



# Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

February 11, 2020



## MINUTES



Present: Stephanie Spencer, Kavita Kanavalli, Ted Foster, Robyn Skube, Simon Kariuki, Valrie Estridge, Jennifer McLaughlin, Adriana Fajardo-Chadha, Scott Templeton, Tiffany Sherwood, Nigel Hunter, Michelle Montgomery, Patricia Clark, Heather Mundy

### Call to Order

Tiffany Sherwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Tiffany Sherwood read the land acknowledgment

### This is my Story

In the first episode of And This Is My Story Volume 2, Toufan Ariebe, shares her experience moving from Afghanistan to Canada, and the fear of stereotyping that came with it. Thanks to the English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher she had while at school, Toufan learned that who you are should be a source of great pride. Today, Toufan continues to share that message with her own students and colleagues at Terry Fox Public School. Please click on link to view video <https://youtu.be/e9sjFRHF5n4>

### Motion to Approve Minutes for November 26, 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Patricia Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Templeton

### Election of Co-Chair

Individuals who self nominated for Co-chair where given the opportunity to talk about their experience/background and the reason why they would like to be co-chair. The committee voted by secret ballot. Valrie Estridge was elected as Co-Chair.

### System News

SO Heather Mundy updated the committee on the Directors report, provided the link: <https://www.ddsb.ca/en/resources/Director-AR/index.html> and highlighted each area of the DDSB priorities. This is a great resource with lots of information on new initiatives, curriculum, student achievement, live links and resources that have been purchased. Heather encourages the committee to check it out.

### Sub-Committee Updates

#### PRO Grant Committee

Robyn Skube updated the committee on how the proposals were chosen based on the criteria:

- 42 schools submitted a proposal

- 32 schools were approved for a total of \$39,800.
- The funds that we don't use will go towards the Parents as Partners Symposium
- Projects that were given higher amounts involved multiple schools.
- It would be interesting to know if schools that were not approved still went ahead with the project.
- Committee to create a document to assist with process for next year.

#### *Ideas for next year*

- Promote creativity and innovation;
- At the fall Regional SCC – schools could talk about their project
- Create and send google form to gain insight on what was helpful and what was a barrier for applications

#### Regional SCC – February 25<sup>th</sup>

- Spread the word – need help on promoting event
- Will be live streamed
- Looking for helpers to registration
- Selected participants will be interviewed and videotaped on their experience (how it was informative etc). We can use this to promote future Regional SCCs

#### Parents as Partners- April 4<sup>th</sup>

- Ensure a variety of sizes is ordered for t-shirts
- Group to arrive at JC Richardson Collegiate around 8:30 am

#### Volunteer of Distinction – October 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Meeting to be set up in May

#### DDSB Resource for Parents

- Staff Lead will be James Klodnicki Principal
- Initial meeting to be set soon
- Online resource to be created

#### Communication

- Sub committee met on January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Wants to promote different issues
- Will work with creative services in creating a template – newsletter
- Need to establish a lead
- Would like to get a collection of stories soon, so they are ready to go.

8:00 pm - Break

8:15 pm – Meeting reconvened

### Brainstorm session – How to support our SCC

- SCC Email – a reminder email needs to be sent to Principals to be encourage use of the SCC email.
- It was brought to our attention that there has been technical issues with the SCC email, ie passwords and being locked out – help tickets need to be submitted
- Parent Engagement needs to be priority
- Personal approach was suggested – call the school and offer assistance on the SCC email
- Schools to be sorted out by the reps (area)- What is our purpose and why are we calling?
- PIC advises the board on how to engage parents. PIC needs to be part of the SCC. If we want to make PIC as a strong committee – we have to be tied with SCC, but we need to support the SCC to link to the parents.
- In addition to the PIC Brochure, create a video – introducing the PIC committee members, what is our purpose; give examples of how to overcome barriers, etc.
- Parent Webpage – one place for all resources for all the PIC / Regional SCCs/ Parents
- Need to use the platforms available – School messenger, Instagram, twitter to promote PIC, SCC's etc.

### Adjournment

Tiffany Sherwood adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Next Meeting : April 14, 2020