

**Parent Involvement Committee Annual General Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6 pm
Via Google Meet**

Call to order 6 pm

Attendance

Bob Clement, Chair, Rainbow District School Board; Doreen Dewar, Trustee; Dena Morrison, Trustee; Judy Kosmerly, Trustee; Margaret Stringer, Trustee; Lesley Fisher, Superintendent of Schools; Bruce Bourget, Director of Education; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Sudbury Secondary School; Nadia Berardelli, Principal, Jean Hanson Public School; Sheila James, Vice-Principal, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Jennifer Harvey, Principal, Lansdowne Public School; Dawn Debassige, Parent, Manitoulin Secondary School; Lisa Puddester, Vice-Principal, Northeastern Elementary School; Lynn Simard, Parent, Lansdowne Public School and Queen Elizabeth Public School; Melissa Gladu, Parent, Northeastern Elementary School; Shannon Ketchabaw, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Ashley Vickman, Parent, Walden Public School; Caitlin Angeloff, Vice-Principal, Queen Elizabeth Public School; Janet McCarville, Parent, Assiginack Public School and Manitoulin Secondary School; Sandipan Bera, Parent, Churchill Public School; and Colleen Burns, Parent, Lansdowne Public School.

1. Welcome from Superintendent of Schools Lesley Fisher

Superintendent Lesley Fisher welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

She reviewed the agenda for the evening and introduced members of the 2021-2022 PIC Executive. Superintendent Fisher also introduced administrators, teachers and Trustees who participated in PIC. She acknowledged all of the parents who attended PIC meetings and thanked them for their interest and support.

She also reviewed the topics covered during the 2021-2022 School Year:

October 19, 2021:	Nurturing Resilience with Dr. Michael Ungar
December 14, 2021:	Effective School Councils
January 4, 2022:	Mental Health Strategic Plan
February 8, 2022:	Equity and Inclusion/Census/Survey Results
April 12, 2022:	Outdoor Classrooms
May 10, 2022:	Planning for the 2022-2023 school year

2. Greetings from Board Chair Bob Clement

Board Chair Bob Clement said the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) plays a pivotal role by bringing parents and guardians from all schools together to dialogue, discuss, and, at times, debate topics in education that are relevant to our classrooms and school communities. Rainbow District School Board recognizes the important role that parents play. Working together to support children develops their confidence and gives them the ability to be all they can be.

Rainbow District School Board recently adopted a new mission statement: *Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.* Education is a partnership between the home, the school and the community. Learning is a continuous process. The

agenda for Parent Involvement Committee meetings is structured to allow for learning throughout the school year.

Chair Clement thanked parents/guardians and staff for attending the PIC AGM. He also acknowledged Natasha Delaney and Bernadette Rémillard for serving as Chair and Vice-Chair of PIC over the last school year. He indicated that they have both been long-time members of PIC and their respective School Councils and the Board appreciates all they do on behalf of Rainbow Schools. Chair Clement thanked all parents/guardians for their support.

3. Greetings from Director of Education Bruce Bourget

Director Bourget welcomed parents and guardians. He said their presence sends a strong message that they value education which goes a long way in contributing to student success. He also said it was an honour for him to work on behalf of children in Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island, adding that a terrific team of trustees, school administrators, teachers and support staff all want children to achieve their full potential.

The first goal since the beginning of the school year has been to safely reconnect with students, building positive connections and creating supportive school communities in warm and welcoming environments. When students feel safe and supported, and when they have allies by their side in the form of trusted friends and caring adults, they develop a strong sense of belonging at school. When students are engaged, they benefit from the full school experience. Assemblies, field trips, sports, clubs, leadership opportunities and participation in community events energize students.

Parents are important partners in education because parental involvement improves student achievement. The Parent Involvement Committee provides a wonderful venue for parents from across our family of schools to come together, share ideas, and provide input. During the last school year, parents/guardians through the Parent Involvement Committee and School Councils were invited to provide input into the Board's strategic plan. Strategic Directions defines our vision, mission, values and priorities as, together, we commit to succeed. Strategic Directions can be accessed online at rainbowschools.ca.

4. 2022-2023 Election of PIC Membership

Superintendent Fisher explained that at the AGM, a slate of up to 10 candidates is approved for the PIC Executive. According to the Terms of Reference for PIC, the membership includes one representative from each of the Espanola and Manitoulin Island areas, and eight representatives from the Sudbury area.

Prior to the meeting, nominees were invited from all schools.

Superintendent Fisher presented the slate of nominees, as follows:

Shannon Ketchabaw - A.B. Ellis Public School
Sandipan Bera - Churchill Public School
Steffany Bourque - Chelmsford District Valley Composite School
Natasha Delaney - Jean Hanson Public School
Colleen Burns - Lansdowne Public School
Angelina Kasunich - Lockerby Composite School
Denise Sheppard - Manitoulin Secondary School
Melissa Gladu - Northeastern Elementary School
Jen Makin - Queen Elizabeth Public School

Bernadette Remillard - Sudbury Secondary School

The PIC Executive for 2022-2023 was acclaimed.

Superintendent Fisher introduced this year's non-parent PIC members:

Judy Kosmerly (Trustee)
Lesley Fisher (Superintendent of Schools)
Nicole Charette (Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications)
Kristina Rivard Gobbo (Secondary Principal)
Nadia Berardelli (Elementary Principal)
Sheila James (Secondary Vice-Principal)
Lisa Puddester (Elementary Vice-Principal)

5. Meeting dates for 2022-2023

Superintendent Fisher reviewed the schedule of PIC meetings for the school year:

October 18, 2022:	Parenting Through The Storm with Ann Douglas
December 13, 2022:	Destreaming
January 17, 2023:	Inclusion
February 28, 2023:	Parent/Guardian Portal
April 11, 2023:	Student Census Data
May 9, 2023:	Planning for the 2023-2024 school year

Superintendent Fisher thanked everyone for attending the Annual General Meeting. Participants were invited to join the presentation on Parenting Through the Storm with Ann Douglas.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - 7 pm
Via Google Meet
Topic: Destreaming