

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

October 16, 2019



Information Session



Present: Heather Mundy, Donna Edwards, Michael Bowman, Stephanie Spencer, Kavita Kanavalli, Robyn Skube, Ted Foster, Adriana Fajardo, Sarah Khattib, Derek Mereweather, Margaret Ogunkoya

Regrets: Scott Templeton, Tiffany Sherwood, Jennifer McLaughlin, Valrie Estridge, Michelle Montgomery, Simon Kariuki, Patricia Crosbie, Rupal Patel, Nigel Hunter, Fatima Seedat

Land Acknowledgement

Heather Mundy read the land acknowledgement

This is My Story Video

Denise Pickett is a dedicated Educational Assistant who works at Gordon B. Attersley Public School, and she loves her job. She started out as a caring Mom who got involved with school through her kids. Eventually her passion led to her going back to school and working at the Durham District School Board. Denise identifies with her students and she strives to be one of the people they can count on for help or sometimes even a hug.

Election of Co-Chair

Committee did not meet quorum, therefore a co-chair will be determined at the next meeting. Heather informed the group that we had 13 interests of expressions to be part of the PIC committee. At present time, only 1 position to be filled for the North.

Norms of Collaboration

Heather went through the list of norms. She stressed how important it is to have a voice at each meeting. Dates for PIC meeting were announced, October 16, November 26, February 11 and April 14. The evening events are as follows: VOD October 24th, Parents as Partners April 4 and Regional SCC's October 29th and February 25th. Heather explained the DDSB has been experiencing problems with emails being delayed or not delivered, perhaps this is the reason why attendance was low.

Purpose of PIC

The Ministry and the DDSB vision of PIC was explained as well as the roles and responsibilities for the CO-Chairs and Treasurer.

Introductions

Heather asked the group to introduce themselves to the person beside them, share information, and bring it back to the table. Each member then introduced the person sitting beside them with the new information they just learned.

By-Law Discussion

The group was given 15 minutes to review the 11 bylaws with a partner. Members were asked to write down any questions or clarifications to discuss with group. Changes were noted and bylaws will be brought forward for motion at next meeting.

Break – 8:05 p.m

8:15 – reconvened

Engagement – Strategic Plan

Engagement is one of the DDSB's six priorities. A smaller committee was created and developed the Strategic Plan. Three pillars were created; 1) Engaging with Schools, 2) Learning at Home; 3) Connecting with Community. Data was gathered through a thought exchange and SCC survey.

Engaging with Schools:

A Welcome to DDSB resource will be created. A working committee will be formed involving other departments. This will be a full year project.

SCC planning tools – Since the SCCs didn't know the Ignite Learning Priorities, a resource was created. Heather showed the contents of the folder including templates for planning. The SCC Annual Report (will now be a google doc) was revised to include all DDSB Priorities. We will be able to gather data and share with all the schools what other schools are doing. Principals and SCC Chairs will be supporting the toolkit.

Learning at Home

3 screencastifys, PODCASTs in progress—which will be made available to parents through website.

PRO Grants 2019-2020

The focus is still to engage parents. The money is significantly less this year. PIC is going to be the key committee in choosing which grants will move forward. Groups of schools will be encouraged to come together and collaborate. Heather shared the Pro Grant proposal. A process for evaluating the criteria will be developed. In order to avoid conflict of interest the name of the school will be covered and a separate meeting will be scheduled to discuss the projects privately. The original deadline for the proposal was November 15th, but members of the committee thought it was too tight and alternative deadline was chosen - January 15th. Family of School Superintendents to share at their next area meeting.

Regional SCC – October 29th

Agenda was discussed and the committee finalized the break outs.

VOD – October 24th

The need for PIC volunteers was expressed. Robyn and Adriana volunteered to Co-host the VOD ceremony. The roles and responsibilities for the evening will be sent out to the members.

Communication:

Discussion around how PIC can support SCCs and share information. Heather will follow up on request.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.