

Parent Involvement Committee

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010

Time/Place: 4 to 5 p.m.

HJA Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga

Location: Cafeteria

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

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

Attendance: 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

Ashis Basu, Parent Member

Rabia Khedr, Parent Member representing the diverse community

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

Suzanne Nurse, Trustee representing Brampton

Judith Nyman, Director of Education

Carla Pereira, Communications Officer

Allison Van Wagner, Trustee representing Mississauga

Regrets

Debanjali Paul, Parent Member representing the diverse community

Brian Woodland, Director of Communications & Strategic Partnerships

Review of draft Terms of Reference

The committee finalized Terms of Reference. The terms outline the PIC's purpose and structure, among other things. Brian Woodland will take the terms through the board's internal approval process.

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. Following this meeting, the report will be posted on the board website and emailed to principals and school council chairs.

Teacher research re: parent involvement

The committee will review Dr. Christine Frank's proposal regarding teacher focus groups and a survey. Committee members are to provide Carla Pereira with feedback by Feb. 17. At its January 2010 meeting, the PIC approved \$10,000 of its budget be dedicated to this research.

Parent events

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. The gift will be a leather bookmark. Carla will work with the supplier to produce them.

Next meeting

The next Parent Involvement Committee meeting will take place in the Trustees' Area at the HJA Brown Education Centre on March 1, 2010 between 4 and 5:30 p.m.