

Update from March 7, 2017 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting
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Reminder of the free annual PIC family event on Saturday April 8, 8:45 am to 3 pm. The theme is ***Empowering Students with Parent Engagement***. For more information or to register go to: <https://www.wrdsb.ca/pic/2017/02/15/pic-wrapsc-parent-event-april-8-2017/#.WNqgvoWcF9A>

Superintendent Ron DeBoer spoke about the WRDSB Digital Symposium which is now taking place twice per year. This event brings together staff from all WRDSB schools to share best practice for teaching using digital technology.

Student Trustee Husayn Jamal described the role of student trustees and the student senate. For more information or to see minutes of student senate meetings please go to: <https://www.wrdsb.ca/board-meetings/student-trustees/student-senate/#.WNqfhoWcF9A>

A request by the PIC Safe, Caring and Inclusive School subcommittee to the Director of Education and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees was briefly discussed. The intent of the letter was to ask the Board to consider developing a plan supporting the families and caregivers of each and every WRDSB student in order to enhance their children's well-being. Director Bryant indicated that this request will be considered by staff as they look to move forward with their strategic plan, and that staff and parents could meet to discuss the request.

PIC will begin advertising in May for members for the 2017-2018 school year.

PIC and WRAPSC are considering three options moving forward with respect to their relationship with one another:

- WRAPSC becomes a subcommittee of PIC
- WRAPSC and PIC separate completely (no shared membership)
- all PIC parent members are chosen by application. One PIC parent member is chosen by PIC to sit on WRAPSC Steering Committee as a liaison.

The April WRAPSC meeting will include a presentation by Theresa Pastore (Executive Director of Parents Engaged in Education) and will include round table discussions on areas related to communication: website feedback, parent communications with the school, and school council and parent community communications. The May WRAPSC meeting will focus on French Immersion, facilities (accessibility, maintenance, playgrounds and portables) and the PIC-WRAPSC structure.