

# Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

June 4, 2019



## MINUTES



Present: Heather Mundy, Scott Templeton, Kavita Kanavalli, Robyn Skube, Simon Kariuki, Valrie Esridge, Roselyn Sagar-Lal, Mary Hindle

Regrets: Derek Mereweather, Saamah Jadoon, Adriana Fajardo, Tiffany Sherwood, Jennifer McLaughlin, Michelle Montgomery, Patricia Crosbie, Saamah Jadoon, Jason Rodman, Nigel Hunter, Rupal Patel

1. Call to Order

Roselyn Sagar-Lal called the meeting to order

2. Land Acknowledgement

Holly Richard read the land acknowledgement

3. Welcome/ Introductions

4. Motion to Approve the Agenda

1<sup>st</sup> Kavita Kanavalli      2<sup>nd</sup> Robyn Skube

5. Motion to Approve the Minutes from March 26, 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Robyn Skube      2<sup>nd</sup> Kavita Kanavalli

6. This is My Story

Student trustee video was shown to the group. All This is My Story videos are available on DDSB website.

7. Presentation of Wellness

Roselyn welcomed Holly from Safe schools to share the First 20 days of Equity and Well Being initiatives. This project is being led by the equity and inclusive department providing program support and guidelines for the schools. Goals: Why – During first days of school it is necessary to make them feel safe and that they matter, and this really can help learn students learn – get them ready to learn. Building social connection is important. Holly shared success story from Lincoln Alexander. The whole school and community bought in to make it a success. They started with community circles and everyday had a different theme – brain care, self- regulation, stress and anxiety, bully prevention, equity. Reports from teachers are that students are more engaged. Bus driver even noticed a difference. Shared a video of school successes. Encouraged schools to give it a try. A school can start small, and grow. September is ideal, but it can start anytime. Administrators take the lead, and get voice from students, parents and community. To be successful you need to make sure all voices are heard.

8. Annual Report – Share and Reflect

Heather presented the new annual report. Highlighted the six priorities. Annual report will be posted to the website. Suggestion to add How to get involved - contact # on the back sheet of the report.

9. Regional ProGrant – Update from DENSA

Kavita gave an update on the initiatives through a Regional Pro Grant they received last year. Four main parent engagement events. 1<sup>st</sup> Tea Time at Viola Desmond – student dancers, singing, workshops for parents, mental health, inclusive student service, ESL focus. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tamil Heritage Event at Terry Fox – lighting of the lamp, student performances, workshops for parents and students. 3<sup>rd</sup> Career guidance for Highschool at Pickering HS. - panel experts for parents and workshops for students. 4<sup>th</sup> informal meet and greet for families who identify with the middle eastern communities.

140 students attended the student conference on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. What's in a name? Kavita shared a video of the conference-showing students who are proud of who they are.

Robyn would like to bring it to her schools. Suggestions to follow @densanetwork on twitter, or @densadbsb on Instagram. How can we connect our schools to these events that are going on all over the DDSB? Social media, board website, SCC chairs. Families want to learn alongside their children.

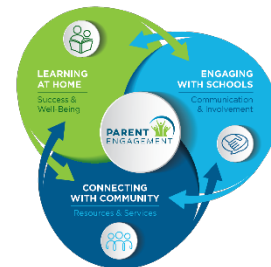
10. Parent Voice

Shared the Ignite learning results initiatives where 55 schools participated in the survey. This survey showed what SCC's have done or what they would like to do relating to the core DDSB priorities.

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11. Engagement Priorities

Why? – Engage students, parents and community members to improve student outcomes and build public confidence.  
Shared the three pillars.



12. Meeting Format for 2019-2020 – will be deferred

13. Board Report – Trustee Templeton

If you can't make it to board meeting, it is now live streamed. Finance meetings coming up on June 5, 12 and 26 . If you have questions, please come to the meetings.

14. Other Business

How can PIC Support SCC? What are the guidelines for how PIC works with SCCs? Include this discussion in our first meeting for 2019-2020. May involve working sub-committees to develop communication guidelines/ plan.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Simon Kariuki      2<sup>nd</sup> Valrie Estridge