

# 2017-2018 Annual Report

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School council chairs were invited to attend four District Council / Parent Involvement Committee (DSC-PIC) meetings in the 2017-2018 school year:

- **November 16, 2017:** Director Larry Hope spoke about the Ministry of Education's intended review and assessment of EQAO and discussions of what this meant for the current status of testing and what testing will look like in the future. There will be changes in the way elementary sports will take place in schools, harmonizing practices across the board, in order to reduce teacher absences during the school day. The competitive aspect will also be removed from student sporting events, based on research that indicates that engaging students in more inclusive activities, rather than competitive ones, are more conducive to the the well-being and student achievement agenda the board is working towards. Director Hope invited the council to review the [2017-2018 Strategic Action Plan](#) to learn more about the board's Embrace Learning strategy. Superintendent of Learning MacIver discussed the role of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). The council was provided with funding updates regarding the Parent Engagement Grant and the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant, as well as updates on various parent resources that are available, such as Overdrive, videos, and the development of a district app.
- **January 18, 2018:** Director Hope reported on the student forums that he hosted at high schools across the board where he invited a small group of students to share their candid thoughts on how they feel the board is doing. Parents were invited to attend similar forums. Superintendent of Learning Bruce Barrett spoke about the high school transition process and student success. District Manager Catherine Shedden provided an update on the status of the district app, and reminded school council chairs of the board communication plan available to them to help direct questions and concerns from parents.
- **March 22, 2018:** Director Hope reported on his discussions with both parents and students at the various student and parent forums that he'd hosted across the board. Discussions focused on mental health and well-being, arts, use of technology in the classroom, and the high expectations we have of ourselves, parents, staff, and students. He also provided an update on long term accommodation plans, as well as the \$23,000,000 of work that will be done on schools during the summer.
- **May 10, 2018:** Director Hope was unable to attend this meeting. On his behalf, District Manager Shedden shared results from student and parent forums that took place during the year, and a video message entitled "[Building High Expectations Together.](#)" Superintendent MacIver shared the results of the School Climate Survey that had taken place earlier in the year, with questions asked of students, parents and community members, and staff. Reports were shared by council members who attended the Ministry of Educations PIC Symposium



School	Project/Event
Alexandra Public School	Kindergarten Orientation Night; Karen Wiles - "Lice Zapper" presentation
Archie Stouffer Elementary School	Leadership Day
Bobcaygeon Public School	Spirit Wear for New Kindergarten Students
Bracebridge Public School	
Cardiff Elementary School	Family Fun Camp Day; Volunteer Appreciation Tea
Central Senior School	Mathletes Workshop
Dr. George Hall Public School	New Student Activity Day - Welcome to JK
Dunsford Dist. Elementary School	
Fenelon Township Public School	
Glen Orchard Public School	
Grandview Public School	Literacy Night; Winter Family Crafts Evening
Gravenhurst Public School	Anti-Bullying Magic Show
Honey Harbour Public School	
Huntsville Public School	Math Night; Music Night
Irwin Memorial Public School	STEAM Night; babysitting services
JD Hodgson Elementary School	Open House BBQ; Celebration Night
Jack Callaghan Public School	
KP Manson Public School	Math Wizard Booth
King Albert Public School	Lanyards; Volunteer Tea
Lady Eaton Elementary School	Fun Fair
Lady MacKenzie Public School	Family Games Night
Langton Public School	SAC Thank You Dinner; Meet the Teacher Night
Leslie Frost Public School	Spring Fling
Macaulay Public School	Meet You At Macaulay Dinner
Mariposa Elementary School	Guest Speakers
Monck Public School	"Science North" Presentation
Muskoka Beechgrove Public School	Grandfriends Day/Meet the Teacher Night
Muskoka Falls Public School	Family BBQ; Grandfriends/Volunteer Appreciation Day
Parkview Public School	Family Skate; Family Paint Night; Feed All Four Activity Night
Pine Glen Public School	Family Free Swim; End of Year BBQ
Queen Victoria Public School	Family Photos; supplies for Fun Fair
Ridgewood Public School	Back to School Fun Night and Dinner
Riverside Public School	Science North Family Night; Welcome to JK; Literacy Night
Rolling Hills Public School	
Scott Young Public School	Handbooks and Student-created Colouring Books
Spruce Glen Public School	Family BBQ

Stuart Baker Elementary School	Math Night
VK Greer Memorial Public School	Hospitality at Grade 8 Grad Reception; Welcome Back BBQ; Talent Show Night
Watt Public School	Meet the Teacher Night BBQ
Wilberforce Elementary School	Celebration of Indigenous Culture
Woodville Elementary School	Council Members Thank You Dinner; Woodworking Initiative
BMLSS	Banners and Business Card Magnets
Fenelon Falls Secondary School	Yearbook Distribution Day Events
Gravenhurst High School	GSA SpeakUp
Haliburton Highlands SS	Gary Direnfeld presentation; "Try It" Fair
Huntsville High School	Hospitality for various meetings and presentations
IE Weldon Secondary School	Graduation Programs keepsake
LCVI	After 8 book printing

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