

Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee

Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022

PIC Members: Jim Van Allen, Huma Choudhary, Ted Foster, Patrick Symister, Kristen McKinnon, Gurleen Saggu.

Trustee: Scott Templeton

DDSB Staff: Superintendent Margaret Lazarus, James Klodnicki, Frank Samuels, Carolynne Waters, Sarah Khattab, Leandra Coore, Paula Mbonda,

Regrets: Dima Al-Akhras, Sensa RAned Burrell, Natalie Greaves, Barb Skinners, Israt Quazi. Igor

Guest: Jill Harvey

The Parent Involvement Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Item	Discussion
Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	Superintendent Lazarus, welcomed the members to the meeting, and read the Land Acknowledgement, and the Human Rights and Indigenous Rights statements.
Agenda Approval	Moved by Jim Van Allen and seconded by Frank Samuels
Minutes Approval	Approved
Visible Everyday	Superintendent Lazarus introduced Jill Harvey, VP DDSB@Home, and James Klodnicki, Principal Donald A. Wilson SS; Jill and James explained that Visible Every Day is a steering committee for 2SLGBTQIA + concerns and issues Key ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Events in DDSB should be more inclusive and safe for everyone by creating a culture of acceptance;• The importance of respecting pronouns and name changes.• Slurs and Epithets are not tolerated in DDSB Schools among staff and students. PIC was left with the questions, "How can the PIC help support families, parents/guardians/caregivers in this area?"

<p>School Cash - Updates</p>	<p>Ted Foster and superintendent Lazarus met with Wendy and Michelle from DDSB Business earlier in April. The initial fees for School Cash Online were covered by the DDSB. 2021-2022 the transaction fees have been transferred to schools.</p> <p>The Fees are going to the software company and not DDSB.</p> <p>The contract with School Cash Online is to be renewed in 2025</p>
<p>Updates – Parent Involvement Sub-Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PIC Newsletter - PROGrant Applications - Parent Engagement Series - Durham Partners (formerly Parents as Partners) 	<p>PIC Newsletter – has been shared with all SCC Chairs, Head Secretaries on May 4th, and Administrators on May 9th, 2022. The timing of the newsletter was perfect to promote the PIC events.</p> <p>PRO Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah Khattab gave an update on the PRO Grant projects <p>Parent Engagement Series: Dr. John Duffy's presentation on May 5th...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frank Samuels gave a brief resume of the presentation on May 5th. - 50 registration were drawn as winners will receive Dr. John Duffy's Book <p>Durham Partners Conference on May 17th, 2022</p> <p>James Klodnicki is honored to have worked with the Committee, a mix of PIC members and Administrators, to plan this event</p>
<p>Parent-Friendly version of the Human Rights</p>	<p>Superintendent Lazarus mentioned that the PIC Committee would work on a Parent-Friendly Human Rights Guide/Brochure to support our parent community.</p>
<p>Updating SCC Handbook</p>	<p>Updates requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have greetings from the Trustee chair - Morton • Human Rights policy and procedures lens (Duty Bearer Responsibilities to be added to the SCC Handbooks • Reduce the number of pages in the SCC Handbook so that it is less daunting. More parently-friendly version. • Include perhaps an infographic of key points of the function and role of the SCC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Updating terminology, i.e., Parents as Partners, Regional SCC, etc.
Updating SCC Video	Action: To be reviewed and updated in the fall and ensure that the video represents the diversity on the Parent Involvement Committee.
PIC End of the Year Report	The Co-Chairs, Manon and SO Lazarus, will be working on the End of Year Report to be presented to the Board of Trustees. The PIC Co-chairs will present the report on behalf of the Committee
Meeting Adjournment	The PIC meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.