

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

The committee met on April 4, 2016 and reports as follows.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Denise Durnan and Elizabeth Ward (Committee Co-chairpersons), Trustee Jaine Klassen Jeninga, Kerri Bath, , Carolyn McColl, , Angela Ronco, Annette Simpson, Jim Treen, Becky Tzagadouris, John Vickers and Marie Visser.

Also Present: Gloria Tompkins, Principal Assistant to the Superintendent – Program, Kerry Zinkiewich, Instructional Leadership Consultant and Greg Kidd (Manager – Corporate Affairs).

Regrets: Chandra Reader, Aaron Huizinga, W.R. (Rusty) Hick (Director of Education)

**Innovation in the Classroom**

Gloria Tompkins, Principal Assistant to the Superintendent – Program and Kerry Zinkiewich, Instructional Leadership Consultant, provided a broad overview of a number of innovative practices in use to support student engagement in the classroom.

Focused on unique and new uses of technology in the classroom, some of the highlighted areas that were discussed included: robotics programs within elementary schools, students exploring basic computer coding applications, and the variety of platforms (visual/digital) that teachers and students are using to research and present information.

**Parent Survey**

G. Kidd reviewed preliminary data from the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) survey that offers parents/guardians the opportunity to share feedback and information regarding parent involvement activities.

The survey remains available online for another week, and a final communication push was discussed to raise awareness of its availability.

**Annual Trustee/School Council Dialogue**

The committee discussed this year's annual Trustee/School Council Dialogue. Supported by the parent involvement committee, this year's event will take place May 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., Dalewood Golf and Curling Club. Two parent members from each school are invited to the dialogue, and the committee discussed the possibility of the student-led #propositivity@KPR bullying prevention program as a possible keynote presentation. The committee also noted the importance and value of informal table conversations and networking between attendees and Trustees/administration at this event.

2016 Annual Parent Conference Planning

G. Kidd provided an update on continued planning for the fall 2016 annual parent conference.

Taking place on October 15, 2016, this conference rotates location by region each year, and provides workshop opportunities for parents on issues of common concern in education. This year's conference is scheduled for the Northumberland region, (Cobourg Collegiate Institute) and planning has focused on continuing the broad theme of Healthy Children, including youth mental health supports.

Parent Involvement Corner- School Newsletters

G. Kidd also shared a sampling of a number of brief pre-packaged articles that have been developed and included within school newsletters that highlight the board's mental health strategy (Minds Matter@KPR) and provide resources for parents to support their children.

Denise Durnan and Elizabeth Ward  
Co-chairpersons