

## **GREATER ESSEX COUNTY PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (GECPIC)**

**Tuesday, October 23, 2012 ❖ 7:00 p.m. ❖ Board Office-Kingsville Room**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:** Sign in sheet was distributed.

**AGENDA:** Motion to accept agenda made by Kelly Schwab and seconded by Gene Myers.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion to accept previous minutes made by Cindy Mitchell and seconded by Kelly Schwab

**An announcement was made that OSSTF was unable to attend the meeting.**

**In Sport We Are One by Sharon Seslija.**

- Promotes healthy living through physical activities and healthy nutrition habits.
- The program wants to position all residents to become the healthiest jurisdiction in Ontario.
- One program with 5 steps.
  - Online pledge to be activated in January.
  - Playground to Podium - Curriculum activities with Grade 7 & 8 leadership recruitment.
  - Child Health Passport - Online tracking tool with an incentive and recognition point system program with educational learning tools built in.
  - Junior Ambassador Program and Athlete Ambassador Program.
  - International Children's Games Day - rebranding of track and field days.
- Projected Outcomes
  - Involving all school communities in the City of Windsor as well as Essex County.
  - Every child will be able to participate.

**Hold and Secure: Communicating with Community by Superintendent Pyke**

- A presentation regarding policies and procedures for notifying parents in an emergency situation such as when the school needs to be locked down.
- Many possible scenarios for consideration were put forward including the following:
  - Contacting the media such as radio and television
  - Texting
  - Staging area outside of area of danger with school partnering with other community buildings such as libraries and churches
  - Colored papers in windows denoting different situations
  - Call parent council chairs to co-ordinated some of the activities.
  - Planning and drills for preparedness.

**Update on Mental Health Nurses by Superintendent Pyke**

- The GECDSB will be receiving 2 mental health nurses.
- They are actually employed by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry is still in the hiring process.

- Community partners and the school board will determine the nurses duties.

**OSSTF Update by J. Brosseau and M. Hradowy**

- Jeff and Martha were unavailable.
- The OSSTF have until December 31st to bargain on local issues.
- The teachers do not want students involved in the protesting.

**Director's Report: Warren Kennedy**

- GECPIC has received a \$19,000 grant to support school councils.
- GECDSB is involved in a study with Dr. Ken Leithwood to find ways to engage parents who are not typically engaged. Five boards are participating in the study.
- The November GECPIC Workshop is on Saturday, October 27. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.
- Handouts from the October 4th Meet and Greet were made available.
- The Board will continue to monitor student safety.
- Elementary Report Cards Comments Section: Letter will be sent home by the Director explaining why report cards may be incomplete.
- The Board has lost funding for a lot of activities because of Bill 115.
- Bill 115 has changed:
  - Hiring practices.
  - Diagnostic testing will be left to the teacher's professional judgement.

**Chair's Report: Jamie del'Eveille**

- Jamie reviewed the budget with GECPIC.

**QUESTIONS:**

- Do we need to buy school council insurance? If you have supervision by the principal and/or teachers at your event, even if it is offsite, you DO NOT need to buy the insurance.

**Motion to adjourn made by Kelly Schwab and seconded by Patty Huffstetler.**