

## Parent Involvement Committee

**Date:** Monday, May 31, 2010

**Time/Place:** 4:30 to 6 p.m.

HJA Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga  
Location: Trustees' Area (Mezzanine Level)

**Committee** Savi Khanna, School Council Chair representing Brampton, Co-chair

**Members in** Karen McDonald, School Council Chair representing Caledon, Co-chair

**Attendance:** Valerie Arnold-Judge, Trustee representing Caledon

Ashis Basu, Parent Member

Dr. Salha Jeizan, Parent Member representing Multicultural Inter-Agency Group of Peel

Deanna Henderson, Parent Member representing the Special Education Advisory Committee

Tony Pontes, Director of Education

Allison Van Wagner, Trustee representing Mississauga

**Regrets:**

Rabia Khedr, Parent Member

Suzanne Nurse, Trustee representing Brampton

Sally Drew, School Council Chair representing Mississauga

**Resource:**

Alison Farbar, Acting Communications Officer

Carla Pereira, Acting Communications Manager

Varsha Naik, Community Liaison Coordinator

### Update on PRO grants

The Ministry deadline to apply for PRO grants for the 2010-11 school year is June 11. Information was sent out to schools in early May as soon as it was received from the ministry. Janet McDougald, board chair, sent a letter to the Minister of Education requesting that a second deadline be added for this year to allow more time for schools to submit their application.

### Remaining budget

Karen shared a suggestion from a secondary school teacher that to create a parent booklet/tip sheet on what to expect in high school.

The committee also discussed the idea of beginning work on a *Creating a welcoming school together* toolkit. The toolkit will include resources for schools like tip sheets translated for parents, pre-made presentations and other items.

The committee decided to fund the development and translation of four tip sheets for parents. Two tip sheets for parents on what to expect/how to prepare for middle school and secondary school. A third tip sheet will provide step-by-step instructions on how to become a school volunteer, and the fourth tip sheet will focus on the connection between involvement and student success.

**Next meeting:** The next Parent Involvement Committee meeting will take place in the Trustees' Area at the HJA Brown Education Centre on Monday, September 20 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. This is the first meeting of the 2010-11 school year. The committee will welcome four new members at this meeting.

Please let Alison Farbar know if you are unable to attend. Refreshments will be provided.