Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
451 Park Street West, Windsor, ON. N9A 6K1
Board Committee Room

MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE
Ashley Kirby, Windsor Essex County Health Unit
Jennifer Diemer
Bridget Fauteux
Christina Sayer
Padu Surtani
Pragya Chhetri
Fahema Sikl
Daniella Masotti
Hanan Othman
Deepa Chawla
Yetunda Osanyin
Entela Bilali
Tara Barnett
Nisha Withane

BOARD PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE
Kim McKinley, Trustee
Laura Bates
Najet Jones
Raquel Roberts

REGRETS
Nil

RECORDER
Beth Silverio

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Superintendent Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:05

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
   Superintendent Roberts read the approved GECDSB Land and Water Acknowledgement.

3. **Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**
   Superintendent Roberts called for nominations for the Chairperson of GECPIC.

   Bridget Fauteux self-nominated for the position of Chairperson of GECPIC.

   Superintendent Roberts noted that there being no further nominations Bridget Fauteux was acclaimed as Chairperson of GECPIC.

Bridget Fauteux took over the chair.

Chairperson Fauteux called for nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of GECPIC.

Bridget Fauteux nominated Deepa Taneja Chawla for Vice-Chairperson of GECPIC.

Chairperson Fauteux noted that there being no further nominations Deepa Taneja Chawla was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson of GECPIC.

4. ATTENDANCE

Chairperson Fauteux noted that all members of GECPIC were in attendance.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by B. Fauteux

That GECPIC approve the agenda for October 28, 2025

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Trustee McKinley

That GECPIC approve the minutes November 2024, January 28, February 25 and May 27, 2025 meetings.

7. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

Superintendent Roberts provided information on the Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant. The deadline for School Councils to apply is November 17, 2025.

Superintendent Roberts communicated that the focus for GECPIC will continue to be developing connections with school councils.

GECPIC is a board committee and members are asked to attend Board meetings (in person or virtually). Members committed to the following Board meeting dates:

November 18, 2025 – E. Bilali, P. Surtani
December 16, 2025 - Y. Osanyin
January 20, 2026 – C. Sayer, D, Masotti
February 17, 2026 – D. Chawla, F. Sikl
March 24, 2026 – N. Withane, T. Barnett
April 21, 2026 – B. Fauteux, J. Diemer
May, 19, 2026 – H. Othman,
June 16, 2026 – B. Fauteux, D. Chawla, P. Chhetri

GECPIC Meeting dates for the 2025-2026 school year:
Tuesday, October 28, 2025
Tuesday, November 25, 2025
Tuesday, January 27, 2026
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 (Tentative)

Meetings will be hybrid.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**
   Chairperson Fauteux adjourned the meeting at 7:00PM

NEXT MEETING, November 25, 2025

GECPIC Minutes available on GECPIC Agenda, Minutes and Reports

Raquel Roberts, GECPIC Liaison