

# Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee



## 2015-2016 Annual Report

### GEGPIC 2015-2017 Executive

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#### MEETING DATES:

October 27, 2015 - Board Office - 451 Park Street West, Windsor

November 24, 2015 - Board Office - 451 Park Street West, Windsor

January 26, 2016 - Massey Secondary - 1800 Liberty, Windsor

February 23, 2016 - West Gate Public School - 1275 Campbell, Windsor

April 26, 2016 - Essex District High School - 244 Talbot North, Essex

May 24, 2016 - Westview Freedom Academy - 1375 California, Windsor

## **MEETING TOPICS/ PRESENTATIONS:**

### October 27, 2015 - **Board Office - 451 Park Street West, Windsor**

- What to expect as a new chair.
- Math Task Force – Principal Chris Mills
- Effective Communications – Reaching Your Audience – Public Relations Officer S. Scantlebury
- Strategic Plan – Director of Education Erin Kelly
- Executive Elections

### November 24, 2015 - **Board Office - 451 Park Street West, Windsor**

- Election for Vacant Seat
- How Parent Councils can support Kindergarten Registration and A Day in the Life
- Grade 8-9 Transition and WCCA Auditions
- School Climate Survey Results Update
- Motion referred from the Board of Trustees That it become a requirement for our GECPIC to have at least 1 meeting per year that includes invitations to trustees and the school principals.

### January 26, 2016 - **Massey Secondary - 1800 Liberty, Windsor**

The meeting sessions shared details of the GECSB Math Vision and shared some of the ways this vision is being implemented and supported, and highlighted the areas where parents can have significant positive impact on student learning. We also shared a number of activities that can be used at parent council meetings to build parent understanding of their potential impact on their child's learning.

The Ontario College of Teachers presentation provided an overview of the role and responsibilities of the College and explained its mandate of protecting the public interest by regulating the teaching profession.

### February 23, 2016 - **West Gate Public School - 1275 Campbell, Windsor**

#### **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

## April 26, 2016 - Essex District High School - 244 Talbot North, Essex

### **School Tour of Essex District High School - Superintendent John Howitt**

#### **Edsby – Home School Connection**

Superintendent John Howitt presented 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 GECD SB 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.

## May 24, 2016 - Westview Freedom Academy - 1375 California, Windsor

### **School Council - Financial Reporting And School Cash On-Line - Kathy Dominato**

Accounts Payable Supervisor and School Generated Funds Liaison, Kathy Dominato spoke about the financial reporting expectations for school councils as well as the new School Cash Online system.

### **Summer Learning Available this Summer - Sharon Johnston**

### **GECPIC Social Media Presence**

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GECPIC>

**Twitter** <https://twitter.com/GECPIC>

### **GECPIC Website Links**

**GECDSB GECPIC Page** <https://publicboard.ca/Parents/Involvement/Pages/default.aspx>

**GECPIC Website** <http://gecpic.wix.com/gecpic>

**GECPIC Resources** <http://gecpic.wix.com/gecpic#lworkshop/c6gn>

**GECPIC's Recommended Links** <http://gecpic.wix.com/gecpic#luseful-links/ckco>

### **GECDSB Parent Reaching Out Grant List 2015- 2016**

20 schools approved totaling \$19,510

Parents Reading Out (PRO) Grants for School Councils 2015-16

Board Name	School Name	Project Title	Amount	Description
Greater Essex County DSB	Colchester North Public School	Supporting your Child in Mathematics, A Workshop for Parents	\$1,000	An event to provide parents with tools and strategies to support their children's math learning at home
Greater Essex County DSB	Dr David Suzuki Public School	Bringing Mathematics Home	\$1,000	A math night for parents highlighting the curriculum and strategies for parents to support the learning of math at home
Greater Essex County DSB	Essex District High School	Math Help for Parents	\$1,000	A presentation for parents to enhance their participation in their children's math learning
Greater Essex County DSB	Essex Public School	An Overview of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum	\$1,000	Presentations to improve parents' understanding of the curriculum and how parents can support learning at home and at school
Greater Essex County DSB	General Ashbert High School	Bullying Information Night	\$1,000	A series of presentations for parents about bullying prevention in support of student safety, achievement and well-being
Greater Essex County DSB	General Brock Public School	Family Curriculum Nights	\$1,000	Presentations to improve parents' understanding of the curriculum, learning methods and how parents can support learning at home and at school
Greater Essex County DSB	Greenwood Public School	Presentations for Parents	\$1,000	Presentations on issues of concern for parents including internet safety and health; being in support of student achievement and well-being
Greater Essex County DSB	Jack Miner Public School	Social Media Presentation	\$1,000	A presentation to provide parents and children with information on social networking safety to support student well-being
Greater Essex County DSB	Kingville District High School	Program Pathways/Parent Information	\$1,000	Evening information session for parents to identify and explore the various pathways available to their children after high school.
Greater Essex County DSB	Kingville Public School	The Power of Math	\$1,000	A math workshop to provide parents with information on using electronic resources and problem solving strategies to support their children's numeracy skills at home
Greater Essex County DSB	LaSalle Public School	Math Night	\$1,000	Workshop to enhance parent engagement by providing parents with math information and resources to support their children's learning at home and at school

Parents Reading Our (PRO) Grants for School Councils 2015-16

Board Name	School Name	Project Title	Amount	Description
Greater Essex County DSB	Leamington District Secondary School	Parental Engagement	\$860	An open house to welcome parents and newcomer parents to the school and promote an inclusive school community
Greater Essex County DSB	Mill Street Public School	Mill Street Media Awareness Day	\$1,000	A presentation to help parents understand how to support their children's safe use of the internet and personal devices to support their safety and well-being
Greater Essex County DSB	Princess Elizabeth Public School	The Social/Emotional and Mathematical Value of Games	\$1,000	A family math night for parents to support their involvement in their children's learning at home and at school
Greater Essex County DSB	Queen Elizabeth Public School	Numeracy Night	\$1,000	An interactive math workshop for parents, demonstrating strategies to use at home to support their children's learning
Greater Essex County DSB	Roseland Public School	Building a Strong and Supportive Community	\$1,000	A presentation for parents on the many ways to support student well-being by helping to build their children's confidence, motivation and leadership
Greater Essex County DSB	Tecumseh Vista Academy - Elementary	Promoting Healthy Living	\$1,000	Workshops on topics of concern for parents including mental health support of healthy minds and bodies
Greater Essex County DSB	Tecumseh Vista Academy- Secondary	Healthy Choices and Community Involvement	\$900	A presentation for parents of students transitioning to high school on communicating and raising confident and motivated children to support student success
Greater Essex County DSB	William G Davis Public School	Health and Well Being Fair	\$750	An event to welcome parents to the school community and provide information and resources to support student success
Greater Essex County DSB	D M Eagle Public School	Parent Art Exhibit Evening	\$1,000	A family activity to promote parent engagement in support of student achievement and well-being