



MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee held Virtual on Thursday, April 8, 2021. The minutes were vetted by the PIC Committee and will be passed at the first meeting of fall 2021.

Present:

Zena Al-Mudaris, **Co-Chair** (Parent, Oakville); Andrea Chan, (Parent, Oakville), **Co-Chair**; Nina Liu (White Oaks SS, Oakville); Tanya Rocha, (Trustee, Oakville, Wards 3, 6); Shari White (Parent, Acton); Rupi Mann (Parent, Burlington); Reza (Ali) Chaudhry (Parent Milton); Lauren lves (Parent; Milton); Josee Landriault (Parent, Halton Hills); Patricia Kirchner (Parent, Halton Hills); Sarah Suhail (Parent Burlington); Sarah Sharif (Parent, Burlington) Kelly Amos (Trustee, Oakville, Wards 5, 7); Tanya Rocha, (Trustee, Oakville, Wards 3, 6) Uzma Kazi (Youth Settlement Specialist- community member)

Board Liaison and Resource Personnel:

John Pennyfather (Superintendent); Steve Oliver (Georgetown District H.S., Vice Principal);

Regrets: Jeanne Gray

Absent:

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO
Welcome from the Co-Chairs (Zena Al Mudaris; Andrea Chan)	 Honouring the Land Introductions of members Passing of the Minutes from February 18, 2021 Intro of the guest speaker. 	Passing of the minutes	Ali and Zena
Presentation: "Youth Action and Climate Change, how can we support our students" Presenter: Suzanne Burwell HDSB Environmental Sustainability Specialist	 Suggestion about providing virtual tours of waste management sites. Idea around a badge system for schools (similar to Girl Guides) There are eco initiatives that focus on elementary schools and they have a recognition system Importance of education with a focus on parents. Many parents were not educated or raised in Canada and did not grow up with knowledge of where our recycling and waste policies came from. 		





	 What is the role of PIC in the education of parents? If we know what the solutions are, how do we get people to enact these solutions. What is the waste associated with fundraising events? Can a PIC member be involved with the Environmental Management Team? Decision to discuss this further at a later date. The EMT has community members from each community in Halton. Halton Climate Collective also has regional representation. 	
Superintendents Report	 PRO Grant Final Report Google Form will be sent to School Principals for May 1 Meeting with the Ministry indicated they had not decided on what they wanted the final report to look like. 	John
Reports from PIC Members on HDSB Committees	 Safety and Wellbeing - Noorie Soni (Milton); Lauren Ives (Milton) From March 29th. Very strong response and feedback from this event. 500+ views on Youtube. 700 online that night. More sessions coming for eating disorders, gaming, adhd etc Further feedback around the excellent quality of these events. School Year Calendar - Sara Sharif 	





	 (Burlington); Patricia Kirchner (Halton Hills) Meeting on March 18. Educators and parents were able to talk about the impact of when PD days and holidays fall. Tentative calendar was presented at last nights board meeting. It will be voted on by the Trustees at that time. It is posted on the website on the trustees agenda package from the April 7 Board Meeting. 		
Trustee Updates	 Passed a motion to name the new Milton High School Elsie McGill. First woman to have a high school named after her. It will be an ISTEM school. Free Menstrual products will be offered in HDSB by September 2021 Covid: Approved a motion to write a letter to Minister to prioritize vaccinations for education workers. New Director search continues. A job description has been created and a position has been posted. 3 Superintendents announce retirement. Pennyfather, Zonneveld and Hunt-Gibbons Trustees writing a letter around the new proposal coming from the ministry about online delivery models. 	F	Fanya Rocha Kelly Amos
Next Meeting and Adjournment	Tentative Date Nov 18, 2021		



