

Greater Essex County District School Board
GECPIC
Tuesday, October 25, 2011 - 7:00pm
Location - Board Office – Kingsville Room

Minutes

Attendance

Sheet was distributed for sign in.

Agenda

Motion to accept Agenda as Amended

Approved by: Kelly Schwab

Seconded by: Armand Matte

Previous Minutes

Approved by: Kathleen Westlake

Seconded by: Armand Matte

Welcome: Jamie de l'Eveille welcomed our guests from the Ontario College of Teachers; Michael Salvatori, Ruth Anne Penny and Rob Ryan.

- Michael Salvatori, Registrar and Chief Executive Officer and Ruth Anne Penny spoke with us about what the college does and how the college regulates the practice of teaching in Ontario. They also license teachers to teach in the publicly funded elementary and secondary education system in Ontario. A hand out was distributed and a power point presentation was reviewed explaining many aspects of the education system as a whole.

Chair's Report: - Jamie de l'Eveille

- Jamie welcomed all of the new and past Chair's to the new school year.
- He mentioned that there will be three different Family of School's going through the PARC process this year; Forster – including Century, Herman and Kingsville.
- The fall workshop focusing on Student Achievement will be held on Sat. Nov. 5/11. The program department will be our partners in this workshop. Registration packages were sent to all schools and are available tonight. The due date is October 28, 2011. It will be held at Tecumseh Vista Academy in Tecumseh (11665 Shields St). Century will be catering this event.

Directors Report: - Warren Kennedy

- Welcome to all Chairs, Trustee Kim McKinley and Principal Todd Awender.
- The Director explained the difference between an ARC (Accommodation Review Committee) and a PARC (Program Accommodation Review Committee). He mentioned that the PARC's will not officially start until the New Year but a

community information night will happen in the next few weeks for each family of schools.

- The Director reviewed what GECPIC is/does; guidelines, bylaws, roles and responsibilities and reviewed the Executive positions. These are all in the agenda package. He wanted to make sure that everyone knew that we are focusing on Parent Engagement and are looking into many different ways to bring this to the schools and councils.
- Parent Involvement in Schools: *View their participation as a requirement of parenting. *More likely to be involved if they believe their actions will improve learning and academic performance. *How do we motivate those that aren't involved, get involved.
- The Director discussed what we as GECPIC will be working on with Parent Engagement. How to help parents with helping their children learn.

Executive Elections: M. LeBoeuf put up the interested parents on the screen and the following parents were elected for the Executive: Karen Seguin – Princess Elizabeth; Jamie de l'Eveille – Taylor; Katrina Elchami – Roseland/Massey; Cindy Mitchell – Century; Armand Matte – Talbot Trail; Gene Myers – Hugh Beaton and Kelly Schwab – Riverside.

Principal's Report – Todd Awender

A slide show of the great things going on within our schools was presented. The following schools were highlighted: DM Eagle, Jack Miner, Forster, Kennedy, Hugh Beaton, Coronation, Ecole Bellewood, Belle River P.S., Harrow Senior P.S. and Prince Edward.