

Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee
Tuesday, April 26, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Essex District High School
 244 Talbot North, Essex

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 **School Tour**
- 7:35 pm **Edsby – Home School Connection**
 Superintendent John Howitt will be presenting an overview, introduction and timelines for “Edsby”. Edsby is a digital Learning Management System which is in process of being phased in to schools. It encompasses electronic attendance, digital classroom, electronic assessment tools, digital binder, group communication, school and classroom news, events, group communication and parent portal capabilities. Edsby can be accessed through the browser and/or through Edsby Android and iOS apps. The GECDSB continues to work toward a goal of having students, parents/guardians and staff going to as few places possible with as few logins and passwords as possible to build the home school connection.
- 8:05 pm **Chair’s Report**
- 8:15 pm **Director’s Report** – Erin Kelly
- 8:25 pm **Principal Report** – C. Mills
- 8:35 pm **Council Corner** - Available grant monies/grant writing – C. De Turris
- 8:45 pm **Q and A**

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2015-2016 Meeting Dates - Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

7:00 pm

Westgate Public School
1275 Campbell Windsor, ON

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Sign in sheet distributed.

Schools Represented:

Southwood (1)	Westview (3)	MD Bennie (1)	Forest Glade (1)
John Campbell (1)	Gordon McGregor (1)	West Gate (3)	Glenwood (1)
Giles Campus (1)	Sandwich Secondary (1)	Talbot Trail (1)	

AGENDA: Motion to approve agenda made by Armand Matte and seconded by Beverlee Lachine.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion to approve previous minutes made by Cindi Lafond and seconded by Kim del'Eveille

Regrets from Director Kelly, Katrina Elchami, Sarah Gall and Gene Meyers

“Family Literacy Centres” - Gail Tester,

- Presentation on the program that allows children to become familiar to school. Runs like kindergarten (birth to 6 years)
- Big piece is the parent engagement; relationships that can be built in PFLC continues to grow through the years
- Jocelyn brought her baby to Campbell, had her oldest son in the school. He met 4 friends that he now goes to school with, helped him learn the school routine. She also met moms that were involved in school council and became involved this way.
- Child engagement and play based learning
- Video played.
- Parent Welcome bags were passed out
- Questions: difference between OEY and PFLC is funding OEY municipal, PFLC board.

“ Mental Health Strategic Plan Update” - Dr. Sharon Pyke

- Plan is handed in every year
- seeking to reduce the stigma and increase mental health literacy; deal with crisis with kids and well being
- Suicide intervention with Secondary Students - “Safe talk”, how do we spot/help a friend, what are the signs. Give kids the confidence to say “are you thinking of ending your life?”
- Maryville hospital - What do kids coming out need? 6 questions ex. what are your triggers?
- Wellness clubs in Secondary Schools - not only about mental illness also about well being
- questions about confidentiality taken, depends of school culture
- Mindfulness, meditation - all staff has the opportunity to learn about it. Action and Reaction
- mental health seminars are on You Tube.
- Suggestion made to put link on Facebook.
- Roots of Empathy - Public Health Nurses are the facilitators
- Transition to school for kids with anxiety program

- CCAC nurses to assist with addiction help in Secondary Students and meds after hospital stay
- App just launched with Leamington hospital
- Comments:
 - 1) hospital/crisis binder
 - 2) start focus on younger (elementary) kids ie. Peer support
 - 3) term bullying is overused but programming to address grades 1 - 3?
- healthy mindset eliminates bullying
- program implementation slow moving but progress has been made

“Chair’s Report” - *Jamie del’Eveille*

- February 4th was Roads to Freedom Black History ceremonies based on local history, wonderfully attended by Board Trustees
- Grade 8 students career cruising started by grade 9 courses
- New Canadian ceremony represented 17 countries, Lego collection for Syrian refugees
- Kindergarten registration went well across the room
- DM Eagle had taco day this week
- Pink Shirt day for anti-bullying
- Carnival was held at Westgate Public
- PIC symposium in London on April 16th

“Director’s Report” - *Dr. Sharon Pyke*

- located on Board website

“Principal’s Report” - *Chris Mills*

- EDSBY hand out/ press release regarding new Parent Portal, website explains
- Compliments Office 365
- will be slowly rolled out in Spring
- Teachers will start with attendance

“Council Corner” - *Christa De Turris*

- handout on possible grants for school councils to apply for.
- DM Eagle applied to TD Friends for outdoor classroom and S’cool Life for Learning Through the Arts.

Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Johnson and seconded by Bobbi-Lynn Simpson