



# SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Our Mission:**

*"In SGDSB we are learners. Everything we do is designed to help all students succeed and make a difference. We build positive places for learning and working... together".*

**Our Vision:**

*"Inspiring our students to succeed and make a difference".*

**Our Motto:**

*"Small schools make a difference".*

**Our Values:**

*"Character, Citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity and Critical Thinking".*

## Parent Engagement Committee (PEC)

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 — 6:30 p.m.

### Agenda Review Notes

Microsoft Teams meeting

Chair: TBD

Recorder: Gerrilynn Christianson

### **1.0 Roll Call**

Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)											
Parent Involvement Committee											
Elementary Schools	O	T	V	A	R	Secondary Schools	O	T	V	A	R
	S	C	C				S	C	C		
BAPS – Vacant - School Cncl & PEC						GCHS – Vacant, School Cncl					
BEPS – Vacant, School Cncl & PEC						GCHS – , School Cncl					
TBPS – April Procter , School Cncl & PEC				x		MRHS – Tara Patterson, School Cncl & PIC			x		
TBPS – Amber Chrusz , School Cncl & PEC				x		LSHS – Vacant School Cncl & PIC					
DOPS – Karli-Ann Chalifoux, School Cncl & PEC				x		LSHS – Vacant School Cncl & PIC					
DOPS – Lee Ann Chase, School Cncl & PEC				x		NRHS – Vacant, School Cncl					
MTPS – Vacant - School Cncl						MNHS – Karina Hunter, School Cncl & PIC			x		
GOPS – Lisa Squier - School Cncl & PEC				x		MNHS – Lisa Schut School Cncl & PIC					x
MNPS – Jennifer Warren, School Cncl & PEC				x		MNHS – Theresa-Lynn Cain, School Cncl					x
MMPS – Vacant - School Cncl											
NAPS – Samantha Cloutier, School Cncl & PEC				x							
NAPS – Angie Megan, School Cncl & PEC				x		<b>Trustees/Administration</b>	O	T	V	A	R
SCPS – Mallorie Mitchell, School Cncl				x		Allison Jarvis	S	C	C		
						Megen Brunskill (alt.)					
<b>Principals</b>						Jason Nesbitt (alt.)					
NAPS – Kathleen Schram						Pinky McRae (Ex-Officio)					
MTPS - Cameron Craig					x	Nicole Morden Cormier, Director of Education					x
MMPS – Bev Vachon						Will Goodman, Superintendent of Education					x
MNHS – Jody Kuczynski						Eric Fredrickson, Superintendent of Education			x		
MRHS – Stephen Willson						Alex Marton, Superintendent of Business					x
MNPS – Tara Balog						Deana Renaud, Mental Health Manager			x		
NRHS – Jennifer Rissanen						Amanda Gyori, Early Years Lead			x		
Annick Brewster, System Principal			x			Carol Leroux, Assistant to the Director			x		
LSHS – Sarah Curtis						Shy-Anne Bartlett, Indigenous Education Manager					x
DOPS – Erik Leroux						Gerrilynn Christianson (Recorder)			x		
TBPS – Amy Buchan						Kellie Wrigley, School Effectiveness Lead			x		
MMPS – Kristan McMahon			x			Amy Fullerton Mental Health Data Coordinator			x		
GOPS – Hillary Howe											

## **2.0 Welcome & Introductions**

Nicole Morden Cormier, Director

### **2.1 Committee Member Introductions**

Quorum could not be established, however the members present proceeded with a review of the information in the agenda package.

## **3.0 Parent Engagement Committee Chair**

Parent members that are interested in becoming the Chair of the Committee were requested to email [gchristianson@sgdsb.on.ca](mailto:gchristianson@sgdsb.on.ca) to advise of their expression of interest in the role.

## **4.0 Review/Approval of Minutes:**

### **4.1 Parent Involvement Committee Agenda Review Notes March 17, 2023**

Included in the agenda package for information.

## **5.0 Parents Reaching Out Grants**

### **5.1 PRO Grant Project Outline Reminder**

The Director provided a review of the memo that was included in the agenda package and issued a reminder regarding the availability of the PRO Grant Project funds and project outlines.

## **6.0 Let's Talk About It: Round Table Open Discussion for Parental Input**

### **6.1 Parent/Community Voice: October 30, 2023 Reflections and Next Steps**

System Principal Annick Brewster provided a review of the report and highlighted the feedback received through the October 30<sup>th</sup> Feast and Feedback session. She noted that there was a total of 52 participants and 18 children. Transparent communications, community engagement and the holistic development of all students.

Overarching themes – communication channels and platforms.

- Tutorials for communication platforms.

Parent Teacher interaction

- Advocacy for increase of communication.
- More consistent updates.
- Online meetings.
- Feedback and problem-solving communication.

Parent engagement and community partnerships.

- Barrier free participation.
- Encourage parent involvement.
- Inclusive communication events.
- Fostering strong relationships between parents and teachers

Academic needs and support

- Pathways and resource allocation, geared to student needs.
- Mental health supports.
- Request for more educational resources, skills development, and particle life skills.

Skills development and transferrable skills.

- Leadership opportunities
- Recognition of the need and support for various areas.
- Development of skilled trades and reinforcing its value.

The Director of Education Nicole Morden Cormier discussed the engagement process the school board is currently implementing throughout the 2023/2024 school year in the development of the new Multi-Year Strategic Plan. The next Feast and Feedback session will consist of a report of the results from the MYSP survey that was conducted by Future Design School.

6.2 OurSchool Survey Data Presentation

Manager of Mental Health Deana Renaud and Mental Health Data Coordinator Amy Fullerton provided a detailed presentation sharing the results of the OurSchool Student Survey data that was collected in the fall of 2023. They discussed how the data will support the development of the three-year Mental Health Strategy.

6.3 Reading Instruction

System Principal Kellie Wrigley provided a review of the presentation regarding reading instruction and the new kindergarten curriculum will include the literacy program.

**7.0 Director's Report for School Councils & Discussions**

*Nicole Morden Cormier, Director*

7.1 Director's Report: PEC Terms of Reference Presentation

The Director provided a review of the Parent Engagement Committee Terms of Reference. The document is reflective of Ministry of Education guidelines. The document guides the Committee work and the purpose which is to strengthen relationships with families.

7.2 2024/2025 School Year Calendar

The Director provided a review of the 2024/2025 school year calendar that was developed in collaboration with the coterminous school boards and through the feedback received from families and community stakeholders. The proposed calendar will be submitted to the Board and the Ministry of Education for approval.

**8.0 School Council Members: Open Discussions**

- Marathon High School Parent Council Chair Tara Patterson shared the work the Council and Principal have done to increase engagement. They have held meetings at a local restaurant in conjunction with the wing night to increase meeting participation.

**9.0 Suggestions: Future Agenda Items**

There were no suggested agenda items.

**10.0 Next Meeting Dates**

- Tuesday, March 19, 2024 is the next Feast and Feedback Session
- May 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Videoconference meeting
- October 10, 2024

**11.0 Adjournment**

The Parent Engagement Committee meeting on January 23, 2024, adjourned at 7:44 p.m.