



Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee

March 10, 2016, 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. Present: David Dean, Sarah Nichol, Nancy Waldschmidt, Tom Waldschmidt, Rita Collver, Linda De Vos, Shawn McKillop, Brent Howard, Sheila Slood
Regrets: Brenda Blancher, Verna Millington, Holly Knill-Horvath
2. Minutes B. Howard
 - 2.1. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.1.1. (8.1.1) change name of book to read "Beyond the Bake Sale"; add any reported "Regrets" to the Minutes
 - 2.1.2. Tom Waldschmidt moved to approve the minutes; Sarah Nichol seconded
~ carried
 - 2.2. Business Arising from Minutes
 - 2.2.1. none
3. Financial Report L. De Vos
 - 3.1. Financial Update
 - 3.1.1. Twenty-Five schools were awarded GEPIC grants valued at \$4100, which brings the account to a zero balance.
4. Updates from the Board Table J. Harris/T. Waldschmidt
 - 4.1. Education Week – Gala at Sanderson Centre on April 27th 11:30 am – 1:00 pm; Art Soup at JBLC on April 20th; Art Soup at WDHS April 21st all day.
5. Director's Update L. De Vos
 - 5.1. Director Blancher sends her apologies for missing this meeting, and her thanks to Superintendent De Vos for attending as her designate. Planning for next year is gearing up with staffing considerations and budget planning, and plans for year-end celebrations are underway. Highlights since our last meeting: on February 22nd we honoured our first Student Recognition Award recipients, and look forward to celebrating more. We are at the stakeholder stage of the MYP development – information was sent to all GEPIC members on February 24th. On February 11th Brenda attended 'Mind over Metal', a welding camp at VHSS that was funded by the Canadian Welding Association to expose grade 8 students to a skilled trade. The Brant North ARC report was presented to trustees on February 7th, and we will be embarking on a South East Norfolk ARC on March 22nd at Lynndale School. Director Blancher is very active on social media, check out the her blog, Grand Connections – you can find the link here - [Grand Connections | Director's Blog](#); or follow her on Twitter @brenblanch
 - 5.2. Bylaw 8 Terms of Reference Update
 - 5.2.1. Round table discussion; recommendations will be given to Director Blancher for review prior to taking the report to Board.
6. GEPIC Chair's Update B. Howard
 - 6.1. Annual Symposium will be discussed under 7.3
7. Planning, Discussion and Sharing S. McKillop



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- 7.1. Orientation Session – new date has been set - April 6, 2016, Branlyn 6:15 pm
 - 7.1.1. The agenda for the evening was reviewed and clarified.
 - 7.2. GEPIC Grants – Awarded
 - 7.2.1. Twenty-Five schools were awarded GEPIC grants valued at \$4100
 - 7.3. PIC Symposia 2016 – Saturday April 16, 8:30 – 4:00; information will be sent out along with the Orientation Session email; we can send up to (7) participants; Brent Howard will coordinate attendees.
 - 7.4. Parent Reaching Out Grants 2016-2017 have been announced – the final submission date is May 29, 2016.
8. Other Business
- 8.1. Trustee Collver presented the Family of Schools (FOS) model for parent engagement: one parent from each school within a FOS group attends one FOS meeting that includes the FOS Superintendent and the Principals within that group. This meeting could be held as a joint School Council meeting in the evening or at a regularly scheduled monthly FOS meeting. Superintendent De Vos will be take this as an agenda item to Executive Council.
9. Dates 2015-2016
- 9.1. May 19, 2016