



Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee

Thursday, February 27, 7:00 pm
Dogwood Room, Norfolk School Support Centre
227 Main Street South, Waterford ON N0E 1Y0

MINUTES

Chair: Brent Howard

Recorder: Valerie Slawich

1. **Welcome and Introductions** **T.Waldschmidt**

Eva Dixon, John Forbeck, Shawn McKillop, Tom Waldschmidt, Nancy Waldschmidt, Verna Millington, Brent Howard, Kevin Wilson, Holly Knill-Horvath, Rod Bowers, Ronda Nix, Melissa Betts, Melissa Mummery, Wayne Smith, David Lloyd, Ray Nutley, Mariette Havens, Jodi Flisak, Nadine Adlam, Rachelle Lambert
2. **Election of Chair** **J.Forbeck**
Bylaw 8 was reviewed and John explained that the Chair must be a parent, but cannot be a Trustee. Brent Howard was nominated, and was acclaimed as Chair of GEPIC. He will replace the out-going Chair Tom Waldschmidt.
3. **Minutes** **B.Howard**
 - 3.1. Approval of Minutes
 - 3.1.1. David Lloyd moved to accept the minutes; Tom Waldschmidt seconded
 - 3.2. Business Arising from Minutes
 - 3.2.1. None
4. **Financial Report** **B.Howard**
 - 4.1. There is \$7,527.05 remaining in a general account. An update was provided on the PROGrants for various schools.
5. **Updates from the Board Table** **E.Dixon/T.Waldschmidt**
Eva Dixon visited Banbury School for “Reading Rocks” and participated in reading to grade 1 students. GELA had an art show; Lynwood Arts Centre in Simcoe is showing the art. Onondaga-Brant celebrated their 50th anniversary today. A time capsule was opened and was fascinating for all to see. The school will make plans to replant the capsule for another few decades.
6. **Director’s Update** **J.Forbeck**
Grand Erie District School Board has moved away from First Class to Microsoft Outlook. Principals will be speaking with School Council Chairs about new email accounts. Single-track French Immersion plans are underway for the Brantford area; ARC is being held in Haldimand for Secondary Schools; and the School Year Calendar for 2014-15 is in the early stages of development.
7. **GEPIC Chair’s Update** **Chair**
 - 7.1. PIC Symposium is in Toronto on April 25th and 26th. Two parent members can attend, all related expenses are covered, as mentioned in the Memo. The deadline for registration is April 21st. Information was included in the Agenda Package.
8. **Presentation**
 - 8.1. FSL Framework **B.Blancher**
~deferred~

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9. Planning, Discussion and Sharing..... S.McKillop

9.1. GEPIC Sponsored Event March 29 and April 16

Sample posters were distributed for comment/input. Licensed daycare will be available for young children and older children will have fun events planned. Transportation will be provided. The March 29th session will be held at Waterford District High School. Shawn will confirm Branlyn School for the April 16th session. GEPIC members have expressed their interest in participating/volunteering at the events.

9.2. Draft Application Form

A Subcommittee was formed – Holly Knill, Nancy Waldschmidt, Verna Millington, and Brent Howard will solidify a group then the form will be sent out. In the future, consideration for funding will be reviewed in November of each school year.

10. School Council Updates – Activities/Learning Connections

Updates were postponed due to time restrictions

11. Other Business

Ronda sits on Mental Health Steering Committee as the GEPIC Rep. GEDSB is a leader in school boards in Mental Health. The Summit for Children and Youth Mental Health is in Toronto on April 3rd and 4th. Ronda has asked if GEPIC would cover conference costs of \$675 total (or \$1250 for 2 parents to attend). Shawn will send out an email for a parent to join Ronda.

T.Waldschmidt moved that GEPIC will cover the conference costs; Kevin Wilson seconded. Passed by majority.

12. Future Meeting Dates: May 29, 2014