

## Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2010  
Best Western Lakeside Inn, Heritage Room  
12:00 to 1:00 pm

Present: Charlotte Brown, Mary Duda, Phyllis Eikre, Murray Delorme

### **Welcome**

**Reports Up-dates in the following areas were presented:** (M. Delorme)

#### ***Board Level***

- Student Success Lead (M. Delorme)
- SEF Lead (M. Cunningham)
- Environmental Education Film Festival
  - will be a Board wide system event at PJP on April 14
  - letter to be sent to School Councils asking for assistance will be sent, we recognize each School Council has it's own priorities and available funds so there are three possible areas the event requires assistance
  - request for School Councils to sponsor a film (\$250 / film) presently have 3 films and are hoping to provide at least 12 for the event (i.e. 4 videos per school division)
  - Or
  - a donation for door prizes or actual door prizes
  - Or
  - volunteers to coordinate displays, contact potential speakers, or ask outside groups to support this event (i.e. local or corporate sponsors)
- School Board enrolment is up in our system

#### ***Elementary Programs***

- FDK program (Globe and Mail on December 6<sup>th</sup> highlighting St. Louis School's Full Day Kindergarten program)
- Safe Schools
  - on-line School Climate Surveys will be released for parent in-put early in the New Year.
- Aboriginal Education
  - Northern Studies program is in all schools
  - fieldtrips to Pow Wow Island and Oak Hammock Marsh.

### ***Secondary Programs***

- Math Tutor Program* for grades 11 and 12 starting before exams
- Homework Helper* program is in place to support parents and students
- e-Learning programs with other Catholic Boards are under discussion for next year
- Safe Schools*
  - School Climate Surveys will be released soon
- Aboriginal Education*
  - Striving Toward Achievement
    - Elders, Jiggers, Cultural activities, dog sledding
    - First Nations, Métis and Inuit classroom designated
- High School Success* rates (mid-term) have well over 95% of students earning all their credits at mid-term

### ***Parent Council Member Items:***

- ✓ Year-end celebration format (deferred until next meeting)
- ✓ Premier's Award packages were distributed to group (deadline for nominations is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011)
- ✓ Mary Duda expressed a need to use Synervoice as a communication tool for reaching out to parents to ensure the e-Learning / Homework Helper program reaches as many parents as possible, since only parents who attended the meetings have the information. Murray mentioned more information in user friendly format would be coming from the Ministry.
- ✓ SMB has concerns with regard to availability of space in the future, Phyllis Eikre talked about the Board's awareness of situation and she mentioned the information the Ministry has received regarding future needs. Presently a 3 to 4 years process.
- ✓ The involvement of the SMB teachers in extra-curricular activities was highlighted by Mary.

### ***Action Items:***

- ✓ Murray to contact Sylvia at Walmart re: School partnership for Environmental Education Film Festival
- ✓ Charlotte Brown will look into Terra Cycle program for Environmental Education Film Festival
- ✓ Suggestion that the Board Website have a subscribe to feeders feature so parents can get up to date information on special events in school i.e. school open house or tournament days so information is sent to parents' e-mail accounts (contact Kyle in IT to see who and if this is possible with our equipment)
- ✓ SMB is exploring School Dress Code, their School Council would like other schools to work jointly on this procedure so our schools are consistent. Discussions on school colors, simple and inexpensive options
- ✓ The location of the Outdoor Education classroom at PJP was discussed
- ✓ It was pointed out the Green Party is the only Party to speak out in support of a one school system. We all need to be vigilant in protecting our identity.

Next meeting date: Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Heritage Room, Best Western Inn