

Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee  
**Tuesday, February 23, 2016**

7:00 p.m.

West Gate Public School  
 1275 Campbell, Windsor

**AGENDA**

- 7:00 pm        **Welcome** – Jamie del’Eveille
- Attendance** – An attendance sheet will be distributed
- Approval of the Agenda and Approval of Minutes**
- 7:05 pm        **Parenting and Family Literacy Centres**  
 Parenting and Family Literacy Centres offer parents/caregivers and their children from birth to 6 years old an opportunity to learn and play together in five of our GECDSB schools. Details of the activities and resources offered through our PFLCS will be shared by the PFLC co-ordinator and PFLC facilitators. The Parenting and Family Literacy Centres provide many family’s a first chance to be part of the GECDSB learning community.
- 7:20 pm        **Mental Health Strategic Plan Update**  
 The Mental Health Strategic Plan aligns with our GECDSB Strategic Plan in setting direction for the board. By sharing this plan and consulting with GECPIC on the plan, we hope to reduce the stigma, promote our programs and services and hear the parent’s voice.
- 7:35 pm        **Chair’s Report**
- 7:45 pm        **Director’s Report** – Erin Kelly
- 7:55 pm        **Principal Report** – C. Mills
- 8:05 pm        **Council Corner** - Available grant monies/grant writing – C. De Turrís
- 8:10 pm        **Q and A**

**GECPIC 2015-2017 Executive**

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**2015-2016 Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

# Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 - 7:00 pm  
Vincent Massey Secondary School - Library,  
1800 Liberty St, Windsor, ON

## MEETING MINUTES

**ATTENDANCE:** Sign in sheet distributed.

### Schools Represented:

Southwood (1)	Glenwood (1)	Westview (2)	Central (2)
Forest Glade (1)	DM Eagle (1)	Massey (3)	Kingsville DHS (1)
Gordon McGregor (1)	Kingsville PS (2)	Walkerville (1)	Giles Campus (1)
West Gate (1)	Tecumseh Vista (1)	Centennial Central (1)	

**AGENDA:** Motion to approve agenda made by Marilyn Upricher and seconded by Beverlee Lachine.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion to approve previous minutes made by Beverlee Lachine and seconded by Michelle Hedge.

**“GECCSB Math Vision”** - Tina De Castro, *Brenda DelDuca, Chris Knight, Tracey Savage*

- Purpose: to move math learning forward, vision for the future.
- Quick small group discussions on what does it mean to do math, be good at math, student's perception.
- Math basics are taught - drill and memory, but the curriculum should improve math literacy.
- 5 criteria: procedural fluency, conceptual understanding, adaptive reasoning, strategic competence positive disposition - most important role for parents.
- The challenge is to find which way each child learns.
- 5 steps: estimates are important, complete question and record solution, explain, does it make sense, draw representation.
- Exercise in groups (what do the following have in common) - all persevered and overcame failure.
- Mindset quiz: relates to a productive disposition.
- A mindset is an attitude that determines how we respond to a difficult situation (Fixed and Growth Mindset)
- Resource: Mindset, The New Psychology of Success by Carol S. Dweck, Phd.
- As parents, we can assist in building a productive disposition. Share real life experience.
- Handout- “Ready to Use Resources of Mindsets in the Classroom” - every principal received one.

**“Family Math/Casino themed night”** - *Anna Mastronardi, principal, Centennial Central Public School*

- Applied for Parents Reaching Out Grant, received \$700 and used it to put on a family game night with a casino theme.
- No winning or losing, prizes and gift bags handed out.
- Best attended learning night in 20 years.
- Some food was donated by school.

- Slide show presented with pictures of games played.

**“Student Success”** - *Jason Lynn*

- Presentation on what should be the focus to help students succeed.
- John Hattie did a comprehensive study on what makes a difference in education - a student's expectation of themselves.
- Poor fixed mindset, doesn't improve, growth mindset - Resilience.
- Praise effective effort.
- When children make mistakes, our reaction is important.

**“Math Task Force”** - *Heidi Horn-Olivito, teacher consultant*

- Data collection, surveys, interviews, classroom visits.
- Collecting an array of data, most schools are represented, survey closes January 30.
- Results will be part of the Math Task Force report.

**“Ontario College of Teachers”** - *Joe Jamieson, Cathy Anstead*

- Regulatory Body of teachers, established in 1996.
- A self-regulatory body acting in the public interest.
- Anyone who teaches in publicly funded education, 250,000 members.
- Ontario Certified Teacher.
- Find a teacher function on Website explained.
- Additional qualifications explained.
- Recently focused on Duty to Report, Learning in a Safe Environment, Public Awareness Initiative.
- Encouraged GECPIC to subscribe to the Standard.
- Speakers Bureau explained (criteria must be met).
- Initiative to inform the broader community ie. baby shows.
- Contact info: [www.oct.ca](http://www.oct.ca)
- [info@oct.ca](mailto:info@oct.ca)

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

- Meeting to adjourn without Principal's report or Director's report because of lengthy presentations.
- Conference May 26-27.
- April workshop planning in progress.
- next GECPIC meeting to be held at West Gate.

**Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Johnson and seconded by Michelle Hedge**