



# ADSB PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

## Spring Workshop

Please join the ADSB Parent Involvement Committee and Staff from the Algoma Public Health Unit for an evening of information and conversation about

### **Understanding the Role of PIC, School Councils and Parents**

Members of the Algoma District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) will provide a brief overview of the Role of the PIC and School Councils and share ideas for engaging parents in schools.

### **The Birds, The Bees and Beyond: Fostering a Sexually Healthy Community**

Algoma Public Health Unit staff will lead a conversation with parents which will provide information about the revised curriculum and how, working together, home, school and community partners can support children and youth in their physical development and in their understanding of healthy relationships.

These presentations will be held at each feeder high school, in the cafeteria, as follows:

KORAH COLLEGIATE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS: APRIL 13th, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

WHITE PINES FAMILY OF SCHOOLS: APRIL 20th, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

SUPERIOR HEIGHTS FAMILY OF SCHOOLS: APRIL 27th, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

*We hope you can join us!*



## **School Council Meeting – October 26, 2015**

### **Introductions and Welcome – Newest member: Karlee Reece – Grade 11 student at Superior Heights**

#### **1. Chair's report – Annette Wishman**

**Poinsettia Fundraiser for Diabetes** – plants would be delivered to the school on December 10th – pick-up date on December 12th

**Needed:** space in the school, students to deliver plants on delivery days and during Saturday's pick-up.

Students can earn volunteer hours helping with distribution of the plants at pick-up and delivery to vehicles. Jan suggested the Leadership class and/or Civics classes. We need to know numbers before this can be determined because of space. Annette will look into this.

**Presentation Night:** Started talking with Suzanne Zimbarro (APH nurse at the school) and Dave Doucette (Community Liaison Officer) who suggested Doug Erkill's presentation, Sexting and Social Media. It was also suggested to have MADD participate in the evening presentation. This is relevant as charges for drinking and driving are up 17%. MADD is in town and coming in to speak with the student body on December 2, 2015. We are hoping to align the presentation to when they are here – there may be some flexibility with this date. For now, we are tentatively looking at this date: Wednesday, December 2, 2015. It will be important to get this date out in order to maximize parent participation in the evening.

**Follow up:** MADD will not be presenting on this evening to parents as their audience is students and they remain focused on that.

**Sharron Saylor** – wants to do another fundraiser for Justin William's family. She would like to do a pasta dinner fundraiser with the use of the kitchen facilities as well as the gym so that there can be music and a dance. This may be able to happen a little later in the year once Justin can be a part of the evening. We will reevaluate closer to that date. The school has done a fundraiser for the family in the form of a toonie drive and has raised over \$2000.00.

## 2. Student Representative Report: Karlee Reece

- a) **Hawktober** – a review of the activities the past few weeks such as bake sale, popcorn sale, Powder Puff Football. For Halloween there will be a Zombie Walk, pumpkin carving contest, etc.

**ABCD – Teen Driver Safety Week** – student's pledged to participate in safe driving and participated in a photo booth and ThunderClap – a social media initiative to raise awareness on the topic.

Karlee is our Student Representative for the Minister's Student Advisory Council. Topics that were discussed were well-being, mental health, engagement, student voice, etc.

Karlee's main focus has to do with student engagement and independence in learning. She will be participating in a student forum on November 10th with other students from Grades 7-12 and it is an opportunity for students to get their voice out.

Also, Karlee recently went to the Star (students as researchers) workshop. There are 5 students who will be conducting research with students in the school on the topic of Mental Health through activities such as: holding a survey in the school and having interviews. These results will be shared with the Ministry. The hope is that it will help end the stigma of mental health and the issues that students face.

## 3. The Algoma Model

Discussion about today's workshop at the Board Office with regards to Mental Health and community partnerships and the increase in mental health issues experienced by adolescents today.

## 4. Principal's Report

- a) **CUPE work sanctions update**
- b) **Job fair** – held by Mr. Zachary. This was extremely well attended and many great potential employers were present. We will be following up to find out how many students were able to secure jobs from this event.
- c) **Update on ETFO sanctions** – E. Hemsworth. All extra-curricular activities are "on pause" as of this Wednesday.
- d) **Intermediate VP update:** ETFO sanctions, working on a possible monthly curriculum letter. Details to be worked out. Staffing update.

- e) **Athletics:** Seth Cond and Noah Rushon have brought both Senior and Junior Football teams, respectively, to City finals. Championships are this weekend. Cross Country – Nossa is hosted here this year and is taking place on Wednesday.
- f) **App/Calendar** - A student (Matt Farrell) is looking at creating an app for students to use for calendar/scheduling purposes.
- g) **Instructional Support Update** – V. Aiudi – 6 teachers last week and 11 this week have attended Technology Workshops held by A. Ivorra and V. Aiudi. Teachers are using this time to learn the LMS (On-line Learning Management System) and blended learning as well as technological strategies to enhance instruction. Some teachers have actually developed their own websites. These sessions will also be running on the PD day.

Mr. Sgouraditis is working on a new interface and we will be uploading information soon. Student council will update their information as well and Mrs. Provenzano will pass this info on to be uploaded on the school's site.

## 5. My Blue Print

We logged on to the computers and demonstrated some of the features of this program to the parents so that they can see the benefits of the postsecondary planning available on the site.

## 6. Next Meeting Date: November 30th

### AOB:

- a) **World Polio Fundraiser** – November 19th for Mrs. Inch's World Issues class. A pasta dinner fundraiser will be held.
- b) **Mrs Aiudi's class** is doing a fundraiser for the family in Bruce Mines that lost everything in a house fire. The McKinnon family have a 4 year old girl and a 2 year old boy. All donations are appreciated.