



District School Council - Parent Involvement Committee 2024-2025 Annual Report

School council chairs were invited to attend four District School Council - Parent Involvement Committee (DSC-PIC) meetings in the 2024-2025 school year. Meetings were held in person at the locations noted below, with an option to attend virtually. More information on DSC-PIC is available at <https://www.tldsb.ca/dsc-pic-committee/>

Meeting synopsis

November 7, 2024 - Lindsay Education Centre

Director W. Hahn welcomed school council members to the first meeting of the year and shared an update on school start up, including feedback he had received from students and staff regarding the recently introduced cell phone restrictions. Superintendent of Learning J. MacJanet shared a presentation on the Board's EQAO. Director Hahn shared highlights from the Ministry of Education's special PIC meeting. School council funding opportunities were discussed and questions shared in advance of and during the meeting were addressed. Topics included transportation changes in Minden and Haliburton, EQAO assessment and literacy resources, funding for educational activities, Indigenous mental health supports, arts in schools, CPR training for staff, and the new Trillium Lakelands Arts Camp registration process.

February 6, 2025 - Muskoka Education Centre

Director Hahn provided updates on trustee governance and collaboration, the new five-zone inclement weather system, Feed All Four funding, the use of technology in schools, student attendance, parent/guardian feedback surveys, and the Board's commitment to the understanding and responsible use of artificial intelligence. Superintendent of Learning J. Johnston shared a presentation on Indigenous education within the Board. Communications Services Manager C. Bull provided details on upcoming events and activities. The Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant and Parent Engagement Grant (PEG) funding opportunities were discussed, and school council chairs were invited to participate in a survey to determine the use of the former. Advance questions were addressed, covering the topics of SchoolCash Online, school council terms and roles, additional funding opportunities, supporting local business and Canadian-made products, and registered charity status for school councils.

March 27, 2025 - Archie Stouffer Elementary School

Director Hahn's update addressed inclement weather, student attendance, and provided clarification on the Board's budget surplus. Superintendent T. Fraser shared a presentation on mental health resources and supports. Superintendent Johnston announced the results of the

PRO grant application process, with 42 schools receiving an additional allocation of \$583 each. She also provided an overview of the Board budget process in relation to the use of DSC-PIC funds. Advanced questions were addressed, covering the topic of school staffing and the budget surplus.

May 15, 2025 - Virtual

Director Hahn commented on the many parent/family engagement events that took place across the Board, including the Pine River Institute *Positive Parenting Webinar Series* and the Jennifer Kolari's *Connected Parenting* presentations. He also spoke about administrators' school improvement planning with a focus on embedding equity into all aspects of their work. Superintendent of Business Services T. Ellis shared an overview of the annual budget process and welcomed DSC-PIC input into the 2025-2026 budget. Superintendent Johnston shared a presentation on impactful school councils. Additional topics discussed included the TLDSB Powwow and Drum Social, PRO grant spending from previous years, funding for school infrastructure improvement, and charitable donation processes.

Parent/guardian engagement funding and initiatives

Each year, all schools are provided with a \$500 Parent Engagement Grant (PEG) allocation by the Ministry of Education to support family engagement initiatives in their schools. Additionally, the Board receives Parents Reaching Out (PRO) funding from the Ministry to support initiatives that identify and address local parent and caregiver needs and help remove barriers that might prevent families from engaging fully in their school communities.

In consultation with DSC-PIC, it was determined that the PRO grant funding amount of \$24,500 would be distributed equally by application among schools to further enhance parent/guardian engagement initiatives.

PEG and PRO funding were used to support the following family engagement activities at TLDSB schools:

School	PRO Grant	Initiative(s)
Alexandra Public School	√	Browning Reptiles and face painting at End of Year BBQ
Archie Stouffer Elementary School	√	Curriculum Night for Parents; Zoo to You
BMLSS	√	Tímea Nagy: Human Trafficking and Online Safety
Bobcaygeon Public School	√	T-shirts for Kindergarten welcome packages; Movie Night; Tree planting community event; Meet the Teacher evening
Bracebridge Public School		Arts Gala
Cardiff Elementary School	√	Pockets the Clown ; Pop Over Parties
Central Senior School	√	Elective Activities Night
Dr. George Hall Public School	√	Magician Eric Bedard ; Reading Incentive Program
Dunsford District Elementary School	√	Words Matter Art Night and Family BBQ

School	PRO Grant	Initiative(s)
Fenelon Falls Secondary School	√	Script licenses for Drama Club evening performances; PRIDE Kawartha Lakes presentations
Fenelon Township Public School	√	Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser and BBQ
Glen Orchard Public School	√	Hello Hope presentation, Playground ribbon-cutting event
Grandview Public School	√	Family BBQ; Grade 3 Graduation
Gravenhurst High School		Hello Hope presentation
Gravenhurst Public School	√	Inflatables for Family Fun Night
Haliburton Highlands SS	√	Open House and Talent Show
Honey Harbour Public School		Spaghetti Dinner; Christmas Concert
Huntsville High School	√	Grade 9 Parent Evening; Refreshments for school council and parent/teacher meetings; building connections and raising awareness for mental resources and support systems available to students, families, and staff
Huntsville Public School	√	Meet the Teacher BBQ; Ecofest
IE Weldon Secondary School	√	Post-Secondary Pathways Information Session
Irwin Memorial Public School	√	BBQ and Time Capsule event
Jack Callaghan Public School	√	Fun Fair
JD Hodgson Elementary School	√	Year-End Celebration BBQ; School Open House BBQ
King Albert Public School	√	Browning Reptiles ; Kawartha Lakes Pride; Games Night
KP Manson Public School	√	KP Fun Night ; Hello Hope presentation
Lady MacKenzie Public School	√	Literacy Night; pavement painting
Langton Public School	√	Fun Fair
LCVI		End of Year BBQ
Leslie Frost Public School	√	Math and Literacy Night; Spring Fling
Macaulay Public School	√	Paul Davis: Social Networking Safety ; Tim Jeffries and the National Touring Museum
Mariposa Elementary School	√	Heroes & Villains Drama and Musical production
Monck Public School	√	Science Fair; End of Year BBQ
Muskoka Beechgrove Public School	√	Hello Hope presentation; Bronco Fun Night
Muskoka Falls Public School	√	Tarmac and playground improvements, Family Games Night and BBQ
Parkview Public School	√	Fun Fair
Pine Glen Public School	√	End of Year BBQ & Fun Night
Queen Victoria Public School	√	Ampere Makerspace Family Night; gifts for volunteers
Ridgewood Public School	√	Pack Night; yoga sessions by Elements of Health Massage Therapy Clinic
Riverside Public School	√	Spring BBQ

School	PRO Grant	Initiative(s)
Rolling Hills Public School		Funds not used
Scott Young Public School	√	Fun Fair; playground fundraiser
Spruce Glen Public School	√	Spring BBQ
Stuart Baker Elementary School	√	Family Skating Night
VK Greer Memorial Public School	√	Library books for parents; kayak for scavenger hunt draw; food supplies; event prizes
Watt Public School	√	Winterfest; Watt Family Fun Day
Wilberforce Elementary School	√	Pockets the Clown ; Pop Over Parties
Woodville Elementary School	√	Math packages for families; dinner and community activities

Respectfully submitted by the superintendent's office responsible for the District School Council/Parent Involvement Committee.