

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

MARCH 26, 2019



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Present: Heather Mundy, Jason Rodman, Kavita Kanavalli, Mayline Brown, Jennifer McLaughlin, Simon Kariuki, Robyn Skube, Saamah Jadoon, Rupel Patel, Scott Templeton, Valrie Estridge

Regrets: Mary Hindle, Roselyn Sagar-Lal, Tiffany Sherwood, Derek Mereweather, Nigel Hunter, Fatima Seedat, Michelle Montgomery, Adriana Fajardo-Chadha, Patricia Crosbie

1. Call to Order

Jennifer McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Welcome/ Introductions

We welcomed Robyn Skube as our Community Representative from the North, and Rupal Patel as Community Representative from Ajax.

Remaining vacancies for North Secondary and Pickering

4. Motion to Approve the Agenda

1st Saamah Jadoon 2nd Jason Rodman

5. Motion to Approve the Minutes from January 15, 2019

1st Saamah Jadoon 2nd Jason Rodman

6. This is My Story

This video highlights the identity of the staff, students and families – Episode 4 – Allison Kerr. This fits well with our DDSB priority of Equity.

7. Overview of Engagement

Superintendent Mundy shared with trustees all the activities that Parent Engagement has done this year. We are looking at the three different pillars: 1) Learning at home; 2) Engaging with the school; 3) Connecting with the school community as a foci for the strategic plan.

8. Regional SCC - Discussion

- Event went very well. People were engaged.
- Panel was excellent.
- Great attendance.

- Parents didn't realize there are so many networks.
- Suggestions for more elementary information as programs were geared towards secondary.
- We need to continue our journey in equity.
- Next year, it would be good to connect SCC to all the networks.
- Suggestions were provided that information on the different networks and community agencies could be made into a booklet and/or the website.

9. Parents as Partners Update

Jason Rodman, Co-Chair updated the committee on the upcoming symposium

- Date: April 13th – Maxwell Heights SS
- Keynote: Michael Furdyk who started a tech firm TAKEITGLOBAL
- There will be student workshops, daycare, and a wide range of parent workshops. The different workshops were explained
- We will send link to group to help promote
- We are expecting a lot of people from 300 – 400
- We are looking for volunteers from PIC. There are a range of roles. Parents would introduce and thank the speaker. Please see Jason to sign up.
- PIC encouraged to bring their children as well.
- Suggestion: Transportation for future events to get more parents and families out

10. Board Report – Trustee Templeton

Trustee Templeton explained the Trustee letter that was written to the Ministry of Education which expresses their concern about the recent cuts to the Autism funding. Letter to be shared with SCC chairs, community, parents and ask them to reach out to the MPPs. The letter is available online. If you require a PDF, please send Trustee Templeton an email.

11. Upcoming Event

May 14th – Dr. Clinton. Superintendent Mundy encouraged the PIC group to attend. There is a staff session from 4 – 5:30, and an evening session for parents, community. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the board office. Will send information to group.

12. Activity

Superintendent Mundy introduced the three pillars: 1) Learning at home; 2) Engaging with the school; 3) Connecting with the school community. PIC completed an activity on strengths, areas of growth, opportunities and barriers for the DDSB.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

1st Mayline Brown 2nd Kavita Kanavalli

Next Meeting: June 4, 2019