CDSBEO Parent Involvement Committee – Summary 2019-2020

The focus for the 2019-20 school year was supporting parents to support student learning at home. CDSBEO Curriculum Consultants, Mary-Kate Bridson and Meghan Wood, provided PIC members with a presentation on resources such as TVO Mathify for tutoring, Khan Academy, Math Antics, Mathies games and learning tools, game-based learning with tvomPower and Math Storytime, CDSBEO parent guide entitled "Reading and Writing with Your Child", as well as our CDSBEO parent resource "Making reading fun for all!" PIC members were very impressed with our Board-wide digital library *Sora* where students can access hundreds of eBooks and audiobooks.

Four Regional PIC evenings focusing on supporting student learning at home, were scheduled in each of our regions from April 20th to May 14th. Unfortunately, COVID related school closures in Ontario did not permit these events to take place. CDSBEO PIC Co-Chairs, Kathryn Ferguson and Julie Marshall, participated in a PIC Chair Teleconference on April 23rd, 2020, to provide the Ministry of Education with parent experiences supporting students in their learning at home.

PIC worked together to update our CDSBEO website sharing videos from Dr. Jean Clinton and Ann Douglas to support parents working with students at home. A Curriculum PIC document was created to support parents with virtual learning platforms and posted on our CDSBEO website. Many thanks to all PIC members and Trustee Cooney for your leadership during a most unusual school year!

