

Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024

PIC Members: Peter Ackie, Huma Choudhary, Emily Will, Gurleen Saggu, Arshi Ali, Bee Quammie, Alissa du Hasky, Chantel Walker-Hinds, Kerri-Lee Wier, Sayeka Hasan,

Trustee: Michelle Arsenault

DDSB Staff: Kandis Thompson, Nicole Brown, Pennie Marchione, Louise Vukas, Patrick Symister, Omotola (Omo) Olatunji, Kim Hutt, Emily Pantaleo, Afraa Yusuf, Christie Low, Lanya Lewis, Frank Samuels

Regrets: Sara Forbes, Ashley Lane

The Parent Involvement Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

Item	Discussion
Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	Peter Ackie read the Land of Acknowledgement and the Indigenous and Human Rights.
Approval of the Agenda	Moved by Michelle Arseneault and seconded by Gurleen Saggu
Introduction of Trustee Arseneault	Trustee Arseneault introduced herself to the committee
Welcome new members	<p>Kandis Thompson asked for a round table for all members to introduce themselves to the committee. Each member introduced themselves with a brief background on their connection to the DDSB.</p> <p>Peter Ackie – Co-Chair Huma Choudhary – Ajax Secondary Emily Will – North Elementary Gurleen Saggu – Oshawa Elementary Arshi Ali – Oshawa Secondary Bee Quammie – Pickering Elementary</p>

	<p>Alissa du Hasky – Pickering Secondary Chantel Walker-Hinds – Whitby Secondary Kerri-Lee Wier – Whitby Community Kandis Thompson – Superintendent Nicole Brown – Community and Partnership Specialist Pennie Marchione -Administrative Assistant, FACE Louise Vukas – Administrative Secretary, FACE Patrick Symister – Non-Teaching Staff Representative Omotola (Omo) Olatunji – Centrally Assigned Staff Kim Hutt – Elementary Administrator Emily Pantaleo – Elementary Teacher Afraa Yusuf – Secondary Teacher Christie Low – Secondary Administrator Nadia Nembard-Hunt – Sub-Committee Staff Representative Lanya Lewis – Sub-Committee Staff Representative Sayeka Hasan – Ajax Elementary Christie Low – Secondary Administrator Frank Samuels – Sub-Committee Staff Representative</p>
<p>Roles and Responsibilities</p>	<p>An overview of the roles and responsibilities for members was shared. Vacancies were shared for the following positions: Treasurer, North Secondary, SEAC Representative</p>
<p>Vote for Co-Chair</p>	<p>Members were invited to self-nominate for the co-chair position for the 2024/25-2025/26 years. Gurleen Saggu was the only individual who self-nominated and was welcomed to the role. Kandis shared Gurleen’s experience – Gurleen has been on the PIC for 2 years, she is active in her SCC, and has been actively involved with PRO Grants, SCCs and our Volunteer of Distinction ceremony. Confirmation that the now vacant Oshawa Elementary position will be filled prior to the next meeting.</p>
<p>PIC By-Laws</p>	<p>Kandis Thompson shared the purpose of By-Laws, and shared copies with the committee for their review. Appointment of term was raised (5.1.3) – it was raised that we onboard new PIC members in June, ready to call together members earlier in the school year to begin supports. Quorum (10.3) and Attendance (10.5) were highlighted to ensure members are present at the 4 required PIC meetings throughout the year. Parent Representative Emily Will concurred it makes sense for the Committee to align with the school year, and to start sooner.</p>

	<p>Superintendent Thompson asked whether the by-law needs to be revised, as it does not stipulate a start date for on-boarding, only for informing of new members. It was agreed no revision required.</p>
<p>Sub-Committees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional SCC Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last years Regional SCC was very successful and feedback was that the networking opportunity was the most beneficial - Hosting 3 regional SCC meetings to bring together SCCs and Administrators within their areas, so we can focus on their specific needs and commonalities - Introductions of PIC co-chairs, asked that the PIC Representatives for the areas attend their meeting to meet the SCCs, and highlighting what we are doing for the year will be shared - Videos from departments to share information will be shared to help SCCs consider PRO Grant opportunities • Engagement Speaker Series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from past surveys that has driven the speaking engagements for the current year – focus remains on Mental Health as it is still a key concern among the school communities. - The first speaker event will feature Dr Robyne Dafoe, and schools will have the opportunity to host in-person watch parties to bring their community together. There are giveaways and refreshment stipends provided to support schools in encouraging families to attend. • PRO Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry funding that can be provided to schools to host parent/family engagement events • Engagement Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Superintendent Thompson shared that we will be recording more information videos to share throughout schools - PD HUB space for Principals to obtain information to support their SCCs - Surveys – pop up surveys, working with our Multi Year Strategic Plan to develop surveys that can be shared at school events to answer some brief questions for information gathering. • Engaging our Diverse Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new opportunity to utilize our HUB spaces in 6 of the secondary schools, to support our families in these spaces

Meeting Dates for 2024/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday October 22nd• Tuesday November 26th• Tuesday January 21st• Tuesday May 27th
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Meeting adjourned at: 7:35pm