

# Parent Involvement Committee

Minutes - December 6, 2022

A meeting of the Waterloo Region District School Board **Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)** was held on Tuesday, December 6, at 6:30 pm, virtually on Google Meet, with the following members in attendance:

**Present:**

Trustees: M. Radlein

Board Staff: D. Ballantyne, M. Hoare, R. Di Martin, S. Miller

PIC/WRAPSC Members: J. Araujo, H. Brar, A. deVries, G. Eriamiatoe, S. Goel, S. Heroux, J. Lawrie, L. Lovelace, A. Misra, C. Needler, S. Rehan, A. Schuitema, P. Shaw

**Regrets:** S. Awan, J. Chanicka, E. Dougan-McKenzie, T. Jamieson, D. Lataille-Herdsman, S. Rizik, A. Russell, G. Shantz, S. Shadaan, N. Sidiqi, T. Yates

**Guests:** C. Bairos Fernandes

**Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgement**, Co-Chair Scott Miller

Co-Chair G. Eriamiatoe welcomed everyone to the meeting

Scott Miller offered a Territorial Acknowledgement.

Scott Miller will be representing the Board this evening as Della Lataille-Herdsman is absent.

Scott welcomed and thanked everyone for being here in tonight's meeting. He explained we will be discussing subcommittees as this will be new to this group. Continued discussion and engagement of this group is encouraged.

**Approval of Agenda**

Harry Brar & Jillian Lawrie motioned to approve the agenda for December 6, 2022.

The agenda was approved and passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Harry Brar, & Grace Idemudia motioned to approve the minutes from November 8, 2022.



## **Director's Update: Associate Director S. Miller**

Associate Director Scott Miller thanked the PIC Committee members for coming to the meeting. Scott discussed the strategic plan and the work that continues to be done in an effort to achieve the strategic directions, specifically strengthening connections through family and community engagement. We have been building the Parent Involvement Committee and we continue to see what that will look like this year. There are 3 specific areas Scott Miller addressed.

### 1 ) Municipal Partners

- How can we work together to best utilize the many resources within Waterloo Region? (i.e., access to transportation, use of facilities)

### 2) Established Community Partners and Developing New Community Partnerships

### 3) Student Pathways

- Centering Student Voice
- Engaging students, parents, families and community
- Ensuring students and families know what is available
- Implementation of the early literacy strategy
- Destreaming and single streaming in Grade 9 and Grade 10 Mathematics

Scott Miller shared the [Presentation](#) with the PIC committee. Scott explained the learner profiles and strategic directions.

There are many opportunities that enable WRDSB Students to flourish and strengthen family and community relationships. The WRTDSB is committed to continuing to work with the community and municipal partners to engage students and parents.

Trustee Maedith Radlein shared that she has the pleasure to represent the WRDSB as the Trustee who will be sitting on PIC for the 2022-2023 School Year

### New Policy Review Procedure, Stephanie Reidel, Corporate Services Manager

Stephanie Reidel presented the new [Policy Review Process](#) & the [Policy Review Process Flow Chart](#). Stephanie explained in detail what this policy will look like.



Chair Joanne Weston was part of the presentation with Stephanie thanked everyone for attending the PIC meeting this evening.

PIC will review the draft policies for this new year

Public is able to provide comments and feedback on policies which are under review. This information is posted on the WRDSB Website and also shared through social media channels

### **Trustee Report**, M. Radlein, Trustee

The inaugural Board Meeting at which trustees were sworn in was held on November 21, 2022. Joanne Weston was elected as Chair, Kathleen Woodcock as Vice-Chair.

Board Meeting, November 28

- The 2021-22 Annual Suspension Report was presented.
- Trustee Committee Membership for the 2022-23 school year was shared.
- A delegate, (Scott Piatkowski) and alternate, (Carla Johnson) were elected for the Ontario Public Schools Association (OPSBA).

### **Treasurer Report**, J. Lawrie, PIC Treasurer

- Rose Di Martino is now supporting the role
- Parent Engagement Funding
- PRO (Parent Reaching Out) Funding

Jillian Lawrie shared [PIC Treasurer's Report](#) created by Heather McKinna

### **Subcommittee Discussion**

- Membership Recruitment & Onboarding Subcommittee
- PRO Grant Subcommittee - Regional Project (For 2023-2024 School Year)

Scott asked PIC Members to let Rose Di Martino if they were interested in being part of these 2 committees.

### **Future Agenda Items - All**

Jillian Lawrie: Policy review and strategic feedback for PIC meetings including respective roles and responsibilities and the possibility of creating a PIC Handbook and spending guidelines for available funding

Patricia Shaw: When creating the PIC agenda, keep in mind how PIC is being engaged, is PIC being asked to do something or provide input and not just receive information? Hoping to avoid presentations where PIC only receives information. Summarized that PIC meetings should be a place for generative conversation and an immediate feedback loop, not just downloading information.

Sara Heroux: Invited everyone to next WRAPSC meeting and future meeting  
If you would like to be in a meeting you can email [wrapsc@gmail.com](mailto:wrapsc@gmail.com).

### **2022-2023 PIC Meeting Dates**

#### **(Google meet)**

- February 28, 2023
- May 16, 2023

**The Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.**

