

Report of the Parent Involvement Committee

October 9, 2018 - 7pm

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee was held this date in the Education Centre,
400 Taunton Road East, Whitby, Ontario.

Committee Members:

Parents:
Roselyn Sagar-Lal – Co-Chair
Fatima Seedat – Pickering
Jennifer McLaughlin – Ajax
Valrie Estridge – Ajax
Simon Kariuki – Whitby
Mayline Brown – Whitby
Danielle St. Marie – North
Adriana Fajardo-Chadha – Oshawa
Patricia Crosbie – Oshawa

Community

Representatives:
Tiffany Sherwood – Oshawa
Mary Hindle – Ajax
Nigel Hunter - Ajax

Trustees:
Kim Zeppieri – Trustee, Town of Whitby
Gord Baxter – Trustee, Townships of Brock and Uxbridge

Staff:
Derek Mereweather, Elementary Teacher
Saamah Jadoon, Secondary Teacher
Jason Rodman, Elementary Vice-Principal
Kavita Kanavalli, Secondary Vice-Principal
David Fitchett, Administrative Officer
Martine Robinson, Superintendent (Engagement – Parent and Community)

1. Call to Order:

Co-Chair Roselyn Sagar-Lal called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

2. Land Acknowledgement, Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Roselyn Sagar-Lal read the Land Acknowledgement and welcome the committee. All Committee members introduced themselves.

3. Video from Director Millar was shared. (Welcome Back Video)

4. PIC Purpose, Roles and Responsibilities were reviewed with committee by Superintendent Martine Robinson.

Purpose

-Engage students, parents and community members to improve student outcomes and build public confidence

-Three key areas: Community Voice, Consultation, Leadership

Roles and Responsibilities

-Enhance, advise and develop strategies and initiatives to effectively engage parents in promoting and improving student achievement and well-being

-Develop skills, acquire knowledge and engage in activities that will assist SCC's with their work in engaging parents to support their children's learning at home and at school

Co-Chairs will:

- **Call** PIC Meetings
- **Prepare** agendas and Chair PIC Meetings
- **Participate** in information and training programs
- **Act as a spokesperson** on the behalf of the PIC committee in communicating with the board
- **Consult** with senior staff and trustees
- **Facilitate** the completion of a written summary of the PIC activities to the Chair and Director of the Board

5. PIC 2017-2018 Accomplishments

-3 Public Meetings

October 10, 2017, January 16, 2018, May 9, 2018

-4 Evening/Daytime Events

Volunteer of Distinction Award Ceremony - October 26, 2017

Parents as Partners Symposium - April 7, 2018

Regional SCC November 7, 2017 – Purposeful and Positive Parent Engagement

Regional SCC March 20, 2018 – Planning for Student Success – An Integrated Approach

-Provincial PIC Symposium - April 20 & 21, 2018

6. PIC 2018-2019 Goals and Success Criteria

Goal: To engage students, parents, and community member to improve student outcomes and build public confidence. The committee worked collaboratively on responding to the question- How will we know when we are successful?

7. Regional SCC Planning

Committee reviewed the planning for the event on November 13, 2018.

8. Next PIC meeting – January 15th, 2019.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Roselyn Sagar-Lal.

Upcoming Dates:

Volunteer of Distinction Ceremony – October 25, 2019

Regional SCC – November 13, 2018 and February 27, 2019 and June 2019

Parents as Partners – April 13, 2019