



2022–2023 ANNUAL REPORT
**PARENT INVOLVEMENT
COMMITTEE**



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Committee Members

Parent Members: Diana Mills, Calla Barnett, Suzanne Lyon, Seyi Okuribido-Malcolm, Alexandra Arraiz, Mohammed Saleem, Claudine Santos, Vicki Arkinstall, Nancy Dean (Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils), Elena Pushkareva (Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils)

Community Members: Adriana Johnston (Ottawa Network for Education Community, Member), Kristina Price (Ottawa Network for Education Community Alternate, Alternate Member), Emmanuel Worlor (City of Ottawa, Member)

PIC Chair

Diana Mills (Chair)

Suzanne Lyon (Vice-Chair)

Activities and Achievements 2022-2023

Committee Operations

The Committee established its Membership Sub-committee to fill vacancies as a result of the expiry of a number of terms of office during November 2022. A waiting list of parents was also created as a reserve for unforeseen membership departures. A wellness presentation and training was given to committee members at the start of the 2022-2023 meetings to encourage participation and continuity among members.

Committee of the Whole

PIC regularly participates on the Committee of the Whole, and the Committee of the Whole, Budget after receiving representation in the 2022-2023 school year.

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

The OCDSB invited all elementary and secondary schools to participate in the PRO Grant Parent Information Sessions. Funding was available later than usual during the 2022-2023 school year with a shorter timeline for schools to submit their application. A sub-committee was struck, and members of the committee developed Terms of Reference, a backgrounder and a PRO Grant schedule. In the 2023-2024 school year, the sub-committee, entitled Parent Engagement Funding Advisory Subcommittee, will work in partnership with Board staff to ensure that PRO Grant funding is administered in the most effective way for School Councils and PIC – including other potential funding opportunities. Focus will also be on district schools that do not have school councils or have not applied for additional funding.

Parent Conference

On November 5, 2023, the Parent Conference returned in a hybrid manner. The first day was in-person that included community information tables, nourishment for participants, A key note

speaker from the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario and timeslots for parents and caregivers to choose three workshops from among many offered. The on-line portion involved information for school councils. The conference was well attended by parents, caregivers, educators, trustees and community members.

Planning forward for 2023/2024, we propose:

- Inviting IEC, SEAC, and ACE to PIC to suggest speakers for A Speaker Series for parents/guardians/caregivers and families
- Inviting parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in a Parent Conference and establishing a Parent Academy. We would also like to share what we have learned with schools, school councils, community partners and other OCDSB Advisory committees through monthly mailers, in-person/online events and surveys.
- An increase in outreach through various means of communications and events with parents/guardians/caregivers and families.

Additional Activities

- Black History: A Day of Celebration
- School Council Professional Development Session
- Presentation on Funding and Parent Engagement
- Creation of PIC Work Plan Sub-Committees
- Creating an Atmosphere of Belonging at the School Council Table Presentation
- Education Foundation Presentation
- OCDSB Strategic Plan Consultation
- OCDSB Parent Conference

Plans for the 2023-2024 School Year

The first meeting of the PIC will be held on September 13, 2023, at which point a discussion on updates to the work plan and priorities will be reviewed. The multi-year work plan created during the 2022-2023 school year will deal with engagement strategies, overcoming barriers, wellness, enhancing the role and function of the committee and advising the district on key initiatives, along with PIC budget management and management of the PRO Grant. The committee will focus on what it wishes to accomplish to serve the community and Board, and how the meetings will function.

The work plan will cover a two-year period and is intended to provide a medium term view of activities that parallel the Board's calendar and initiatives. If necessary, emerging issues can be placed on the work plan via an update.

2023-2024 Meeting Dates

The PIC members decided to add additional meetings to the 2023-2024 school year. Additional meetings will be included at a later date, and includes the following Board draft dates:

September 13, 2023
October 11, 2023
November 15, 2023
January 17, 2024
February 14, 2024
April 17, 2024
May 8, 2024

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant 2022-2023 Budget

The Ministry of Education allocated \$78,828.00 in 2022-2023 for the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant funding to the OCDSB. The OCDSB organized PRO Grant Parent Information Sessions which were held virtually and this budget was used to cover the fees of speakers who were either contracted by the District or individual school councils.

Parent Involvement 2022-2023 Budget

In 2022-2023 \$500 was provided to each school council to support their engagement activities. This process was streamlined this year to allow for an automatic, direct transfer of funds to all of the district's schools including the Ottawa-Carleton Virtual schools.

Attachments/Links

- [PIC Membership Confirmation](#)
- Election of the [Chair](#) and [Vice-Chair](#)