

## AGENDA

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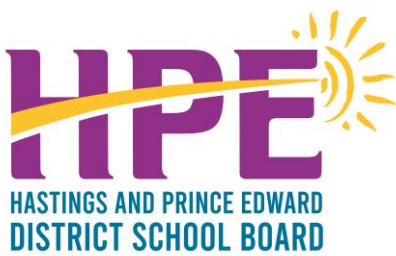
### Parent Involvement Committee Agenda

October 18, 2023

Item	Responsibility
1 Call to Order	K. MacIver
2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands	K. MacIver
3 Election of Chair and/or Co-chair for Parent Involvement Committee	K. MacIver
4 Approval of Agenda	Chair
5 Declarations of Conflict of Interest	Chair
6 Approval of Minutes from previous meetings: (a) May 30, 2023	Chair
7 Trustee Report	Trustee Speck
8 Staff Report	
(a) Overview of the Learning Priorities – Math, Reading, De-streaming	T. Elliott
(b) Pro Grant Funding 2023-2024	Chair/K. MacIver
(c) Athletics Funding	K. MacIver
(d) Fundraising Ideas	K. MacIver
(e) Director of Education Update	K. MacIver
9 Notice of Motion (nil)	Chair
10 Correspondence (nil)	Chair
11 Adjournment	Chair

Open forum Parent Questions and Answers

**Next scheduled meeting November 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**



**Parent Involvement Committee  
Meeting, May 30, 2023  
@ 6:00 p.m. (via google meet)**

**Members Present:**

Katherine MacIver, Director of Education  
Debbie Lucas, Executive Assistant, Director of Education  
Trustee Charlton, Belleville/Thurlow  
Trustee Prinzen, North Prince Edward  
Trustee Speck, North Hastings

Louise Gunning, Principal Central Hastings School  
Brent Jewell, Vice-principal Central Hastings School  
Tanya Whittaker, Principal, Prince Charles Belleville School

Angela Burr, Central Hastings School Patricia Blanc, Prince Charles Belleville School Nancy Cherwinka, Athol-South Marysburgh School Jessica Guan, Bayside Public School Marc Henshaw, Eastside Secondary School	Martina Hill, North Hastings High School Jennifer Houghton, Prince Edward Collegiate Jamie McFadden, Frankford Public School Mal Nurse, CML Snider School Ashley Welch, Susanna Moodie PS
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1. Chair Cherwinka called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Parent Involvement Committee hosted by Centre Hastings School.
2. Chair Cherwinka offered the land acknowledgement.
3. Roll Call – Chair Cherwinka asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.
4. Approval of Agenda  
**Moved: P. Blanc**  
**Seconded: A. Welch**

**That the agenda for the May 30, 2023 Parent Involvement Committee be approved.**

**Carried**

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest – there were none
6. Approval of Minutes  
**Moved: P. Blanc**  
**Seconded: A. Welch**

**That the minutes from the April 18, 2023 Parent Involvement Committee be approved.**

**Carried**

7. Committee Reports:

(a) Family Symposium Debrief

Chair Cherwinka noted that planning an event of this size is difficult at the most of times, due to conflicts in families' schedules, however we managed to partner with YMCA to utilize space at this event; with a food truck arranged to be on site for families to purchase dinner prior to the event. For the cost of this event and the low number of registrations, this event was cancelled, and the PIC Committee would look at next school year to determine a more suitable time for an event to be scheduled. Chair Cherwinka reached out to the keynote speaker that had been scheduled for this event and noted that perhaps we would be able to utilize him at another time.

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Chair Cherwinka asked parents in the audience about rescheduling and asked about timing and what would work best for families; April and early October seemed to be the consensus.

(b) Trustee Report

Trustee Speck provided a written report from meetings held by Board. A couple of highlights from this report are:

- a revised Memorandum of Understanding between HPEDSB and the HPE Learning Foundation was signed,
- a new Chairperson for the Food for Learning has been appointed, Joanne Belanger who is with the Catholic School Board,
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Spring auction, being held at The Grand in Belleville with over 100 auction items,
- HPEDSB approved the special education plan for the 2023-2024 school year,
- a report on de-streaming from the Student Learning, Well-ness Committee,
- three student trustees have been elected for the 2023-2024 school year, two new student trustees with one returning student trustee for a second term,
- 2023-2024 school budget will be submitted to the Board for approval in June.

(c) School Council Reports Update

Chair Cherwinka asked for schools to submit a summary on their activities this year in order to get some ideas on fundraising ideas. We will create a file folder where these reports can be found. Central Hastings shared one of their fundraising ideas that was partnered with Madoc Township school. North Hastings shared one of their fundraising ideas regarding a Loonie auction, great attendance, possibly doing this fundraising activity again in the Fall. Athol-South Marysburgh School did a “walk and readathon” to raise funds to purchase new books for their library.

(d) Information Gathering regarding Fundraising Ideas

Chair Cherwinka noted that a folder would be created on fundraising activities, and this would be shared with all Administrators to share at their first school council meeting.

(e) Future Guest Speakers/Information Sessions

Chair Cherwinka asked if there were any topics of interest that parents would like to hear about, please forward information so ideas can be gathered and discussed next school year.

8. Staff Reports

(a) Building System and Community Trust – Director MacIver shared a report to provide feedback that was received from school councils on scheduled fall break and how to build confidence and trust in HPEDSB as a system.

(b) 2023-2024 Committee Meeting Dates – Director MacIver shared a draft report on 2023-2024 Committee Meeting dates, this report will go forward to Board for approval in June.

(c) Director of Education update – acknowledgement of the many events happenings at our schools, very busy time of year.

- reported that ten area secondary students took the DELF exam at HPEDSB as a pilot. DELF is a standardized exam that denotes French Language proficiency,
- congratulations to Ian Ketcheson, Bayside Secondary School student, won Gold in welding for the second year in a row at Skills Ontario. Ian will be attending the Canada Skills Competition in Winnipeg,
- congratulations to Qwin Goodwin, a graduating student from North Hastings High School has been awarded a \$120,000. Schulich Leadership Scholarship to pursue his interest in space. Qwin will be attending Queens University in September,
- provided information regarding Bill 98 *Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act*,
- focus for next school year will be reading, math and de-streaming, looking at an equitable practice.

9. Notice of Motion - nil

10. Correspondence

- (a) “Fresh from the Farm” correspondence received regarding a fundraising idea for Ontario Schools was shared in the agenda package. PIC members were asked to share this idea with school councils for future fundraising opportunities.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Decision  Information

**To:** Parent Involvement Committee

**From:** Tina Elliott, Superintendent of Education, Curriculum Services

**Re: Overview of the Learning Priorities – Math, Reading, De-streaming**

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### **Purpose**

To provide information on the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board's Learning and Achievement Priorities for 2023-2024.

### **Link to Strategic Plan**

1.0 Foster a Culture of Excellence and High Expectations - indicator 1.1

4.0 Improve Student Success and Achievement - indicators 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6

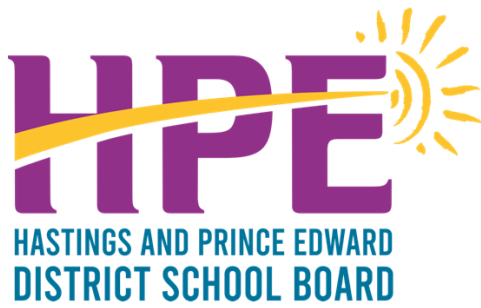
### **Current Situation**

With the onset of the 2023-2024 school year, the board continues with a refined yet unchanged commitment to raising the bar for each student in the areas of reading, mathematics, and de-streaming. Enhancing educator knowledge and practice is key to raising the bar for each student. To this end, the board has intentionally identified key actions for improving student achievement that align with the three regulated Ministry of Education priorities for achievement mandated with the passing of The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023.

- **Achievement of Learning Outcomes in Core Academic Skills** - Help students improve literacy and mathematics learning and achievement as measured by EQAO;
  - HPEDSB continues to identify and support early reading as a priority for ensuring that students are reading at benchmark levels by grade 3 and continues to utilize job-embedded learning partners within classrooms to build teacher capacity and promote increased student reading skills as outlined in the new Language Curriculum, 2023 and the Right to Read report commissioned by the Ontario Human Rights Commission.
- **Preparation of Students for Future Success** - Prepare students for future success to raise graduation rates, encourage more students to participate in job skills programs and take senior math and science courses;
  - HPEDSB continues to focus its de-streaming priority on students successfully acquiring 8 for 8 credits in grade 9 and 16 for 16 credits in grade 10 through the provision of job-embedded de-streaming coaches, increased numbers of Indigenous grad coaches, enhanced professional learning on revised Ontario De-streamed Curriculum and its implementation, and expanded opportunities for experiential and alternative learning experiences.
- **Student Engagement and Well-being** - Improve student engagement, participation in class and awareness of mental health supports;
  - HPEDSB is introducing new learning for staff and students on the availability of mental health supports, promoting consistent attendance, and reviewing suspension trends to ensure greater equity for marginalized student populations to enhance engagement, learning and achievement for each student.

### **Next Steps**

- Continue to maximize professional learning opportunities for staff through PA Days and job-embedded experiences, utilizing various sources of data to refine actions in response to student growth and areas of need.



Decision \_\_\_ Information X

**To:** Parent Involvement Committee

**From:** Katherine MacIver, Director of Education and Secretary to the Board

**Re:** Pro Grant Funding 2023-2024

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**Purpose**

This report provides information on the Pro Grant Funding for 2023-2024 school year.

**Link to Strategic Plan**

5.5 “Ensure Responsible Communication” - Increase engagement in the number of parents participating in Parent Involvement Committee events and school councils

**Background**

The Ministry of Education's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants program provides funding to school boards to support projects for parents and families that focus on improving access and opportunities to participate and engage fully in their children's learning.

HPEDSB PIC uses the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant to support school councils in leading projects that address local parent needs and/or remove barriers that prevent parents from participating and engaging fully in their children's learning and educational progress.

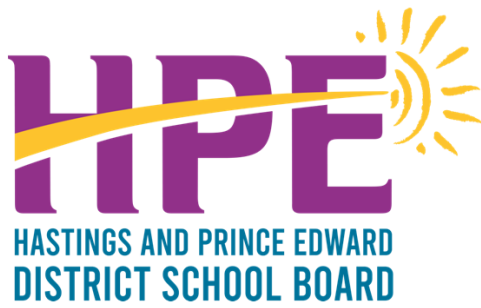
**Next Steps**

With the support of the school Principal, School Councils are required to complete the application form to access PRO grant funding. All submissions must focus on increasing parent engagement and access at school to connect them with their child(ren)'s learning. Maximum amount of funding for each application is \$1,000.00.

The application form needs to be completed and submitted no later than November 30, 2023 with all funds being utilized by the end of May, 2024.

A sub-committee will be formed to review the applications received, to ensure the focus area and the activity will identify and address local barriers to parent engagement. The sub-committee will meet during the week of December 4<sup>th</sup>, to review all applications submitted. After all applications have been reviewed, an email will be sent to the Chair person and Principal advising them of the status of their application.

The application form can be found by [clicking here](#).



Decision \_\_\_ Information X

**To:** Parent Involvement Committee

**From:** Katherine MacIver, Director of Education and Secretary to the Board

**Re: Fundraising Opportunities**

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**Purpose**

This report provides information on fundraising ideas that school councils shared with us last year.

**Link to Strategic Plan**

5.5 “Ensure Responsible Communication” - Increase engagement in the number of parents participating in Parent Involvement Committee events and school councils

**Background**

School councils are always looking for different ways to raise funds for their school; last year we had school councils provide ways on how they fundraise at their school and created a detailed list to share with other school councils.

Appendix A: Fundraising Ideas

<b>HPEDSB Fundraising Information</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Company/Item</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<b>Decor/Garden</b>		
	Christmas Wreath/Planters	various local greenhouses
	Student Greeting Cards	
	DFS	<a href="https://www.dfscanada.com/">https://www.dfscanada.com/</a>
	Plantables	<a href="https://plantables.ca/fundraising-program/">https://plantables.ca/fundraising-program/</a>
	Make it Sow	<a href="https://makeitsow.com/">https://makeitsow.com/</a>
	Vesseys Bulbs	<a href="https://www.vesseys.com/ca/fundraising">https://www.vesseys.com/ca/fundraising</a>
<b>Clothing</b>		
	Mabel's Labels	<a href="https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/info">https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/info</a>
<b>Food</b>		
	Little Caesar's Pizza	<a href="https://www.pizzakit.ca/landing/ca-raising-money-for-your-group-is-easy">https://www.pizzakit.ca/landing/ca-raising-money-for-your-group-is-easy</a>
	Dough Mama	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Doughmamamama/">https://www.facebook.com/Doughmamamama/</a>
	World's Finest Chocolate	<a href="https://www.worldsfinest.ca/">https://www.worldsfinest.ca/</a>
	Kernels Popcorn	<a href="https://www.kernelspopcorn.com/pages/footer/links/fundraising">https://www.kernelspopcorn.com/pages/footer/links/fundraising</a>
	Mom's Pantry	<a href="https://momspantry.ca/">https://momspantry.ca/</a>
	MacMillan's Food	<a href="https://www.macmillans.online/">https://www.macmillans.online/</a>
	Milk Shakes	<a href="https://reidsdairy.com/shake-fundraising-program/">https://reidsdairy.com/shake-fundraising-program/</a>
	Candy Grams (Council organized)	
	Purdy's Chocolate	<a href="https://fundraising.purdys.com/">https://fundraising.purdys.com/</a>
	Maple Dale Cheese	<a href="https://fundraising.purdys.com/">https://fundraising.purdys.com/</a>
	Council -organized Spaghetti Dinner	
	Fresh From the Farm	<a href="https://www.freshfromfarm.ca/">https://www.freshfromfarm.ca/</a>
	Krispy Kreme Donuts	<a href="https://krispykreme.ca/">https://krispykreme.ca/</a> (need to book in advance and arrange own pick up)
	BBQ Fundraiser	
	Epicure	<a href="https://epicure.com/en-ca/giving-back">https://epicure.com/en-ca/giving-back</a>
<b>Retail Support (FlipGive Programs: when people purchase at select stores a portion is donated by the company to the school )</b>		
	Chapters	<a href="https://www.chapters.indigo.ca/en-ca/fundraising/">https://www.chapters.indigo.ca/en-ca/fundraising/</a>
	FlipGive Canada	<a href="https://www.flipgive.com/home">https://www.flipgive.com/home</a>
<b>Other</b>		
	Liquor and Beer Bottle Drive	
	Knick Knack Sale	
	Read-a-thon	
	Seasonal On-line Auctions	(donations from local artisans, families and business)
	Family/Community BINGO night	
	Vendor Craft Show	vendors purchase a table and School Council run canteen
<b>Other School Events (presented or supported by School Councils)</b>		
<b>Events</b>		
	Back-to-school BBQ	
	Christmas/Festive Luncheon	
	Fun Fairs	
	Christmas Planter	students create a small planter to take home
	Family Literacy/Math Nights	
	Showcase of the Arts	
	School Musicals	
	Crafts and Carols Night	Hot chocolate Bar
	Santa Shopping & Gift Wrap	



	Coffee and Chat	parents drop into school 1x/month to chat with each other and Principal
	Movie Night	
<i>(for some events with food canteen, families pre-ordered food through School Cash On-line)</i>		
<b>Hot Lunch Days</b>		
	Pancake Breakfast	
	Spaghetti Lunch	
	Waffle Day	
	Fruit Bowl Day	
	Grilled Cheese	
	Pizza Day	