

Meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee held

Live Stream - Recorded and Broadcast on YouTube
Thursday, 18 November · 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Google Meet joining info
Video call link:

Members:

Oakville Area

Andrea Chan, (Abbey
Park H.S.)

Saud Juman (EJ James PS
and Maple Grove PS)

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

Burlington Area

Rupi Mann (Dr. F J Hayden and
Nelson HS)

Sarah Sharif (Orchard Park PS)

Sarah Suhail (Ryerson PS)

Milton Area

Jennifer Sibbitt (Brookville PS, Martin
Street PS and Hawthorne Village PS)

Kresimir Smintich (Craig Kielburger
SS and Irma Coulson PS)

Reza Ali Chaudhry (Bruce Trail PS)

Halton Hills Area

Noureen Merchant (Georgetown District
H.S.)

Patricia Kirchner, (Georgetown District
HS and Silver Creek PS)

Shari White (McKenzie S. Bennett PS and
Milton District HS)

Community Member:

Diana Bello (HMC Connections)

Trustees:

Jeanne Gray (Halton Hills, All Wards); Kelly Amos (Oakville, Wards 5, 7); Tanya Rocha, (Oakville, Wards 3, 6)

Board Liaison and Resource Personnel:

Aiman Flahat (Superintendent); Shelly Werynski (EJ James P.S. Principal); Luisa Botelho (Elsie Macgill S.S. Vice Principal)

Regrets: Rupi Mann (Dr. F J Hayden and Nelson HS)

Absent:

	ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	Facilitator
7:00 pm	Welcome from the Co-Chairs Zena Al Mudaris and Andrea Chan	Honouring the Land and Territories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former Members Introduction New members Introduction: Jennifer Sibbitt (Representing Milton Elementary); Kresimir Smintich (Representing Milton Secondary); Saud Juman (Representing Oakville Elementary); Noureen Merchant (Representing Halton Hills Secondary) Shelly Werynski (Representing Board Member, Principal, EJ James PS); Luisa Botelho (Representing Board Member, Vice Principal, Elsie MacGill SS); Diana Bello, HMC Connections (Representing Community Member) and Aiman Flahat, Superintendent of Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrea welcomed all to the meeting - Andrea presented the Honouring Land and Territory - Introductions by Andrea - Aiman reviewed his role and responsibilities within the HDSB - Aiman thanked all the applicants 	Zena Al-Mudaris and Andrea Chan
7:15	Passing of the Minutes	April 8, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zena motioned and Patricia seconded 	Zena Al-Mudaris and Andrea Chan
7:25	Co-Chairs Appointment	Announcement of two New Co-Chairs Shari White Saud Juman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction by new Co-Chairs 	-	Zena Al-Mudaris; Superintendent, Aiman Flahat
7:35	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roles to be filled by executive members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-chairs PIC Conference Committee IEPEB (Inclusive Education Priorities and Engagement Branch) Committee Ontario PIC Connection (OPICC) HDSB Calendar Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zena reviewed the committees Co-chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aiman announced that Saud Juman and Shari White will be Co-chairs this year - Shari introduced herself and shared why the position was of interest 	Zena Al-Mudaris; Superintendent, Aiman Flahat

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HDSB EIE Steering Advisory Committee - Equity and Inclusion Education Committee ○ Environmental Management Team ● School-based PIC Representative Role 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saud introduced himself and shared why it was of interest - Aiman thanked Andrea and Zena for their commitment to the position and team <p>PIC Conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - break up into roles - ie./, workshops, food . . . - will know more once the format is decided <p>IEPEB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 times per year - usually begins in Sept - engage in well-being and safety in Ontario - for co-chairs <p>OPICC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FACEBOOK Group - meet 4 times per year - discuss IEPEB meeting - co-chair responsibilities <p>HDSB Calendar Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - parent perspective in regards to school year calendar - 1 time per year <p>HDSB EIE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - meet 4x per year 	
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			<p>Environmental Management Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2nd Tuesday of the month - 2-year commitment if possible <p>School Based PIC Role (Aiman)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - every school has a PIC rep - PIC reps will attend the workshops - January 13th - survey will be sent out to team to help plan for the PIC workshops, positions suggested some possible topics - 2 workshops for school based reps (one about the role -Dec 9th, April 7th) 	
7:50	Future Meeting Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 27 - 2nd PIC Committee Meeting Livestreamed • March 31 - 3rd PIC Committee Meeting Livestreamed • May 26 - 4th PIC Committee Meeting Livestreamed <p>Two (2) School-Based PIC Representative Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 9 • April 7th <p>Financial Training for parent-school council chairs, co-chairs and treasurers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 13 <p>PIC Conference-Date TBD</p>	<p>Aiman reviewed the key dates mentioned that the financial training is for Chairs, Treasurers</p> <p>Ali brought up the idea around the use and application to PRO grants and how the money can be used this year</p> <p>Ali asked if the roles of the PIC align with the HDSB Strategic Goals</p> <p>Andrea mentioned that there are other committees that do exist outside the ones mentioned tonight</p> <p>she went on to say that when you are filling out the survey to ensure that you share the needs of your community as you are representing that community to the Board</p>	Zena Al-Mударis and Andrea Chan

7:55	Trustee Updates		<p>J. Gray:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reviewed the 2020-2021 school year - facilities updates - financials - report on supporting student mental health - school renaming <p>K. Amos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - building new schools - looking for land for new high school in North Oakville - delay in funding projected to open 2024-2025 - redirection of families in North Oakville to TA Blakelock - iSTEM starting at Blakelock in 2023 - Trustees roles include sitting on committees, Inspire awards, accessibility <p>T. Rocha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - advocacy letters to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. prime minister around Truth and Reconciliation 2. Letter to the Premier + Education Minister to add COVID-19 as a “designated disease” to the Immunization of School Pupils Act - renamed Ryerson PS; now called Makwendam Public School 	Jeanne Gray; Kelly Amos; and Tanya Rocha
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			<p>(Indigeneous word that means 'to remember')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - semester returning in February - looking to see if HDSB can return sooner 	
8:10	Superintendent Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry PRO Grant funding/Application Process similar to last year • PIP Funding \$500 to all schools to support the work of school councils deposited into school accounts • Learnings for next PIC meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - next few weeks applications will be sent out - up to \$750 - December 9th - Parent Resources and speakers - Parents have an increased understanding of what is happening at the school - leading to increased confidence in public education - Ali asked if we are able to access previous applications - Aiman suggested to check with school as they may have previous ones - Aiman reassured Ali that we will support the application process and speak to it on Dec. 9th - J. Gray suggested that applications could be made by a group of schools together - PRO Funds can be used for virtual events - Kres asked if the recording of the meeting Saud hosted around fundraising could be shared - Aiman asked Saud to share the link and it will then be shared with the 	Superintendent, Aiman Flahat

			<p>committee</p> <p>Sarah - communication to parents around fundraising and how grants can be used to increase involvement</p> <p>Saud shared information around the panel evening at EJ James on November 24th and invited the team to attend.</p> <p>PIC Conference format will be discussed at the Dec. 9th to see how it will look this year.</p> <p>It is important to look beyond fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diversity Friday - Panel Discussions - Helping with building the feeling of community - 	
8:15	Next Meeting	January 27, 2022 Adjournment	<p>Zena closed the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - thank you to everyone - Ali seconded the adjournment - 	Andrea Chan