

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee held Virtual on Thursday, January 14 , 2021

Present:

Zena Al-Mudaris, **Co-Chair** (Parent, Oakville); Andrea Chan, (Parent, Oakville), **Co-Chair**; Shari White (McKenzie S. Bennett, Acton); Alira Kaur (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); Jeanne Gray (Trustee, Halton Hills, All Wards);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: Noorie Soni (Parent, Milton)

Absent: Nina Liu (White Oaks SS, Oakville);

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 Dec. 3, 2020 • Intro of the guest speaker. 	Andrea	
<i>Presentation: HDSB Equity Plan Presenter :</i>	<p>https://www.hdsb.ca/parents/Pages/Equity-and-Inclusive-Education.aspx</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions around faith based days and the system calendar. • Questions around the online environment and ways in which we can be more inclusive. • How to be sure schools implement these new procedures and what can parents do if equity issues are 	Rob Eatough Marh Marshall Jewel Amoah	

	<p>not being addressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountability issues are some of the most difficult parts of the plan. supervision responsibilities ultimately rest with Superintendents who supervise Families of Schools Questions were taken By Dr. Amoah, Rob Eatough, & Mary Marshall 		
<i>Superintendent Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update PRO Grants PIC Liaison Reps meeting January 21 (PRO Grants & Equity Presentations) Applicants due on January 29th. Google Doc application. February 2nd to get back to people. Board now responsible for tracking and reporting on the Grants. They come with a list of criteria that are used to approve the applications. Equity team will use every opportunity to get out this message. They can present to school groups. 	Follow up, send out invites	John
Trustee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> many Inspire award winners Encouraged to nominate others for this award Capital and financial updates to the Board Unusual year for finances. Many additional and different costs. School naming procedures ratified Search for Director ongoing. Mr. Miller is retiring in August. Equity work continues at the board table. 		Jeanne Tanya Kelly

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question related to clarification about PIC roles in schools. • Questions about public meetings and two way communications. We will try electronic questions and answers. Need a way to gather questions from the public in these public meetings. We are required to answer them by the following meeting. 		
Next Meeting and Adjournment	Next meeting February 18		