



Regional School Community Councils

The Parent Involvement Committee plays an important role in fulfilling the vision and goals of our Regional SCCs. Through input provided by participants and the system, the PIC collectively plans the structure and focus of each Regional SCC. The three Regional SCCs reach out to local SCC members and parents who are interested in attending. The goal of these events is to provide professional development and resources to help SCCs explore ideas that will support them in their partnership roles with their schools and school communities.

Regional SCC sessions are open to the public and are hosted at the Durham District School Board Education Centre.



Please visit the DDSB event calendar for all Parent engagement dates and times.

<http://bit.ly/2Y5g2i5>

Volunteer of Distinction

The Parent Involvement Committee plays an instrumental role in the planning and organization of the annual Volunteer of Distinction Ceremony. The Volunteer of Distinction Ceremony was established in 2003 and recognizes the contributions of the many volunteers that commit their time to the success of the Durham District School Board's programs and activities. Nominations are made within schools for people who have contributed greatly over the past year (or several years) and one volunteer from each school across the district is recognized at the ceremony.

Volunteer of Distinction

(held in October each year)

Parents as Partners Symposium

The Parents as Partners Symposium aims to strengthen genuine partnerships between parents and schools as a means to improve student achievement and increase confidence among parents in their children's schooling and education experience. The Parent Involvement Committee provides input towards the planning of the event, with a specific focus each year. Stay tuned for further details on this year's event.

Parents as Partners Symposium

(held in April each year)



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE



Supporting PARENT INVOLVEMENT in our schools



What is the Durham District School Board Parent Involvement Committee?

The Durham District School Board Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is an important advisory body to the school board. The PIC is a formal structure and a key vehicle at the board level that enhances parent involvement and supports student achievement and well-being. As outlined by the Ministry of Education, all boards in Ontario are required to have a Parent Involvement Committee. For more information about Parent Involvement Committees in Ontario, please feel free to visit the Ministry website.



<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/PIC.html>

What do Parent Involvement Committees do?

The purpose of Parent Involvement Committees is to support, encourage and enhance meaningful parent involvement at the board level. The PIC acts as an advisory body to the board, and provides an important link between parents and the board's director of education and trustees. Parent Involvement Committees build parent engagement by:

- providing information and advice to the board on parent engagement and communicating with parents
- developing strategies and initiatives the board could use to engage more parents to support their children's learning at home and at school
- sharing information with, and supporting the work of, school councils

Who is the Parent Involvement Committee?

The PIC membership is composed of:

- elementary and secondary parent representatives from each of the five geographical areas of the Durham District School Board
- community members
- trustee members as appointed by the Board
- board staff designated as a resource to the committee

PIC Meeting Dates

PIC meetings are held four times per year in the evening. Dates, times agendas and minutes are available on the DDSB website.

May I attend meetings?

The Durham District School Board PIC meets four times a year. Meetings are open to the public, and are held at the Durham District School Board Education Centre. Those who wish to observe, and learn first-hand about the operation of the PIC are welcome to attend meetings. PIC Meeting minutes of past meetings are posted on the board's website.



www.ddsb.ca/en/family-and-community-support/parent-involvement-committee.aspx

The Parent Involvement Committee's Three Areas of Focus

The PIC's efforts are always aligned to the three key areas of focus of Parent Engagement.



Within each focus we work collectively to enhance parent and family involvement by directly supporting SCCs and their efforts in fostering student achievement and well-being. We have focused on the connection to local SCCs as a key tool to further engage Durham families and communities.

