through **Ontario's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants**.



PARENTS REACHING OUT (PRO) GRANTS

What are Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants?

PRO Grants are designed to support parents in identifying barriers to parent engagement in their own community and to find local solutions to involve more parents in support of student achievement and well-being.

There are two types of PRO Grants:

- 1) **PRO Grants for School Councils** support projects that focus on engaging parents within their school community who may experience challenges in becoming involved in their children's learning.
- 2) **PRO Grants for Regional/Provincial Projects** enhance parent engagement to support student achievement and well-being in a region of the province or at the provincial level.

Visit the ministry website at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.HTML for more information on PRO Grants for School Councils and Regional/Provincial Projects.

WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS CAN BE FUNDED THROUGH PRO GRANTS?

Here are some project ideas!

- Workshops for parents to inspire their children to learn and love math
- Parent resources and workshops on mental health and well-being, cyber bullying and healthy living
- Programs to support Aboriginal learners and their families
- Information sessions on how parents can support student learning at home and at school
- Parent resources and tools in multiple languages

What school council projects were funded in the 2015-16 cycle?

English: http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/progrants_schools2015.pdf

French: http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/fr_progrants_schools2015.pdf

For examples of promising practices, visit

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/videos.html>.

APPLY NOW FOR A PRO GRANT!

How to apply for a PRO Grant for School Councils:

- 1) Visit the ministry website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/schools.html> to learn more!
- 2) If applying for a school council grant for the first time, please [register online](https://goo.gl/im5CWJ) at: <https://goo.gl/im5CWJ>.
- 3) Once you have registered, access the online application at: <http://education.factorial.ca>.
- 4) Work with your school council to develop your parent engagement project, including a budget proposal.
- 5) Complete and submit your application online.

2016-17 PRO Grant applications are open until **May 29, 2016, 11:59 P.M. EST.**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO APPLY

Who may apply?

- School councils of publicly-funded district school boards in Ontario.

What types of projects are eligible for funding?

- PRO Grants for School Councils are intended to support projects that help identify and remove barriers to parent engagement that may prevent some parents from fully participating in their children's learning.
- School councils are encouraged to work with their district school board's Parent Involvement Committee and other school councils to identify potential project opportunities.
- School councils may develop proposals individually, with other school councils, or with other groups in the school or in the community.
- When working in partnership with other school councils, each school council must submit its own application. Each school council is eligible for a maximum amount of \$1,000.
- There is an opportunity in the application form to indicate a partnering school.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN DEVELOPING YOUR PROPOSAL

Your proposal must focus on informing or engaging parents in support of student achievement and well-being. Projects may fall under the following categories:

- **Communication** – may include translation of documents into multiple/other languages, providing parents with information related to curriculum or other school-based initiatives
- **Geography** – reaching parents living in a larger or remote geographic area
- **Parents New to the System** – parents who have a child in school for the first time, have recently moved into the area, or have recently arrived as newcomers to Ontario
- **Overcoming Local Barriers** – identifying local barriers to parent engagement and finding local solutions to support more parents get involved
- **Other types of barriers**

Please ensure that you provide a detailed breakdown of your budget proposal.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN DEVELOPING YOUR PROPOSAL

Special consideration will be given to eligible projects from school councils that:

- 1) did not receive funding for 2015-16,
- 2) promote increased access and awareness of math strategies and resources for parents to support their children's learning at home and at school, or
- 3) support engagement of parents in fostering safe, inclusive and accepting schools.

Alignment with provincial priorities, such as:

- Aboriginal Education Strategy/First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy Framework
- Character Development
- Early Years
- English Language Learners
- Literacy
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Healthy Schools
- Safe, Inclusive and Accepting Schools
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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW – BUDGET

School councils may apply for a maximum grant of **\$1,000**.

Ineligible Project Costs or Activities

- Activities that have already taken place
- Payment to staff
- Cost of police background check
- Purchase of goods and services for which the Ministry provides funding
- Student-focused activities
- Capital items
- Portable/handheld devices such as tablets or laptops, unless devices are to be used as part of a parent lending library and the cost does not exceed 50% of the approved grant
- Computer software, online subscriptions, voice messaging systems, website maintenance, or software applications
- Entertainment activities
- Art mural projects, field trips
- School signs, announcement boards/screens
- Landscaping, creation or equipping of outdoor classrooms
- Refreshments **exceeding 15%** of the approved funding
- Advertising and promotion **exceeding 5%** of the approved funding
- Prizes or incentives to parents and/or students
- Lessons for parents
- Fundraising events

Grant approval is subject to the number of eligible applications received by the Ministry and available funding.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

The grants will be awarded through a provincial review process. Applicants will be notified by email about the results of their application.

If approved, school councils will:

- Be responsible for carrying out their project as outlined in the application
- Be required to implement their projects by **June 30, 2017.**
- Be required to complete a final report outlining project activities and expenditures by **July 15, 2017.**

QUESTIONS: WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Technical Support

SmartSimple Technical Support toll-free at 1-866-239-0991 or by email at support@smartsimple.com

Questions about PRO Grants

Please contact your Regional Office:

Barrie	(705) 725-7627	1-800-471-0713
London	(519) 667-1440	1-800-265-4221
Ottawa	(613) 225-9210	1-800-267-1067
Sudbury-North Bay	(705) 474-7210	1-800-461-9570
Thunder Bay	(807) 474-2980	1-800-465-5020
Toronto & Area	(416) 212-0954	1-800-268-5755

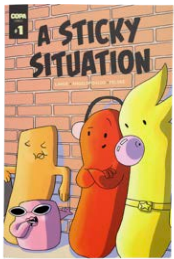
Parent and Community Engagement Office: PRO@ontario.ca

IN OTHER NEWS...NEW RESOURCES FOR PARENTS!



Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math

http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/parent_engagement-math/en/index.htm



We All Belong - A Sticky Situation

<https://infocopa.com/products/63-a-sticky-situation-new-?locale=en>



A Circle of Caring – A Multimedia Tool Kit for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Families, and Schools

<http://copahabitat.ca/en>

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How to apply for a PRO Grant for Regional/Provincial Projects:

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- 2) If applying for a regional/provincial grant for the first time, please [register online](https://goo.gl/bJp8Tl) at: <https://goo.gl/bJp8Tl>.
- 3) Once you have registered, access the online application at: <http://education.factorial.ca>.
- 4) Work with your organization to develop your parent engagement project, including a budget proposal.
- 5) Gather the necessary documents that will strengthen your application, including a letter of support from a district school board.
- 6) Complete and submit your application online.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO APPLY

Who may apply?

- Non-profit organizations operating in Ontario
- Parent groups operating in Ontario
- Publicly-funded district school boards operating in Ontario
- Post-secondary institutions in Ontario

What types of projects are eligible for funding?

Projects must enhance parent engagement in support of improved student achievement and well-being and must fall under **at least one** of the following areas:

- **Parents as Partners** – involve parents as partners in education
- **Welcoming District School Board and School Environment for All Parents** – designed to make all parents feel welcome and included
- **Skill-Building Opportunities for Parents** – provide parents with the knowledge, skills and tools they need to support student learning at home and at school
- **Enhancing Communication between School and Parents** – develop outreach initiatives to support parent engagement in their children's learning

Priority will be given to parent-led projects that have been developed in partnership with district school boards.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN DEVELOPING YOUR PROPOSAL

Your proposal must include how the project will:

- Meet a demonstrated need to support parent engagement in support of student achievement and well-being
- Involve parents in the development and implementation
- Promote collaboration between parents, schools and community organizations
- Promote parent leadership and build capacity to engage in their children's learning
- Potentially reach a large number of parents or how it can be adapted to other regions
- Be evaluated

Please ensure that you provide a detailed breakdown of your budget proposal.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN DEVELOPING YOUR PROPOSAL

Special consideration will be given to eligible projects that:

- 1) have not been previously funded under the PRO Grants program,
- 2) promote increased access and awareness of math strategies and resources for parents to support their children's learning at home and at school, or
- 3) support engagement of parents in fostering safe, inclusive and accepting schools.

Alignment with provincial priorities, such as:

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW – BUDGET

Organizations may apply for a maximum grant of **\$30,000**.

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- Payment to staff
- Cost of police background check
- Purchase of goods and services for which the Ministry provides funding
- Student-focused activities
- Computer software, online subscriptions, voice messaging systems, website maintenance or software applications
- Capital costs
- Portable/handheld devices such as tablets or laptops
- Refreshments **exceeding 15%** of the approved funding
- Advertising and promotion costs **exceeding 5%** of the approved funding
- Speaker fees or honoraria **exceeding 40%** of the approved funding (including speakers' travel costs)
- Operational costs
- Purchase of items that would be given to parents which are not directly related to the workshop, seminar or home application to support their children's learning
- Honoraria for parents
- Out of province travel
- Debts or financial losses that result from a project

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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

- The grants will be awarded through a provincial review process.
- Applicants will be notified by email about the results of their application.
- All reporting requirements for previously funded PRO Grant projects must be met prior to funding of 2016-17 projects.

If approved, applicants will:

- Enter into an agreement with the ministry.
- Be required to implement their projects by **August 15, 2017**.
- Be required to complete an interim and final report outlining project activities and expenditures:
 - Interim report is due **February 28, 2017**.
 - Final report is due **August 31, 2017**.

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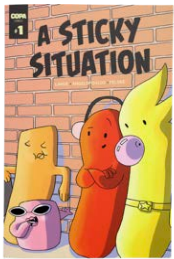
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