

**Meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee held**  
**Live Stream - Parent Involvement Committee Meeting**  
**DATE: May 23, 2024 - 7:00 – 8:30 pm**  
**Google Meet joining info**  
**Video call link: Join with Google Meet**

[2023/24 HDSB PIC Board Committee Members](#)

**Members:**

**Oakville Area**

Saud Juman (EJ James PS and Maple Grove PS, OTHS)

Zena Al-Mudaris, (Sunningdale P.S.)

Tazeen Amir (White Oaks SS)

**Burlington Area**

Laura Tripp (Dr. Charles Best PS)

Amber Ruthart (Kilbride PS, Dr. Frank J. Hayden SS)

Reem Tantawi (Dr. Frank J. Hayden SS)

**Milton Area**

Jennifer Sibbitt (Brookville PS, Martin Street PS, Milton District HS)

Lori-Ann Smith (Craig Kielburger SS)

Reza Ali Chaudhry (Bruce Trail PS)

**Halton Hills Area**

Laura Sprenger (Georgetown District HS)

Angela Cole (Pineview PS)

Shari White (Acton District School, Milton District HS)

**Community Member:**

Diana Bello (HMC Connections)

**Trustee:**

**Board Liaison and Resource Personnel:**

Tara Connor (Superintendent); Shelly Werynski (Central PS); Luisa Botelho (Elsie Macgill S.S. Vice Principal)

**Regrets:** Xin Yi Zhang, Shelly Werynski

**Absent:** Lori-Ann Smith, Amber Ruthart, Angela Cole, Tazeen Amir, Laura Sprenger, Reem Tantawi

TIME	ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	Facilitator
7:00pm	Welcome from Co-Chair Saud Juman	<a href="#">Land Acknowledgement</a>		Co-Chair
7:05pm	Passing of the Minutes	Motion: Laura Tripp Seconded: Jennifer Sibbitt		Co-Chair
7:05pm	Director's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanks to the PIC committee for a successful conference.</li> <li>- HDSB students are doing very well comparing results across the province.</li> <li>Examples:- Grade 3 math - out performed province by 10 pts; Grade 6 13pts; Grade 9 16pts</li> <li>Reading over 80% of students achieved "meet or exceed" of provincial standards, Grade 6 was 90%.</li> <li>- All staff members are integral to the education of our students</li> <li>- Director panel series is meant for further outreach to the community about issues that concern our school communities, can find previous episodes on the HDSB website</li> <li>- Budget Talk: will be presenting a balanced budget to the board this year. Looking for efficiencies and need community feedback to focus efforts. Participate in the survey that was sent home and town halls.</li> <li>- Lots of work is going into Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing within the HDSB. There are lots of seminars, programs and information available to families and students.</li> <li>- Over 2000 students and families attended the Pathways Event that was focused on what to do next after high school. Feedback was to have more capacity for more families to attend.</li> </ul>		Director Curtis Ennis

		<p>Q: What's the plan for cell phone usage going forward? A: Need to look at all angles of the issue. Need to work on the systems and ways to limit them without impacting learning.</p>		
7:28pm	PIC Conference Recap Highlights	<p>Conference itself was a highlight! Keys: - over 600 parents/guardians registered - 2 keynotes: Kristi Herold, Anti-Human Trafficking - 20 community displays - over 30 workshops for all areas of learnings - feedback received: parents wished they had more time to attend more workshops - over 50 volunteers made this event happen - THANK YOU!! - Plans are already in place for next year's conference. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping us.</p>		PIC Conference Chair - Ali Chaudhry
7:33pm	PIC Operational Plans	<p>Proposed meeting dates: <a href="#">Proposed PIC meetings for 2024-2025</a> Nov 7, Feb 6, Apr 10, May 22 All Thursdays <b>VOTE ON MEETING DATES: PASSED</b> Will be looking at potential of doing in person or hybrid meetings.</p> <p>Looking forward to next year's PIC Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Location: Elsie McGill provide a central location and an ideal layout for the conference, but we are open to feedback</li> <li>- Date: Suggested a move to February 2025 and then moving to November 2025 the year after.</li> </ul> <p><b>VOTE ON PROPOSED DATE: Feb 8th, 2025 - PASSED</b></p>		Co-Chair Shari White

		- Current PIC voting members are yearly positions, Chairs are 2 year terms. Will be reaching out to current members to see if they are interested in continuing on next year, then assess vacancies for a call out for applications.		
7:50pm	Superintendent Updates	<p>Trustee Updates (Trustee Zhang sends regrets):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HDSB will be having a virtual multi year plan town hall, link is on the HDSB website to register</li> <li>- Toronto Doors Open this weekend: wide range of events, talks, buildings open for families to explore</li> </ul> <p>Superintendent Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- update on ban of cell phones in September. Letter went home to families last month. Differs between Elementary and Secondary. The focus is on having a board policy so that it's uniform for all schools/classrooms. Work being done on creating the expectations around what those policies will look like</li> <li>- Need to make some changes to the infrastructure within the board and schools to be able to limit social media/online access.</li> <li>- Strict anti-vaping policy being put in place - including parents/guardians when caught, immediate seizure/disposal of vaping items, vaping detectors being looked at, increase education for students, school based consequences.</li> <li>- More information to come to families as these items are being researched and policies formed.</li> </ul>		Superintendent Tara Connor
8:03pm	Closing Remarks		Next Meeting: November 7, 2024	Co-Chair