

**Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee**  
**Tuesday, April 26, 2016 7:00 pm Essex District High School 244 Talbot North, Essex**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:** Sign in sheet distributed.

**SCHOOLS REPRESENTED**

MD Bennie (2)  
Glenwood  
Forest Glade  
Queen Victoria

DM Eagle  
Kingsville PS/Kingsville DHS  
West Gate  
Talbot Trail/Westview

Essex DHS

**WELCOME:** Jamie del'Eveille - thank you to Principal Mike Hawkins and council chair June DeVries

**AGENDA:** Motion to approve agenda made by Michelle Hedge and seconded by Cindy Kershaw.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion to approve previous minutes made by Armand Matte and seconded by Cindy Kershaw.

**Regrets from Gene Myers and Beverlee Lachine**

**School tour provided by student volunteers.**

**“EDSBY”** - *Superintendent John Howitt*

- software created by Ontario based company for grades K - 12.
- Student information system, mixture of a lot of things ie. learning management, parent portal, office 365
- will consolidate a lot of info and reduce the number of places people have to go to get information “one stop shop”
- Parent Portal - will be able to forward EDSBY notifications to email, attendance and grades, news, assignments, communication with school and teacher
- Cash online
- Parents will be invited to use through email
- School council chairs may have access to an account to post news
- Highlight - it does have groups and can have a school council group
- Edsby is 5 years old, manufacturers are still listening to suggestions and input
- All secondary schools use it for attendance, running really well.
- 2 elementary schools piloting. All elementary schools will be using it by the end of the year.
- Parent Portals up by Fall so that there is information for parents to see (let teachers start to use it first)
- Demonstration of EDSBY
- question from parent regarding teacher use - teachers are embracing it
- question from parent regarding security - very secure, issue will be passwords/digital responsibility, system belongs to Board and issues will be dealt with

- discussion regarding occasional teacher use

**Director's Report** - *Director Erin Kelly*

- 5 year strategic plan by Board of Trustees outlined in presentation available on website
- graduation rate 83%
- more special interests offered
- 23 students received grants to start businesses
- 10% increase expected in math
- Camp Wonder (3 sites)
- digital responsibility
- St. Clair College - fast track by getting credits in high school
- mental health seminar series
- Capital Projects i.e. Essex High school, Westgate
- 200,000 new solar panels
- 50 schools were certified by Eco Schools
- just received 44 million dollar for Kingsville High
- Special Olympic Banquet

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

- bylaws need to be reviewed/rewritten, looking to form subcommittee to be chaired by Chris Mills

**"Council Corner"** - *Christa De Turris*

- fundraising handout
- discussion regarding most effective fundraisers - read or walk a thon, better than selling products. best products to sell - cookie dough, kettle corn, pizza kits, hot lunches

**Motion to adjourn made by Cindy Kershaw and seconded by Bobbi-Lynn Simpson**