

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7 pm
In Person and Via Google Meet

Attendance

Melissa Gladu, Parent, Northeastern Elementary School; Meredith Coulas, ETFO representative; Shannon Ketchabaw, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Ashley Vickman, Parent, Walden Public School; Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Rebecca Coughlin, Parent, Lansdowne Public School; Steffany Bourque, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Alisha Basarabe, Parent, Algonquin Road Public School; Debbie Sokoloskie, Parent, Lockerby Composite School; Trustee Alex McCauley; Coleen Eberlein, Elementary Principal representative; Katrina Nadeau, Elementary Vice-Principal representative; Laurie-Ann Lielkans, Secondary Principal representative; Tiija Luttrell, Parent, Larchwood Public School; Jennifer Dalton, Parent, Adamsdale Public School; Heidi Ferguson, Parent, Little Current Public School; Sheila James, Secondary Vice-Principal representative; Michelle Black, Parent, Lasalle Secondary School; Cherra Macinnis, Parent, Monetville Public School; Dan Koziar, Principal of Program (K to 6); Leslie Mantle, Senior Administrator of School Support Services; and Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning

Call to Order: 7 pm

1. Welcome

Chair Melissa Gladu welcomed everyone to the meeting.
She asked online and in-person participants to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

"That the agenda for the meeting on May 7, 2024 be approved."

Moved by: Steffany Bourque, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Seconded by: Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson Public School

Carried

3. Approval of Minutes

"That the minutes for the meeting on April 9, 2024 be approved."

Moved by: Alisha Basarabe, Algonquin Road Public School

Seconded by: Steffany Bourque, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Carried

4. 21C Input Survey

Principal of Program K to 6 Dan Koziar attended the meeting on behalf of the 21st Century Committee. He provided an overview of 21C competencies, the skills students need to be successful. The committee is developing a three-year roadmap on priorities and is seeking input from parents/guardians.

What 21C topics would you be interested in learning more about?

How do you think information should be shared?

Is there any other input you would like to provide around 21C learning and teaching?

Parents/guardians were invited to complete the survey and email it to koziard@rainbowschools.ca. PIC members were invited to share the survey link with any parents/guardians who may be interested in providing feedback. PIC members thanked Principal Koziar for the opportunity to provide input.

5. Planning for PIC meetings in 2024-2025

PIC reviewed the dates for meetings in the 2024-2025 school year.

“That the schedule of PIC meetings for 2024-2025 be approved.”

Moved by: Tiija Luttrell, Larchwood Public School

Seconded by: Steffany Bourque, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Carried

A survey was shared prior to the meeting to seek input on meeting topics. Following a review of proposed presentations and more brainstorming, topics were selected and subsequently aligned with dates to develop the 2024-2025 schedule for PIC meetings. The information will be included in the Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians.

The following motions were presented:

“That PRO Grant success stories from 2023-2024 be the topic for the December 3, 2024 PIC meeting.”

Moved by: Jennifer Dalton, Adamsdale Public School

Seconded by: Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson Public School

Carried

“That all parents present vote on the topics proposed for the next school year.”

Moved by: Melissa Gladu, Northeastern Elementary School

Seconded by: Jennifer Dalton, Adamsdale Public School

Carried

“That the topics for the 2024-2025 PIC meetings be approved.”

Moved by: Tiija Luttrell, Larchwood Public School

Seconded by: Alisha Basarabe, Algonquin Road Public School

Carried

DATE	TOPIC
October 15, 2024	Annual General Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elections from 6 pm - 7pm• Welcome by Director Bourget• Workshops for parents/children• Focus on literacy and numeracy and how to support children by learning together at home, including French Immersion
December 3, 2024	Parents Reaching Out Grants School Success Stories Review of PRO Grant projects Elect Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary
January 28, 2025	Safe Schools
February 25, 2025	Mental Health
April 15, 2025	Technology
May 13, 2025	Planning for 2025-2026

Except for the AGM, meetings are held at the Centre for Education, 7 pm to 9 pm.

Trustee McCauley asked for clarification on the roles of voting and non-voting members. Non-voting members facilitate conversations and assist PIC members in moving towards a vote. Trustee McCauley indicated that, if requested, he could share information from PIC with the Board of Trustees.

Everyone agreed that they wanted more parents/guardians to attend PIC, be engaged and feel valued. Shouldn't all parents/guardians who attend be allowed to provide input and vote? The Terms of Reference indicate that PIC members duly elected at the Annual General Meeting can vote. Everyone is welcome to provide input at any time. It was suggested that the Terms of Reference be reviewed.

6. Communications Report

Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor of Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning, delivered the following communications report:

Throughout May, Rainbow elementary schools will host **Kindergarten Orientation sessions** for students starting school this fall as well as their parents/guardians. Families will have an opportunity to connect with Kindergarten teachers, early childhood educators and school personnel. They will also meet other children starting school. A list of dates and times is on the board website.

This is **Education Week**. Schools are presenting a variety of activities focusing on the theme “Spotlight on Literacy and Numeracy.” See the board website for highlights.

This is also **Compost Awareness Week** which recognizes the importance of composting organics and using compost to create healthier soil.

Rainbow District School Board will host its first ever **EcoSummit** on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 from 10 am to 1 pm in the Laurentian University Fraser Auditorium. Eco-leaders from Grades 7 to 12 will learn about environmental responsibility and how they can lead green initiatives in their respective school communities. Students will hear about the science of climate change from keynote speaker Elaine Rubinoff of Learning for a Sustainable Future.

The Student Senate will host the **Stand Up Speak Out** Conference on Thursday, May 9, 2024. Students from all Rainbow secondary schools will gather for the full-day symposium at Collège Boréal. Students will hear a keynote address from Emma Morrison, Miss World Canada 2022, the first Indigenous woman to ever hold this title. From Chapleau Cree First Nation, Emma will lead students through fun interactive activities to demonstrate the importance of self-confidence and how they can build confidence in themselves. Following the keynote address, participants will engage in breakout sessions designed to support and nurture confident student leaders.

Sudbury Secondary School’s annual student **art exhibit “Exposed”** will open on Friday, May 10, 2024 with a reception from 6 pm to 8 pm in the school library. The exhibit will be open for daily viewing from Monday, May 13th to Friday, May 17th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. The collection will feature drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, photography and digital art from students in Grades 9 to 12. The show is free and everyone is welcome.

Seven young scientists from Rainbow Schools will represent our community at the **Canada-Wide Science Fair** in Ottawa from May 25 to June 1, 2024. They will be among hundreds of young scientists showcasing their works of discovery and innovation at the national level.

A state-of-the-art **Horticulture Room** was unveiled at Lively District Secondary School on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Cultivated through a collaboration between Rainbow District

School Board, Cambrian College and Sudbury Shared Harvest, the Horticulture Room will accommodate students in the Grade 11 and 12 Green Industries: Horticulture Management and Science course which focuses on the fundamentals of horticulture and landscape design. Students will learn how to grow their own food, propagate plants and properly maintain plants and gardens.

A **new mural** was unveiled at Northeastern Elementary School on Monday, May 6, 2024. Painted by artists from Cambrian College, the mural is a reflection of the students themselves as they progress through the years. Silhouettes of 10 children, who were photographed for the project, represent all grade levels, from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. Within the silhouettes are words to define the values at Northeastern Elementary School - acceptance, co-operation, diversity, equity, friendship, inclusion, kindness, leadership, respect and unity – values that unite and connect the students, staff and school community.

For more information about what's happening in Rainbow Schools, please visit rainbowschools.ca.

7. School Announcements

Tijja Luttrell of Larchwood Public School highlighted the Kindness Ninjas and indicated that the school community was involved in fundraising for NEO Kids.

Jennifer Dalton of Adamsdale Public School focused on the many activities to encourage math at home, including an amazing race math night. Engaging parents/guardians is part of the school's focused approach to increasing student achievement in math.

Cherra Macinnis of Monetville Public School highlighted school activities, including the upcoming Fall Fair.

Debbie Sokoloskie of Lockerby Composite School talked about school fundraising and outreach to community partners. The School Council is actively recruiting new parents/guardians for the upcoming school year. She praised school staff for doing an amazing job for students who entered Grade 9 during the pandemic and will soon be graduating.

Natasha Delaney of Jean Hanson Public School said students participated in a number of school trips, including visits to Science North and Kivi Park.

Michelle Black of Lasalle Secondary School said the school would be hosting an information session for newcomers with PRO grant funds.

Alisha Basarabe said the Algonquin Road Public School Spring Fair was a tremendous success.

Steffany Bourque of Chelmsford Valley District Composite School highlighted the school's math night with over 70 families, a talent show in support of the Joan Mantle Music Trust, the first K to 12 Fun Fair, and track and field events.

Melissa Gladu of Northeastern Elementary School said the school entrance now features a beautiful mural thanks to the talented artists of Cambrian College. The next project is the modernization of the school cafeteria.

Melissa Gladu indicated that the Annual General Meeting will be held on October 15, 2024. PIC members for the 2024-2025 school year will be selected at that time.

8. Adjournment at 9 pm

"That the meeting be adjourned."

Moved by: Tiiija Luttrell, Larchwood Public School

Seconded by: Alisha Basarabe, Algonquin Road Public School

Carried

Next meeting:

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 5 pm

Annual General Meeting

Sudbury Secondary School Library

Followed by a Welcome from the Director of Education at 5:30 pm

Sudbury Secondary School Sheridan Auditorium

Followed by workshops for parents/guardians and children

Note: Start times were updated to encourage children participation.