



## Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee

January 19, 2017, 6:30 pm  
Dogwood Room, Waterford District High School

*Chair: Brent Howard*

*Recorder: Valerie Slawich*

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting
8. Other Business
- 8.1. No New Business
9. Dates 2016-2017
- 9.1. March 23, 2017; May 11, 2017