



Algoma District School Board Parent Involvement Committee

Meeting of February 5, 2024 (Microsoft Teams)

ATTENDANCE	
Present:	Lucia Reece, Shirley Yun, Marie Murphy-Foran, Sarah Constable (Staff Guest), Allison Vecchio (Guest Principal), Cassandra Nielsen, Carrie Vaz, Jen DaCosta, Rose Linklater, Ashley Champagne, Sarah MacMichael, Andrea Zavitz, Rachel Tatasciore, Vitra Bishop,
Regrets:	
WELCOME/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	
Call to Order /Welcome	6:33pm
Review of Agenda	Moved by: Cassandra Nielsen Seconded by: Shirley Yun
CHAIR REPORT:	ACTIONS/DECISIONS/FOLLOW-UP
1. Rose Linklater	Welcome Chair teleconference, three people - not enough interest - Rose can do a one-on-one for any chairs wanting to reach out.
SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORTS:	
1. Director Lucia Reece	- Kick off to second semester - Preparing for report cards to go out from JK - grade 12
2. Trustee Marie Murphy-Foran	

OLD BUSINESS	
Approval of Minutes (Nov. 20/23)	Moved by: Cassandra Nielsen Seconded by: Vitra Bishop
NEW BUSINESS	
Presentations: 1. Transition Guide Sarah Constable - Transition for grade 8s to grade 9 2. Parents' Report Card Guide Allison Vecchio - Elementary Principal	- Working with teams provincially to ease way into secondary school ADSB pathways team - supporting grade 8 teams to move students into grade nine programs across the board - My BluePrint (online planning for students from grade 7-12) - mentioned in Transition Guide (available online) for parents and students to plan pathway from elementary into secondary, post-secondary and into life - Parents can access My BluePrint – Students, teachers and caregivers all have their own accounts. Students must approve guardian sign in. - Question around whether parents always approve course selection and it was shared that there is a bypass option for students to select; most teachers encourage the inclusion of an email for parent/guardian - It was asked if there is a listing on the platform of all the courses you can possibly take with ADSB, from grades 9-12 to plan for a long-term pathway; it was noted that some schools have school specific sheets, but on the platform, it's all through drop down menus as we offer different courses/pathways at schools and one large list can be overwhelming for students - It was shared that not all specialized programs are listed in the Guide, as not all programs are offered at all schools, so they are not all listed, depending on the school and program. - Please refer to two-page guide attached to meeting email - Changes: Kindergarten - only comments 1-8 comments and marks with learning skills as first page - New * p2 K, p3 1-8 Early Reading Screening - not implemented until Sept 2024 - Different levels, percentages and letter grades definitions and meaning - One mark in both math and language - not broken down into categories anymore - Parent feedback important for educators Questions and Feedback: - Paper copy or electronic? Both

	• Welcome to send more feedback at anytime • Report cards go out the week of the Feb 12th • How can we engage parents to discuss report cards? Parent interviews, Edsby messages, phone call, email - can discuss at school council for their specific parents - host an event, use school grant funds • Can parents have a reminder of when report cards go out and how to view them in Edsby?
Spring Workshop May 13, 2024	Decision needed by April 8 meeting (large group decision - topic and location) and then planning committee). Possible workshop topics: • Transition Guide/something for younger students/something for Sr. Students • UFLI - Early Literacy • Trades trailer • Recess engagement • 7-12 study habits • Different stations (Carousel) • School Councils • Opportunities for student leadership • Preplanning for grade 6 into grade 7: K-8 vs 7-12 school info • Send more ideas to Rose It was suggested to have gym open for kids to use as caregivers attend event or child care event; need to explore this further. Lucia and Rose will compile a form for PIC members to vote on top 4 topics.
ROUND TABLE	
	• Request to Ministry to add classrooms to some of our schools that are nearing or at capacity
ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING	
Adjournment @ 7:38 pm	Next Meeting April 8, 2024 6:30 pm