

Meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee
Live Stream - Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
DATE: Thursday, November 6, 2025 - 7:00 – 8:30 pm
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[2025/26 HDSB PIC Board Committee Members](#)

2025-2026 Members:

Oakville Area

Sandeep Achar (West Oak PS)

Zena Al-Mudaris (White Oaks SS)

Seden Yesildag (Garth Webb SS)

Burlington Area

Laura Tripp (Dr. Charles Best PS,
Sir Ernest MacMillan PS)

Tara Cochrane (Alton Village, Dr.
Frank J Hayden SS)

Tracy Peeters (Aldershot HS)

Milton Area

Jennifer Sibbitt (Brookville PS, Martin
Street PS, Milton District HS)

Reza Ali Chaudhry (Bruce Trail PS)

Kerry-Ann Foster (Anne J. MacArthur
PS, Elsie MacGill SS)

Halton Hills Area

Shari White (Acton District
School)

Susan Doyle Sazar (George
Kennedy PS)

Andrei Denisov (Park PS)

Community Member:

Rabia Alavi (HMC Connections)

Trustee:

Xin Yi Zhang

Board Liaison and Resource Personnel:

Tara Connor (Superintendent of Education); Luisa Botelho (Garth Webb SS Principal); Ashley De Ridder (Sir Ernest Macmillan PS Principal); Kerri Lee (Executive Assistant, School Operations); Kevin Raposo (Senior Communications Officer)

Guest: Roxana Negoï (Superintendent of Business Services & Treasurer)

Regrets: Rabia Alavi

Absent: Saud Juman, Reem Tantawi

TIME	ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	Facilitator
7:00pm	Welcome	Honouring the Land and Territories Land Acknowledgement Overview of the agenda for the evening		Co-Chair Shari White
7:05pm	Passing of the Minutes	May 22, 2025 meeting: PIC Minutes - May 22, 2025 Motion by: Jennifer Sibbitt Seconded by: Laura Tripp		Co-Chair Shari White
7:10pm	PIC Budget Presentation	Budget Presentation to seek parent input and involvement in the budget process • Planning for September 2026, started early this year. • Goal to balance the budget for next year. • Close to 90% of board funding comes from Province “Core Funding” • We are a declining enrollment board • We have an elimination deficit of 7.1 million \$ • The following year is also expected to be in a deficit position • Largest expenses are related to instruction, then student accommodations, followed by transportation and administration • 80% of spending is salaries • Inflexible expenses are contracted labour (class size ratios, collective agreements, fringe salary benefits), utilities/facilities expenses, targeted funds • We can look at non-mandated labour costs, program resources, technology, travel, student transportation, etc • Next Steps: Budget working groups Oct/Nov Budget presentations to stakeholders Public Consultation in December Board Reports Feb/May (after the release of the funding)		Superintendent Negoi

		Board approval June 2 & 16th • Important to participate in the survey that comes home • Q: How does procurement work for outside vendors? A: There is a process in place for vendors to bid on projects, depending on the dollar amount of the project. • Q: Is there a way to allow volunteers or smaller contractors to work on projects to help cut costs? A: We have to follow the procurement process. We are also a vulnerable sector and have to be cautious to use approved vendors. • Q: Are vendors constantly being reviewed to make sure that they are fair and of value? A: Yes, we do review and set the expectations with vendors to group projects together as one call to save funds, as an example. • Q: How do you factor parent/school feedback into your decisions? Do cutbacks apply to all schools evenly? A: Board intentionally spends more on particularly vulnerable students. Funding is based on enrollment, not on student needs. They are going to look at all spending with an equity lens to see where they can make adjustments to save costs. Won't just be cut. It will be evaluated budget line by budget line. Each school community will be looked at separately - some schools have sizable fundraising and others require more board assistance. • Q: Fundraising policies haven't been reviewed since 2023 and were more restrictive. Can it be reviewed to make it more flexible? A: Fundraising and school generated funds are mandated by the province. Hard to make it more flexible, as it is out of our hands. Fundraising cannot be used for staffing or learning materials, as that has to be supported by the board. We are allowed to fundraise for the extras - such as a stage, playground, extra curriculars or sports.		
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		- Q: Trustees were petitioning the govt in the past for fair funding in Halton due to being a fastest growing community. - A: One of the reasons we are low on the funding list is due to the reduction in enrollment. We've got a grace period to reduce our expenses to match enrollment/funding. Trustees are still advocating for fair funding at the provincial level. Board does have a provincial committee and communicate with the province.		
7:30pm	PIC 101	An overview of the role of the PIC Committee, Regional PIC Members and School-Based PIC Representatives School based PIC reps will come together to report to the PIC committee and share thoughts and ideas.		Co-Chair Shari White
7:40pm	Introduction and Welcome	Introduction and Welcome to Committee Members (all members to introduce themselves and the community they are representing)		Co-Chair Shari White
7:55pm	PIC Conference Updates	Coming up on November 15th at Elsie McGill SS. A great day of learning and sharing. Special lunch and learn for PIC reps.		PIC Conference Co-Chairs Laura Tripp & Jennifer Sibbitt

8:05pm	PIC Co-Chair Elections	Laura Tripp and Ali Chaudhry were appointed as co-chairs.		Superintendent Connor
8:20pm	Superintendent Updates	Future meeting dates Treasurer meeting Pro grant funds and application process		Superintendent Connor
8:25pm	Trustee Updates	Immunization reporting reminder		Trustee Zhang
8:30pm	Closing Remarks	Closing Remarks & Adjournment Next meeting = February 5, 2026		Co-Chair Shari White