

W.C. Eaket School Council Year End Report 2011-2012

WCE School Council had sixteen (16) members this year: Parent Reps -Charlene Pellarin, Tammy Tarantini (secretary), Dianne Trivers, Carol Gordon, Kathleen McCoy, Loretta MacLeod, Cindy Goyton-Lipinski, Brad Dumencu, Sue McRae (chair); Lydia Roy (communications); Marlene Bruneau (Vice-chair, Mississauga First Nation Rep, Community Rep), Serpent River First Nation Rep.-Karel Grant; Student Rep. -Jared Bissaillion; Teacher Reps. - Kim Lidstone; Non-Teaching Rep. -Shelley Shamas; Administration - Sheila Nyman, Principal.

Council activities have included:

- Creating a new school website as a one-stop sources of all information for parents/guardians/students including links to keep&share calendar of events, school council minutes, school generated newsletters and information, and other pertinent websites including the Algoma District School Board and Ontario Ministry of Education
- Discussed and made recommendations regarding a number of issues brought to school council table including safety (bullying, parking lot concerns), student smoking at school entrance, healthy eating and school cafeterias, improving school-parent/guardian information exchange, and effects of declining enrollment on the education experience of Eaket students
- Successfully advocated for videoconferencing of fall PIC workshop and institution of Second Term parent-teacher night
- Responded to results of School Climate survey via discussions with WCE principal and made recommendations to ADSB for future surveys
- Provided input on 2012-13 school year calendar
- Continued to forward pertinent information to parents/guardians via email list
- Supported Grade 8 transition via participation at Grade 8 Information Night, shared new website information with students and families and organized Family BBQ in conjunction with student services staff;
- hosted presentations by:
 - Wayne Berthelot - OPP Community Services Officer to discuss Internet safety awareness and concerns
 - Dorcas Doran, Algoma Family Services – regarding Three P Parenting Program for parents of teenagers and program to be offered in Blind River I the fall of 2012;
 - Promoted program at Grade 8 BBQ; information will be distributed to Eaket parents/guardians in early fall
- Completed annual People for Education survey
- Some members of council participated in PIC committee videoconference

My sincere thanks are extended to school council members and all W.C. Eaket staff for their time, interest and support of our students, school and school council.

All parents and guardians of W.C. Eaket students are invited to join school council next fall - 6:30 p.m., Monday, September 17 to learn more about WCE, and have input into what is happening in education.

Sue McRae, WCE School Council chair 2011-2012