



## District School Council - Parent Involvement Committee Minutes

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Date: May 15, 2025  
Location: Virtual  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

### 1. Call to order

Superintendent of Learning J. Johnston called the meeting to order.

### 2. Territory acknowledgement

Superintendent Johnston shared a territory acknowledgement and shared an excerpt from the book *You Are the Medicine* by .

### 3. Director's update

Director of Education W. Hahn shared updates on the following topics:

- Staff are focused on student engagement in the classroom, but are also taking the time to enjoy the change in the season and support extra curricular activities and events.
- Director Hahn and trustees have had the opportunity to attend several parent engagement events, including the Pine River Institute *Positive Parenting Webinar Series* and the Jennifer Kolari's *Connected Parenting* presentations in Lindsay and Bracebridge.
- Director Hahn and trustees are looking forward to attending the various end of year celebrations and graduations taking place over the next two months.
- Administrators are deep into School Improvement Planning for the next school year. This includes embedding equity practices into all aspects of their work, which was recently supported by a presentation from Tana Turner of Turner Consulting Group. The presentation focused on addressing conscious and unconscious bias.
- The annual Feed All Four Golf Tournament and Silent Auction is taking place in Lindsay on June 7, 2025. More information can be found online at <https://www.tldsb.ca/golf-tournament/>

### 4. Administrative updates

#### 4.1 Presentation: Input into the 2025-2026 Budget

Superintendent of Business Services T. Ellis provided an overview of budget funding and expenditure details as well as the planning process for the 2025-2026 school year. He welcomed input from DSC-PIC, which included ensuring parent engagement funds were appropriately distributed going forward, and ensuring there is enough money

available to support furniture and equipment renewals. DSC-PIC was invited to share additional feedback via email.

#### **4.2 Impactful School Councils**

Superintendent Johnston shared a presentation that had been shared at the May 14, 2025 administrators meeting. The presentation outlined important information on the role of school councils and principals, timelines, administrative items, and available supports.

### **5. Other business**

#### **5.1 Advance questions**

Questions were shared in advance on the following topics:

**Charitable donations processes:** Superintendent Johnston encouraged school councils to work with their school principal to manage charitable donations to their schools. The preferred method is to use [CanadaHelps.org](https://CanadaHelps.org). Cheques can also be made payable to “Trillium Lakelands District School Board Charitable Trust” with a note indicating which school the donation is intended for, however, this option has a longer processing time.

**Funding for school infrastructure improvement:** This question was addressed during the budget presentation.

**PRO Grant spending from 2023-2024:** Remaining funds from previous years had been rolled into surplus and are no longer available for school council use. As noted during the budget presentation, the Board is committed to ensuring that funds are appropriately distributed to schools going forward.

**TLDSB Powwow and Drum Social:** The Third Annual TLDSB Powwow and Drum Social will be taking place on June 5, 2025 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for area schools. The location of the event is determined each year by the responsible superintendent. The event previously took place in Bracebridge and in Lindsay. Superintendent Johnston welcomed any contacts DSC-PIC members may have who could support presentations on powwow etiquette. Additional information can be found at <https://northernontario.travel/indigenous/pow-wows-ontario-complete-list>

**Reading level on report card:** Feedback about including student reading levels on reports cards will be taken back to Superintendent J. MacJanet for his review.

### **6. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.