Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
451 Park Street West, Windsor, ON. N9A 6K1
Kingsville Room

MINUTES

Welcome – Stephanie Slipiec

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are on land and surrounded by water, originally inhabited by Indigenous Peoples who have travelled this area since time immemorial.

This territory is within the lands honoured by the Wampum Treaties; agreements between the Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-e-naa-bay), Haudenosaunee (Hoe-den-oh-show-nee), Lenni (Len-eh) Lenape (Le-naw-pay) and allied Nations to peacefully share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Specifically, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the Three Fires Confederacy (Ojibwey (Oh-jib-way), Odawa (Oh-dah-wah), Potawatomi (Paw-taw-watt-oh-me) and Huron/Wendat (Wen-dat) Peoples.

We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture while remaining committed to moving forward respectfully with all First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

7:00PM – Welcome

GECPIC Business:

i. **PRO Grants 2022-2023 – J. Hillman**
   - *Discussed the number of applications received and how funds were allocated.*
   - *Summary for past years was requested. Members inquired as to why more schools are not applying for these funds?*

ii. **School Year Calendar 2023-2024**
   - *A discussion regarding PA Days for the School Year Calendar.*

iii. **Student Census – J. Canty / T. Turner (Timed Item – 7:30PM-8:30PM) Power Point Presentation**
   - *Presentation attached.*
   - *In February to April, we will be engaged in the communication process to increase awareness throughout with internal and external partners and the community at large. By doing this parents and students will not be hearingof it for the first time when the census is being taken. We want*

people to feel comfortable answering questions. In March, parents will be asked if they choose to opt out and to indicate they do not want their child to participate in the survey.

- *April will be census month.*
- *Additional questions can be sent to J. Hillman or B. Silverio*

iv. Recruitment and Retention – M. McEachern

- *Information regarding Kindergarten Open Houses (Feb. 28) and Gr. 8 to Gr. 9 Information Nights was shared.*

Dismissal

Next GECPIC Meeting is February 28, 2023 7:00PM-9:00PM – Kingsville Room

Name	January 24
Abbas Divan Mohaideen	Absent
Baturh Krkwan	Present
Christina Sayer	Presemt
Dana O'Neil	Present
Dimitrios Michos	Regret
Keisha Nolan	Tentative
*Krista Regehr	Regret
Lisa Renaud	Regret
Lisa Wright	Present
Mahbooba Quraishi	Present
Nabhdeep Dhillon	Tentative
*Robert Ross	Regret
Stephanie Slipiec	Present
***Members at Large**	
Simran Kaur Cheesma	
Erin Kelly	Regret
Jeff Hillman	Present
Laura Bates	Present
Najet Jones	present
Alicia Higgison/Linda Qin	Present
Community Partners	
Maia Williamson United Way	Present
Rima Nohra	Regret
Clarese Carter	Present
Louise Cervini	Absent
Guests	
Josh Canty	Present
Tana Turner (Virtual)	Present
Madeline McEachern	Present
Beth Silverio	Present