



Algoma District School Board Parent Involvement Committee

Meeting of October 16, 2023 (Microsoft Teams/In-Person)

ATTENDANCE	
Present:	Lucia Reece, Shelley Yokota, Rose Linklater, Marie Murphy-Foran, Cassandra Nielson, Carrie Vaz, Ellie McGoldrick, Vitra Bishop,
Regrets:	Ashley Champagne, Amber Brown
WELCOME/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	
Call to Order /Welcome	6:37
Review of Agenda	Moved by: Seconded by: Minutes: Moved by: Carrie Vaz Seconded: Shelley Yokota
CHAIR REPORT:	ACTIONS/DECISIONS/FOLLOW-UP
1. Rose Linklater	- Welcome - Communication received re PRO grant from an organization; seemed more like an advertisement for an educational resource group looking to advertise; will not respond (note: we do not use the term PRO grant anymore, so source is questionable)
SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORTS:	
1. Director Lucia Reece	- Building a new school in Blind River, happy to get the shovels in the ground – unique situation with sharing a facility between boards and programming – hoping for a 2026 completion - Busy PD days – school improvement plans using data from multiple sources and focus on many of our math priority schools - Progress reports home - Grade 8 to 9 transitions happening soon
2. Trustee Marie Murphy-Foran	Trustees are excited for a new school and the data collection for school improvement plans
OLD BUSINESS	
Parent Seminar	Robin Hanley-Dafoe presentation was a success, she was warm and welcoming – good attendance, some school councils came together to view. At least 50 links – some of which could have been many people viewing together

	Robin will be coming back for the April PD day for staff
NEW BUSINESS	
Parent Engagement Funds	School council parent engagement funds information went out
Chairs teleconference	- Monday, January 15, 2024 – send invite to chairs or alternate, they RSVP with questions they may have - Role of PIC vs School Council, Role of Chair, Spring Workshop – to be topics
Meeting Format	Who prefers Virtual vs In Person?
Parent information newsletter	- The To-PIC – for parents to be able to get information about topics parents are curious about - Next one: study skills, EQAO links?, mental health supports, school councils can gather topics from elementary and secondary – topics reflecting what is happening in the school year - Spring: Summer school and reach ahead
ROUND TABLE	
	Questions: Reach Ahead for FI students – is there a date for reach ahead opportunities? Lucia advised this was just finalized today, will be coming out soon When do high schools start planning summer school options (specifically CHV/GLC in French)? Usually April -May; also a lot of eLearning opportunities and there has been greater uptake in the past two years MyBlueprint – how can parents be more involved? It was suggested to ask your Principal; School Council could decide and communicate with them your interest about being a part of that process; Rose reminded that a Council could use parent engagement funds to host such a session
ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING	
Adjournment @7:12 pm	Next meeting: February 5, 2024 6:30-7:30 (Chair meeting in January) April 8, 2024 6:30-7:30(to plan spring workshop May 13)