

Parent Involvement Committee

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010

Time/Place: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

HJA Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga
Location: Trustees' Area (Mezzanine Level)

Committee Savi Khanna, School Council Chair representing Brampton, Co-chair

Members in Karen McDonald, School Council Chair representing Caledon, Co-chair

Attendance: Ashis Basu, Parent Member

Rabia Khedr, Parent Member representing the diverse community

Judith Nyman, Director of Education

Debanjali Paul, Parent Member representing the diverse community

Carla Pereira, Communications Officer

Regrets

Valerie Arnold-Judge, Trustee representing Caledon

Sally Drew, School Council Member

Deanna Henderson, Parent Member representing the Special Education Advisory Committee

Dr. Salha Jeizan, Parent Member representing Multicultural Inter-Agency Group of Peel

Varsha Naik, Community Liaison Co-ordinator, Communications & Strategic Partnerships

Suzanne Nurse, Trustee representing Brampton

Brian Woodland, Director of Communications & Strategic Partnerships

Allison Van Wagner, Trustee representing Mississauga

Review of Parent Involvement Report Summary

The committee reviewed the Parent Involvement Report Summary and approved bringing it to the board for receipt.

Promotion of Parent Involvement Report

PIC co-chairs will make a special presentation to the board at its meeting on Feb. 9, 2010. At the meeting, the co-chairs will discuss the report's findings, share the recommendations and talk about next steps. Trustees will be provided with the summary report as well as the full report. The meeting is held in the Board Room, HJA Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario St., Mississauga beginning at 7:30 p.m. Carla Pereira will ensure the presentation is added to the board agenda.

Teacher research re: parent involvement

The committee approved that up to \$10,000 of the PIC's funding be dedicated to running focus groups with teachers on parent involvement. Carla Pereira will follow up with Dr. Christine Frank to determine next steps.

PIC funding

The Ministry of Education has provided the Peel board with \$43,987 in funding to support the work of the Parent Involvement Committee. The funding must be spent by June 30, 1010. \$25,789 of this funding was rolled over from last year's budget.

Sponsorship of parent involvement event speakers

Committee members will help fund (\$1,000) the keynote speaker for the board's Volunteer Recognition Event. They will also provide a thank-you gift (\$1,200) from the committee in this year's volunteer appreciation gift bags.

A decision was also made to purchase "Word Wall" magnets to be used as giveaways at the board's Parent Literacy Conference (\$1,600 plus tax). Committee members will attend and staff the board's PIC booth at the conference on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Stephen Lewis Secondary School. The committee had previously decided to sponsor the keynote speaker for this conference up to \$1,000.

Sample terms of reference

The committee is in the process of developing a terms of reference which will outline its purpose and structure, among other things. The terms of reference will be finalized at the next committee meeting on Feb. 9.

Next meeting

The next Parent Involvement Committee meeting will take place in the Cafeteria at the HJA Brown Education Centre on Feb. 9, 2010 between 4 and 5 p.m.