

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Ryan Morris (Chair), Melissa Lofquist, Amber Hughes, Ray Darukhanawalla, Lisa Mooney, Kelly Goulding, Sarah Richert, Melissa Roberts, Caitlyn MacInnis, Jon Cairns (Administrator), Carolyn Jonovich (Administrator), Michael Burns (Superintendent), Kelly Pisek (CEO)

Trustee Committee Members

Owen Riel, Shannon Mitchell

Recording Secretary

Elisha von Wuthenau, Administrative Assistant to Michael Burns

A. WELCOME

Chair Lofquist welcomed everyone to the meeting and facilitated introductions.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Ray Darukhanawalla

Seconded by Melissa Lofquist

"That the Agenda be approved."

CARRIED

C. ACCLAIMED CHAIR

Chair Lofquist has completed her term and has stepped down. Chair Morris will continue as sole Chair for the 2026-2027 term.

D. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Burns recognized the growth and success of PIC over the past few years and the importance of continued improvement and working relationships with School Council Chairs. To ensure clear direction Superintendent Burns requested a sub-committee to be established to review and revise the PIC by-laws. Four members have volunteered to join the sub-committee.

CEO REPORT

CEO Pisek provided details about recent Ministry of Education requirements affecting Ontario School Boards. She also shared the board-wide initiative "100% Culture" that

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Administrators and school staff have started to explore. More information will be shared with School Councils in the coming months.

E. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Milica Petkovic, Public Relations Manager

Milica Petkovic presented an overview of the dsbn.org website redesign that was launched at the beginning of the school year. She reviewed the PIC webpage. Superintendent Burns thanked the committee for providing input into the changes that were implemented. Milica as providing a short tour of the Student and Family Support Office webpage.

Mat Miller, Superintendent of Student Achievement and Well-being (Secondary)

Jon Cairns, Administrator

Superintendent Miller and Mr. Cairns presented new Ministry guidelines that impact secondary students this year. They provided an overview of the mandates and clarification regarding the attendance, participation and exam expectations put forth by the Ministry. School Councils will be provided with this information as well.

F. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Morris provided a summary of decisions and plans established by the planning sub-committee for the “Chairing with Confidence” event scheduled on Wednesday, November 4th. After indicating the funds available for 2026-2027 PIC events, he requested the committee vote to dedicate funds for additional expenses associated with the upcoming event.

Moved by Melissa Lofquist

Seconded by Sarah Richert

“That an additional \$5000 will be dedicated toward the Chairing with Confidence event.”

CARRIED

The Parent Involvement Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Event – Chairing with Confidence, November 4, 2026

Next meeting – November 26, 2026 (location tbd)