

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Virtual Meeting

October 14, 2020



MINUTES



Present: Heather Mundy, Val Estridge, Tiffany Sherwood, Frank Samuels, Rupal Patel, Michelle Montgomery, Scott Templeton, Ted Foster, Kavita Kanavalli, Sarah Khattab, Margaret Ogunkoya, Marianne Rogers, Jennifer McLaughlin, Simon Kariuki, Patricia Clark, Rupal Patel, Nigel Hunter, Mayline Brown, Patrick Symister, Kim Brathwaite

Special Guests: Devika Mathur, Chrystal Bryan, Camille Alli, Merrill Matthews, Margaret Lazarus and Jacqui Steer

Absent: Adrianna Farjardo-Chadna

Call to Order

Val Estridge called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome / Land Acknowledgment

Val Estridge read the land acknowledgement

Motion to Approve Minutes for May 26, 2020:

1st Patricia Clark 2nd Margaret Ogunkoya

Motion to Approve Agenda

Agenda was approved

Introductions:

Each PIC Member had the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Review of Regulation / Procedure and By-Laws

- Heather explained the purpose of PIC, Ministry Vision and the DDSB Vision
- PIC continues to seek representatives for the Brock, Uxbridge and Scugog area
- Tiffany Sherwood presented the PIC Procedures and PIC ByLaws The functioning of the Parent Involvement Committee is guided by the Procedures, including the purpose, the roles/responsibilities, the structure/ composition The ByLaws provided specific information on committee members, length of term, conflict of interest and conflict resolution

Special Presentation: Anti Black Racism presented by Chrystal Bryan, Camille Alli, Merrill Matthews, Margaret Lazarus and Jacqui Steer.

Overview of the initiatives:

- Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy
- Compendium of Action for Black Student Success
- System Initiatives

Documents can be downloaded from our DDSB website. <https://www.ddsb.ca/en/about-ddsb/equity-inclusive-education.aspx>

Discussion Notes:

- PIC members want to know how they can help and support with the Anti-Black Racism work?
- Heather Mundy suggests any issues that arise from the Black Parent Council could be shared with PIC Committee. As a result, PIC could provide feedback and assist.
- One of the PIC subcommittees is to create a resource for parents to help them navigate the system.
- Suggestion to have a joint meeting with that Black Parent Council. Perhaps the PIC could be invited to their meeting. Jacqui Steer to take it back to the group for consideration.
- Sarah Khattab (Literacy Chair at J. Clarke Richardson) offered to share digital resources that they have developed for IEP and at risk students. Please email Sarah at (sarah.khattib@ddsb.ca) to request this information.

Val thanked the presenters for their informative presentation.

BREAK - 5 minutes

Meeting resumed at 8:22 pm

Tiffany introduced our next presenter: Devika Mathur, Human Rights Officer. Devika presented an overview of the Proposed Framework for the Development of Human Rights Policy. The materials will be sent to PIC before the November meeting. Devika will return to the November meeting for consultation.

Tiffany thanked the Devika for her presentation.

Brain Storming Ideas - Planning ahead for 2020-2021

PIC members were asked to share their considerations and goals for the year.

- Suggestion to have breakouts to meet with a smaller group, but unfortunately we cannot use breakouts during a live you tube.
- The DDSB uses a lot of acronyms – not parent friendly
- If a family requires a document to be translated it can be requested
- Gathering feedback from each of our events is important as it guides us on what we should do for future events.
- Last year we created subcommittees that helped moved our goals forward
- Using PIC to bring schools together to plan for PRO Grant events
- Parent Engagement Series (formally known as Regional SCC) on November 4th will feature Tend Academy, topic is Overload: Strategies to Stay Healthy in a Stressful World
- Encourage the SCCs to talk about how we can engage parents and share information
- Distribute the funds (PRO Grants) through all the different municipalities.

Please make note of the future meetings / events:

PIC

- November 24, 2020
- February 9, 2021
- April 13, 2021

Parent Engagement Series (previously called Regional SCC)

- November 4, 2020
- February 24, 2021

Parents as Partners Symposium

- April 10, 2021

Adjournment

Tiffany adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

To view the livestream of this meeting, please visit: <https://youtu.be/xXOXnoagRic>