

**Meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee held**

**Live Stream - Parent Involvement Committee Meeting**

**DATE: April 18, 2024 - 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Google Meet joining info**

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[2023/24 HDSB PIC Board Committee Members](#)

**Members:**

**Oakville Area**

Saud Juman (EJ James PS  
and Maple Grove PS,  
OTHS)

Zena Al-Mudaris,  
(Sunningdale P.S.)

Tazeen Amir (White  
Oaks SS)

**Burlington Area**

Laura Tripp (Dr. Charles Best  
PS)

Amber Ruthart (Kilbride PS, Dr.  
Frank J. Hayden SS)

Reem Tantawi (Dr. Frank J.  
Hayden SS)

**Milton Area**

Jennifer Sibbitt (Brookville PS, Martin  
Street PS, Milton District HS)

Lori-Ann Smith (Craig Kielburger SS)

Reza Ali Chaudhry (Bruce Trail PS)

**Halton Hills Area**

Laura Sprenger (Georgetown District HS)

Angela Cole (Pineview PS)

Shari White (Acton District School, Milton  
District HS)

**Community Member:**

Diana Bello (HMC Connections)

**Trustee:** Xin Yi Zhang

**Board Liaison and Resource Personnel:**

Tara Connor (Superintendent); Shelly Werynski (Central PS); Luisa Botelho (Elsie Macgill S.S. Vice Principal)

**Regrets:** Shelly Werynski

**Absent:** Lori-Ann Smith, Amber Ruthart, Angela Cole, Tazeen Amir

TIME	ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	Facilitator
7:00pm	Welcome from Co-Chair Saud Juman	<a href="#">Land Acknowledgement</a>		Co-Chair
7:05pm	Passing of the Minutes	Motion: Jennifer Sibbitt Second: Laura Tripp		Co-Chair
7:07pm	Trustee Updates	Update on Measles cases on the rise. Watch your emails for information about how to update your yellow vaccination cards. Halton.ca is also a good resource. Summer program information has been sent out for grade 6-8 (literacy and math). Deadline for registration is coming up.		Trustee Xin Yi Zhang
7:10pm	Multi-Year Plan Development Update	Visit from Ember Experience (Norah Marsh and Aishwaraya Jayaprakash), advisors on the multi year plan.  Theme of MYP: Curiosity and Connection Approval of MYP to be complete by the end of this year.  MYP process is to get feedback from stakeholders to have a good idea on what the priorities and focus of the HDSB should be. Town halls & individual surveys are part of the ways to gather feedback.  Discussion Questions were reviewed and discussed. Q1: Priorities for HDSB? A1:	Have a way to get responses to these discussion questions from the parents/guardians at the PIC conference this weekend? -Even just something like sticky notes where they could add their thoughts on these questions?	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- stress, mental health, anxiety issues that come up</li> <li>- navigating the HDSB system on how to get your student some extra help, assistance, IEPs, SpecEd, etc</li> <li>- Discipline and behaviour issues in the classroom</li> <li>- Tech usage in the classroom or the use of different tech platforms in the classroom</li> <li>- Giving students more opportunities to have hands on work, more time outside, more breaks from lectures/screens/presentations</li> <li>- Focus on positivity and kindness rather than anti-bad topic.</li> </ul> <p>Q2: Future development/trends do we anticipate and how to prepare for it?</p> <p>A2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- looking at the curriculum and taking out the antiquated tech that isn't in much use anymore</li> <li>- Rather than look at new trends/tech, the focus should be on the soft skills critical thinking, analysis, building relationships, conflict resolutions, etc</li> <li>- banning personal tech in the classroom, to avoid the student being on tech for so many hours of the day</li> <li>- encouraging limitations of social media on students</li> </ul>		
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		Next steps will be gathering feedback from school councils by the end of May. Will be meeting with the Student Senate to gather the student feedback.		
8:00pm	PIC Conference Planning Updates	Exciting line up at the conference this weekend! Sat April 20th at Elsie MacGill SS in Milton  Many presenters, community displays and education for the HDSB community.		PIC Conference Chair - Ali Chaudhry
8:10pm	Superintendent Updates	How to work with school/board with issues that need to be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- board website has a place on how to resolve issues/concerns</li> <li>- The issues should start at the level of the concern. If there is an issue in the classroom? - speak to the teacher first. If unresolved, speak to the principal, then superintendent of the school which is located on the school website, then escalate that to the associate director then the director.</li> <li>- School council is a good resource</li> <li>- PIC Committee is another resource</li> </ul>		Superintendent Tara Connor
8:16pm	Closing Remarks		Next Meeting: May 23, 2024	Co-Chair