

September 25, 2018
PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Waterloo Region District School Board **Parent Involvement Committee** was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cambridge Room at the Education Centre, 51 Ardel Avenue, Kitchener, with the following members in attendance:

Trustees: K. Smith

Board Staff: J. Bryant, J. Crits, M. Gerard, K. Sonnenberg, K. Tucker Petrick

Committee Members: W. Alsabbagh, R. Bissoondial, M. Bond, J. Brown-Jowett, Y. El Rayani, L. Hall, M. Jenkins (Co-Chair) A. Mudawi, A. Penny, A. Plouffe, B. Robson, V. Toman, C. Ugwuogo

Community Member: B. Davidson

Regrets: B. Davidson, K. Freeman, K. Gettliffe

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Co-Chair M. Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

M. Jenkins reviewed the formation of the Parent Involvement Committee as follows;

Returning members affirmed are:

- Mandi Bond 2nd year of 2 year term
- Yousef El-Rayani 2nd year of 2 year term
- Kerri Gettliffe 2nd year of 2 year term (second term)
- Melissa Jenkins 2nd year of 2 year term
- Chiazor Ugwuogo 1st year of two year term
- Wasem Alsabbagh 1st year of two year term
- Radica Bissoondial 1st year of two year term
- Abuobeida Mudawi- resigned
- Alice Penny 1st year of two year term
- Anne Plouffe 1st year of a two year term
- Jenna Brown-Jowett 1st year of two year term
- Landon Hall 1st year of a two year term
- Victoria Toman 1st year of a one year term
- Beth Robson 1st year of a two year term
- Community Rep- Bill Davidson- affirmed for another year

Acknowledged the return of: J. Bryant, J. Crits, K. Freeman, K. Smith, K. Tucker-Petrick

Election of officers

Melissa Jenkins - Co-chair

Treasurer- Y. El Rayani

M. Jenkins reviewed and provided an overview of the meeting process.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Moved by M. Bond, seconded by B. Robson:

That the agenda of the September 25, 2018, Parent Involvement Committee meeting be approved, with minor changes.

-Carried-

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Moved by M. Bond, seconded by L. Hall:

That the minutes of the May 22, 2018, Parent Involvement Committee meeting be approved.

-Carried-

Digital Citizenship - Graham Shantz, Superintendent, Student Achievement & Well-Being, Becky Rouse, IT Consultant, Andrea Stephen, Digital Literacy Support Teacher.

Andrea provided a quick overview of the parent website that will be available at [Digital Citizenship](#). This is a soft launch and it has not been formally introduced this to parents yet. More feedback is required before it is officially launched.

All secondary students receive a Chromebook in grade 9 for their use during high school. In elementary schools, the ratio is one device for every two students.

Members formed groups to collect information around these 3 questions;

1. What are some of the successes/challenges that you experience in supporting your child in their use of digital tools?
2. What resources have you used to support you and your child in the area of digital citizenship?
3. What resources do you need to support your child?

This information will be shared at a future date and communication around the formal launch will follow. Please contact M. Jenkins if you have other thoughts you'd like to pass along to Graham.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Director J. Bryant informed members that we had a smooth start up and that PIC has an impact on the whole system. We are one of a few school boards that continue to grow (up 350 elementary students and 330 secondary students).

WRDSB Strategic Plan – Three years ago the Strategic Plan was developed by trustees, staff, and students. We are starting to see gains in the research collected (i.e., EQAO results, grad rates, student and staff well-being). Information about Equity and Inclusion will be shared at a future meeting. The role of PIC and WRAPSC is important in strategic planning. Connectedness encourages student achievement levels.

Alana Russell, Communications Manager, sees PIC as an important audience and a partner with

Communications. She provided a brief overview of the Communication's Review. Results will be shared at a future meeting. She encouraged members to share any questions/concerns with the Communications department.

TREASURER REPORT

M. Bond reviewed the financial report. We haven't received any information from the Ministry regarding the PIC grants. M. Gerard, Coordinating Superintendent, Business Services, hopes to hear from the Ministry in the next few weeks regarding the Grants for Student Needs. The PIC PRO Grant will likely be communicated by the end of October.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Smith reminded members that we are in the middle of a municipal election (October 22, 2018) and encouraged members to be educated in their choices. She will forward the dates of the trustee information nights to M. Jenkins to pass along.

Trustee Smith had the honour of attending the presentation of the Governor General's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers to Hussain Jamal, a former WRDSB student and student trustee.

CO-CHAIR REPORT

M. Jenkins asked if anyone was interested in attending the People for Education Conference on November 10, 2018 - Exploring the World of Public Education.

MOTION

3. Moved by M. Bond, seconded by B. Robson:

That funds be allocated for ten PIC members to attend the People for Education Conference on November 10, 2018.

-Carried-

The approximate cost to attend per person will be \$80.12 plus mileage. If anyone is interested, please contact M. Jenkins.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda includes the WRAPSC and Governance Reports.

4. Moved by M. Bond, seconded by V. Toman:

That the Consent Agenda of the September 25, 2018, Parent Involvement Committee meeting be approved.

-Carried-

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Sheets were passed around for members to sign up for sub-committees. Please indicate if you wish to chair a committee.

Membership Report - M. Bond. There are many new members on PIC this year. 22 people were interviewed. Those who didn't end up on PIC may still participate on a sub-committee.

PRO Grant Parent Event - M. Bond provided an explanation of the grant/event. Co-chair positions are open.

SCIS - M. Jenkins suggested if we don't have a co-chair for this committee, we combine it with the Communications group.

MOTION

5. Moved by M. Bond, seconded by L. Hall:

That a new standing sub-committee be formed called Outreach Communication Committee that will work in partnership with the Communications department.

-Carried-

POLICY REVIEW

No policy review available.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Emotional Intelligence
2. Detailed review of BP 2002- Partnerships
3. Food 4 Kids
4. Carizon
5. Director report back on ECI Town Hall
6. Deepa Ahluwalia - Equity Discussion, Nicole Robinson, equity officer with indigenous focus
7. Results of Communications Audit
8. Angela Sider- debrief PCMH
9. Junior Achievement - Financial Literacy

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: October 30, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Cambridge Room

QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

1. Where are the Terms of Reference located? On the Corporate website, on the PIC page.
2. When will the PIC orientation take place? To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

6. Moved by M. Bond, seconded by C. Uguwogo:

That the Parent Involvement Committee Meeting be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.