

**Parent Involvement Committee Annual General Meeting  
Minutes  
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 5 pm  
Sudbury Secondary School Library  
with Google links to  
A.B. Ellis Public School and Little Current Public School**

**Call to order 5 pm**

**Attendance**

**Sudbury:** Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison; Trustee Alex McCauley; Melissa Gladu, Parent, Northeastern Elementary School; Ashley Vickman, Parent, Walden Public School; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Ashley Hurley, Parent, Alexander Public School; Rebecca Coughlin, Parent, Lansdowne Public School; Kylee MacCormack, parent, C.R. Judd Public School; Michelle Black, Parent, Lasalle Secondary School; Kim Ralph, parent, Lively District Secondary School; Stacy Paajanen, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Jamie Arrowsmith, teacher, Rainbow District School Board; Meredith Coulas, ETFO representative; Heather Downey, Principal, Sudbury Secondary School; Coleen Eberlein, Principal, Jean Hanson Public School; Lesley Fisher, Superintendent of Schools; Kathy Wachnuk, Superintendent of Schools; Maureen McNamara, Superintendent of Schools; Bruce Bourget, Director of Education; and Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning

**Espanola:** Nil

**Manitoulin:** Deana Hardy, Parent, Charles C. McLean Public School

**1. Welcome from Senior Administrator Leslie Mantle**

Senior Administrator Leslie Mantle welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and read a land acknowledgement. She reviewed the agenda for the evening and introduced members of the 2023-2024 PIC Executive. She also introduced the 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.

**2. Greetings from Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison**

Trustee Corbiere-Addison extended a warm welcome to everyone joining us in Sudbury, Espanola and her home community of Manitoulin Island. She indicated that School Councils are among the many ways we build connections between the school and the home. She thanked parents/guardians who expressed an interest in joining the Parent Involvement Committee which brings parents and guardians together from schools across the board.

She indicated that each agenda includes a presentation that is timely and relevant. These presentations give parents an opportunity to hear about what's happening in education today and to ask questions of staff who are working directly in these areas. PIC also gives parents an opportunity to see what other schools are doing to engage students and parents and nurture a positive school culture.

On behalf of the Board, she thanked Melissa Gladu of Northeastern Elementary School and Steffany Bourque of Chelmsford Valley District Composite School for serving as Chair and Vice-Chair of PIC during the 2023-2024 school year. She also thanked the parents/guardians who were on PIC last year and those who have volunteered to serve this year.

### 3. Meeting dates and topics for 2023-2024

Senior Administrator Mantle reviewed the topics explored during the 2023-2024 school year:

October 17, 2023:	The Power of Connection: Helping our Students Thrive Through Challenging Times Speaker: Dr. Jean Clinton
December 12, 2023:	Parents Reaching Out Grants - School Success Stories
January 30, 2024:	Social Media and Cyber Safety
February 27, 2024:	Literacy Supports
April 9, 2024:	Math supports
May 7, 2024:	Planning for the 2024-2025 school year

### 4. 2024-2025 Election of PIC Membership

Senior Administrator Mantle 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, schools were invited to send nominations.

Senior Administrator Mantle presented the slate of nominees, as follows:

Melissa Gladu	Northeastern Elementary School
Heather Moise	Lockerby Composite School
Ashley Hurley	Alexander Public School
Ashley Vickman	Walden Public School
Jennifer Dalton	Adamsdale Public School
Natasha Delaney	Jean Hanson Public School
Stacy Paajanen	Lively District Secondary School
Kylee MacCormack	C.R. Judd Public School
Rebecca Coughlin	Lansdowne Public School
Deana Hardy	Charles C. McLean Public School
Steffany Bourque	Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

*Only members in attendance at the AGM may be considered for the PIC Executive.*

#### **The PIC Executive for 2024-2025 was acclaimed as follows:**

Melissa Gladu	Northeastern Elementary School
Ashley Hurley	Alexander Public School
Ashley Vickman	Walden Public School
Natasha Delaney	Jean Hanson Public School
Stacy Paajanen	Lively District Secondary School
Kylee MacCormack	C.R. Judd Public School
Rebecca Coughlin	Lansdowne Public School
Deana Hardy	Charles C. McLean Public School
Steffany Bourque	Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

There is no representative for Espanola at this time.

The addition of a representative from Espanola may be considered at the December 3, 2024 meeting.

Senior Administrator Mantle introduced this year's non-parent PIC members:

Leslie Mantle - Senior Administrator, School Support Services

Nicole Charette - Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications

Laurie-Ann Lielkalns - Secondary Principal

Coleen Eberlein - Elementary Principal

Meredith Coulas - Elementary Teacher, ETFO representative

Kelly Rodriguez - Secondary Teacher, OSSTF representative

## **5. Meeting dates for 2024-2025**

Senior Administrator Mantle reviewed the schedule of PIC meetings for 2024-2025, noting that the topics of meetings may be subject to change:

**October 15, 2024: Welcome from Director Bourget and Hands-on Workshops**

**December 3, 2024: Parents Reaching Out Grants - School Success Stories**

**January 28, 2025: Safe Schools**

**February 25, 2025: Mental Health**

**April 15, 2025: Technology (tentative)**

**May 13, 2025: Planning for the 2025-2026 school year**

Senior Administrator Mantle thanked everyone for attending the Annual General Meeting.

Participants were invited to hear a welcome message from Director of Education Bruce Bourget at 5:30 pm in the Sheridan Auditorium at Sudbury Secondary School followed by engaging workshops for parents/guardians and children presented by educators and members of the mental health team.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024 - 7 pm**

**In Person in the Boardroom at 408 Wembley Drive in Sudbury and Via Google Meet**

**Topic: Parents Reaching Out Grants - School Success Stories**

**PRO Grants for 2024-2025**

**Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for PIC**