

# ***Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee***

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.**

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022

PIC Members: Jim Van Allen, Huma Choudhary, Kristen McKinnon, Gurleen Saggu, Trecia Facey, Rupal Patel, SensaRAneb Burrell, Arun Rai, Nigel Hunter, Yugita Looknaugh, Angela Mastrangelo, Ebony Gittens, Lori Dunn, Waseen Ali

Trustee: Scott Templeton

DDSB Staff: Superintendent Margaret Lazarus, James Klodnicki, Frank Samuels, Carolynne Waters, Tara Bryan, Nadia Nembhard-Hunt, Nadia Baby, Mitzi Hussett, Patrick Symister,

Regrets: Tarun Chaudhary, Tracy Marshall

Guest: Ted Forster

The Parent Involvement Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Item	Discussion
Welcome and Land Acknowledgment	Jim Van Allen read the Land of Acknowledgement and the Indigenous and Human Rights.
Agenda Approval	Moved by Frank Samuels and seconded by James Klodnicki
Minutes Approval	Moved by Patrick Symister and seconded by Arun Rai
Purpose of the PIC	<p>Margaret Lazarus read the Purpose of the PIC - Parent Involvement Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support, encourage and enhance meaningful parent engagement at the board level</li><li>• Provide information and advice to the Board on parent engagement</li><li>• Communicate with and support local school councils</li><li>• Undertake activities to help parents support their children's learning at home and at school</li></ul> <p>The PIC supports the priorities of the Ministry of Education:</p> <p>Achieving Excellence Promoting Well Being and Equity Operational Goals</p>
Responsibilities of the Parent Involvement Committee PIC	For the first time in several years, we have members from every area in the District. Margaret Lazarus Welcomed everyone.

	<p>PIC mandate is to support all parents in DDSB</p> <p>Newsletter Parent Engagement</p> <p>Margaret explained the conflict of interest and asked members to declare a conflict of interest should there be one.</p>
Introduction of the PIC	Huma and Jim asked the PIC members to introduce themselves
Proposed PIC Meeting Dates	<p><b>November 16,</b></p> <p><b>February 15, 2023</b></p> <p><b>April 26, 2023</b></p> <p><b>May 24, 2023</b></p>
Parent Involvement Sub Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIC Newsletters (3 per year)</li> <li>• Parents Engagement Series (Keynote Speakers 2 or 3 a year)</li> <li>• Durham Partners Symposium - Parents as Partners (April or May)</li> <li>• PRO Grants January – May 2023</li> <li>• Adding Social Justice, Human Rights, and Equity – Nigel suggested this could be one of our parent engagement series topics</li> </ul> <p>A Google Form will be sent to all the PIC members to join a committee.</p>
Events for School Community Councils	<p>Margaret introduced Ted Foster, a PIC member for the past two years, to speak to host an information session for School Community Councils.</p> <p>The PIC offered two sessions to all school administrators and SCC Chairs.</p> <p>Session 1: How to Run Effective SCC meetings Tips and Strategies to Engage Parents</p> <p>Session 2 Finance 101 for School Community Councils.</p> <p>A discussion was held about the format of future PIC events, hybrid or in-person.</p> <p>The PIC is still hesitant to offer Hybrid meetings for the rest of the school year 2022-2023</p> <p>Motion: That the first SCC Information session event be held on November 22 Moved by Kristen McKinnon and seconded by Trecia Facey.</p>

	<p>A committee to organize this event was established:</p> <p>Ted Foster  Rupal Patel  Gurleen Saggu  Frank Samuels  Kristen McKinnon  Scott Templeton  Peter Ackie  Patrick Symister  Angela Mastrangelo</p>
PROPOSED Dates for PIC Committees for 2022-2023	<p>November 16, 2022  February 15, 2023  April 26, 2023  May 24, 2023</p>
Issues for Discussion and Action 2022-2023 (Huma Choudhary and Jim Allen)	<p>How, as PIC members, get the messages of Human Rights to our frontline workers—teachers and ensure that each school is a place of safety and equity?</p>
PIC Projects for the year (Margaret)	<p>One of the projects for PIC this year will be to create a Parent-friendly Guide to the DDSB Human Rights Policy in collaboration with Devika Mathur and PIC members.</p>
Updating SCC Handbook Concerns that need to be addressed by PIC	<p>New wording – including the Human Rights and Indigenous</p> <p>Understanding the IEP and Report Card and what kind of services and guidance we can provide to parents. Such sessions can be recorded for parents who cannot attend or for future reference.</p> <p>Chair Choudhary suggested that all communication should be done in multiple languages to support new Canadian parents.</p>
Updating SCC Video	<p>To connect with the Media Tech to update the SCC video on the DDSB website and to use a diverse representation of the region in the video.</p>
Meeting Adjournment	<p>The PIC meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.</p>