



Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

Notice & Agenda - February 28, 2023

The Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting of the Waterloo Region District School Board will be held virtually on February 28, 2023 beginning at 6:30 pm. The agenda is as follows:

Connect with [Google Meet Link](#)

6:30 pm Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgement - Co-Chair

“I (we) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather today is the lands traditionally used by the Haudenosaunee*, Anishinaabe** and Chonnonton*** People. I (we) also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge, laws and philosophies of the Indigenous Peoples with whom we share this land today.”

*Haudenosaunee (Ho-den-o-show-nee) **Anishnaabe Ah-nish-nah-bey

***Chonnonton (Chi-nawn-ton)

6:35 pm Approval of Agenda - Co-Chair

6:40 pm Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2022 - Co-Chair

6:45 pm Director's Update

- Director's Update
- Policy Review

7:10 pm Trustee Report - Trustee M. Radlein

7:15 pm Treasurer Report - Treasurer, J. Lawrie

7:20 pm Subcommittee Discussion

- Membership Recruitment & Onboarding Subcommittee

7:45 pm Future Agenda Items

- End of Year Celebrations - Elementary
- Regional Events

**7:50 pm 2022-23 PIC Meeting Dates
(Google meet or in person, Cambridge room)**

- May 16, 2023

7:50 pm Adjournment

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: PICs involvement in discussions and opportunities to provide feedback prior to the school board making decisions. The suggestion was made to use break out groups at the February meeting to generate ideas on what this could look like.

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.

2022-2023 PIC Meeting Dates

(Google meet)

- February 28, 2023
- May 16, 2023

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





Report to Parent Involvement Committee

Subject: Trustee Report to PIC - February 28, 2023

Prepared by: Maedith Radlein

December

Committee of the Whole - delegates addressed the request for the WRDSB to adopt the IHRA definition of anti-semitism

Board Meeting

- A request was made for staff and students to wear masks in schools. This request does not imply a mandate but an acknowledgement of the concerns expressed by some staff and parents.
- There are staffing challenges in all employee groups with many "Fail to Fills".
- Student absenteeism is declining as families adjust to in-class learning.
- Student aggression is increasing - staffing challenges might be a contributing factor
- The Board Improvement Equity Plan was presented. It is provided by the Ministry of Education as a school board planning tool. It sets out province-wide goals and performance indicators in four key areas: Achievement; Human Rights; Mental Health; & Pathways/Transitions.
- Each school will set goals based on EQAO data, reading records etc.

January

Committees of the Whole

- A motion to request that Grand River Transit provide free fares for students who don't qualify for bussing was passed.
- The bus driver shortage is improving but is not yet resolved.
- There was an open letter issued by the Board in response to a delegation which sought information on the choice of books in elementary school libraries as well as information about the student census done in June 2022.
- The Chicopee Hills traffic issue continues to be a challenge. Resolution involves working with the Region and City both of which have different responsibilities for the roads.

February

Committee of the Whole

- A delegation sought information as to why the Integrated Support Program at Westvale is being closed. They were very concerned at the lack of communication around the issue. The issue was referred back to staff for reconsideration
- The Remote Learning program will be continued next year.
- A letter will be sent to the Ministry of Transportation about the Chicopee Hills P.S. traffic issue. It involves requesting the redefinition of the term "school zone".

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- provide information and advice to the board on parent engagement;
- communicate with and support school councils;
- undertake activities to help parents support their children's learning at home and at school.





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Subject: Treasurer's Financial Report
Prepared by: J. Lawrie / R. Di Martino

Account Number	Description	Expenses to Date	Budget	Available / (Over Spent)
33 410 4 229 001	Parent Engagement Funds - Central Account	\$0	\$11,447	\$11,447
33 410 4 229 003	Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) - Director's Account	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000

Parent Engagement Funds - Central Account \$11,447

This account has been used to support meeting costs, interpretation of documents and resources for schools.

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) - Director's Account \$5,000

This account has been used to support PIC conference registration, travel (mileage reimbursement) to events, etc.

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