

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 Ives (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
<i>Welcome from the Co-Chairs (Zena Al Mudaris; Andrea Chan)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<p><i>Presentation: "Youth Action and Climate Change, how can we support our students"</i></p> <p>Presenter: Suzanne Burwell HDSB Environmental Sustainability Specialist</p>	<p>Comments from discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		
<p><i>Superintendents Report</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRO Grant Final Report Google Form will be sent to School Principals for May 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with the Ministry indicated they had not decided on what they wanted the final report to look like. 		<p>John</p>
<p><i>Reports from PIC Members on HDSB Committees</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety and Wellbeing - Noorie Soni (Milton); Lauren Ives (Milton) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		

	<p>(Burlington); Patricia Kirchner (Halton Hills)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 night's 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		Tanya Rocha Kelly Amos
Next Meeting and Adjournment	Tentative Date Nov 18, 2021		