



Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

October 29, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
Microsoft Teams

Informal Meeting Notes

Committee Members in Attendance:

Skye Pomainville	Chair of the Committee, Parent - Timmins
Ashley Mitchell	Vice-Chair of the Committee, Parent - Temagami
Jonathan Byer	Trustee, Chair of the Board
Lesleigh Dye	Director of Education (Alternate for K. Elvestad)

Committee Members Absent:

Kirsten Elvestad	Superintendent of Education
Crystal Hewey	Trustee, Vice-Chair of the Board
Shannon Sayeau	Principal Representative

Guests in Attendance:

Cedric Busukidi, Parent Council Member RRBPS & PPS
Julie Hutnick-Whitehead, Vice-Principal ELPS & TPS
Samantha Stewart, Parent Council Member RRBPS

Recording Secretary: Shynyn Bradford, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

With no quorum, those in attendance agreed to proceed with an informal meeting. Director Dye began the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

We acknowledge as a School Board, that we are guests on the lands of the Anishinaabe, Algonquin and Cree people, located in the Robinson-Huron and Treaty 9 territory. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples.

2. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began with introductions, participants sharing their role or interest in PIC, as well as the school communities they are a part of.

3. Appointments to the Committee

Director Dye gave an overview of the purpose and role of the Parent Involvement Committee. She confirmed that the Chair and Vice-Chair positions will be held by the

current members for 2025-26, as the second year of their two-year term on the executive.

Without enough parents/guardians in attendance to form a committee, appointments to the committee will be moved to the next meeting agenda.

4. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was shared and reviewed. No quorum, therefore no motion to approve.

5. Review of Minutes

No quorum. This item will be moved to the next meeting agenda.

6. Presentations

a. 2025-2029 Strategic Plan (Superintendent Elvestad)

Director Dye shared an overview of our new Strategic Plan, sharing how it was produced, the different components, and how we plan to implement it throughout the Board. The presentation slides are included at the end of the meeting notes.

7. Strategic Plan Vignette

The Strategic Plan Vignette for October (Building inclusive communities) was played. The link is available in the agenda, or you can visit the DSB1 [YouTube](#) channel to view this vignette and more.

8. Correspondence

a. Ministry Memo: Fresh from the Farm (2025-08-21)

The Ministry Memo was shared with the group. Director Dye shared that many schools do participate in this, and that all schools have nutrition program of some type. Funding for these comes from the federal government, through the Red Cross, and from donations. The provincial government has made a commitment of funding, though no details have been shared yet. With the high cost of food right now, our schools are very committed to ensuring our students have access to food at school.

9. Other Items

None

10. Future Meeting Dates & Topics

a. Meeting Dates:

- i. December 10, 2025
- ii. February 25, 2026
- iii. April 22, 2026

b. Topics for Discussion:

- i. Pathways is always an interest, as parents are continually thinking ahead for their children

- ii. Mental Health is a big issue, all present were in agreement - linked with supports for students and families, spaces in schools, and community involvement
- iii. Supports for students with IEPs, especially with the recent reduction in supports (EAs), this is effecting not only children but teachers as well.
- iv. Math supports – for students, and for parents to help them as well
- v. Artificial Intelligence – Senior Administration has been discussing AI benefits and risks in education, and may be interested in sharing something with families about this as well

There was also some discussion about ways to increase attendance, to make these meetings more meaningful and impactful, and how to make them more interactive.

11. Lollipop Moments

Director Dye shared how fantastic it was to see a picture of an art piece a retired staff member had created of the three strategic priorities of our new Strategic Plan.

Julie Hutnick-Whitehead shared how excited her children are to go to school. She credits this to the extra-curricular programs at TDSS – their high point is the fantastic drama program. It's a great feeling as a mom to have kids so excited to head off to school each day.

Skye Pomaineville said she loves that you can just place your order for hot lunch days through school cash and it's done. This year, they added a new item, which she ordered, then forgot about. When she asked at the end of that day if she ate all her lunch, and her daughter said "yeah, I really loved the soup today!" it took a moment to remember what she was talking about, as she hadn't sent any soup with her!

12. Adjournment

Director Dye thanked everyone for coming out. She will share everyone's feedback with Superintendent Elvestad, and hope to see everyone in December for the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 6:18 p.m.



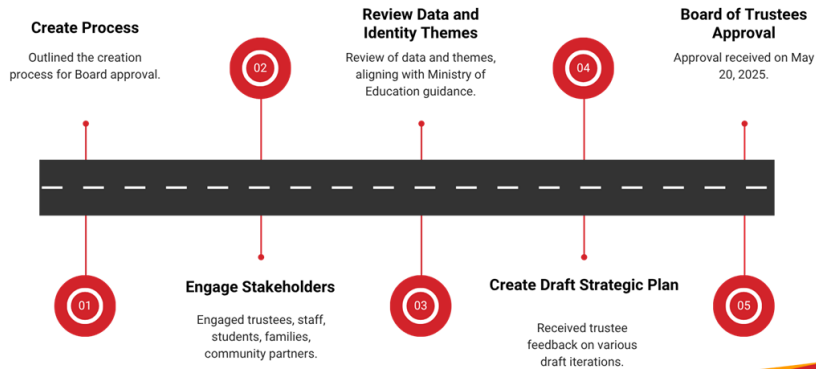
2025-2029 Strategic Plan Launch

Superintendent Elvestad | October 29, 2025



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Strategic Plan Creation Process



Our Vision

Preparing our learners for their future success.

Our Mission

Providing meaningful growth opportunities.

Our Strategic Priorities

Achieve

Belong

Create

Achieve

Uphold high expectations in diverse learning and working environments.



Belong

Build inclusive communities where all feel supported and valued.



Create

Foster collaboration, innovation and skill development in all learners.



Strategic Actions: Achieve

- **Learning Environments:** Provide supportive and engaging classrooms that inspire excellence.
- **Pathways:** Offer a variety of pathways that honour each learner's unique strengths and goals.
- **Learning Opportunities:** Deliver learning that supports real-world applications and community partnerships.

Strategic Actions: Belong

- **Well-Being:** Prioritize the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of students, staff, and the school community.
- **Inclusive Community:** Provide equitable opportunities that engage all learners.
- **Recognition and Voice:** Respond to student and staff needs by actively seeking feedback and input.

Strategic Actions: Create

- **Innovative Practices:** Embrace creative and flexible approaches to learning and teaching, while leveraging technology.
- **Critical Thinking:** Strengthen learners' ability to analyze, evaluate, and make informed decisions.
- **Future-Ready Skills:** Equip learners with essential skills to adapt, thrive and lead.

Bringing our Strategic Plan to life



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