



Program and School Services Committee

Report No. 02 (Part B)

PSSC:002A

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

4:30 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

Trustee Members Present Trustees Rachel Chernos Lin (Chair), Trixie Doyle, Dan MacLean, Chris Moise, and Patrick Nunziata

Regrets Trustee Alexandra Lulka

Also Present Trustees Michelle Aarts, Alexander Brown, James Li, Christopher Mammoliti, Robin Pilkey and Manna Wong

All trustees participated by electronic means in accordance with [amendments to Section 7 of Ontario Regulations 463/97, Electronic Meetings](#)

Part A: Committee Recommendations

1. Urban Indigenous Community Advisory Committee: Capital Priority Proposal Submission: Kâpapâmahchakwêw – K-12 / Wandering Spirit School

The matter was considered on February 24, 2022.

2. Alternative Schools Community Advisory Committee: Secondary Alternative School Staffing

The matter was considered on February 24, 2022.

3. Alternative Schools Community Advisory Committee: TDSB Community Outreach Ambassadors

The Committee considered a report from the Alternative Schools Community Advisory Committee (see PSSC:002A, page 9) presenting a recommendation to hire community outreach ambassadors.

Moved by: Trustee MacLean

Seconded by: Trustee Moise

The Program and School Services Committee **RECOMMENDS that the following be referred to the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee for consideration as part of the budget process:**

ASCAC recommends that the TDSB dedicate resources to have Community Outreach Ambassadors. The ambassadors would be tasked with going out into different communities to better educate them about all the different options available to them within the Board, including, but not limited to alternative schools, specialty schools and programs, academies, French Immersion, mental health programs, etc. This more targeted and personalized one-on-one approach by the Board may greatly improve information reaching those communities who are currently underserved through existing TDSB marketing approaches.

Carried

4. Parent Involvement Advisory Committee: Suspension of the TDSB School Council By-Laws Template

The Committee considered a report from the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (see PSSC:002A, page 31) presenting a recommendation regarding the suspension of the school council by-laws.

Moved by: Trustee Doyle

Seconded by: Trustee Nunziata

The Program and School Services Committee **RECOMMENDS that the following be referred to staff for further discussion with the appropriate PIAC working groups:**

Therefore, be it resolved that PIAC recommends to the Director of Education and the Board of Trustees that the TDSB School Council By-Laws Template be suspended from use until:

1. The by-laws are reviewed for compliance with O. Reg. 612/00;

2. The by-laws which are not required by O. Reg. 612/00 as well as the compulsory by-law on conflict resolution undergo fulsome and meaningful consultation with parents/caregivers and school councils.
3. The by-laws are edited for user-friendly, plain, and accessible language and remain strongly aligned with the TDSB's Equity policy PO37.
4. The by-laws be presented to PIAC prior to being made available to school councils for use, no later than April 2022.

Carried

5. Parent Involvement Advisory Committee: Support of School Council IT Support

The Committee considered a report from the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (see PSSC:002A, page 31) presenting a recommendation regarding email and IT support for school councils.

Moved by: Trustee Doyle

Seconded by: Trustee MacLean

The Program and School Services Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the **Director:**

- (a) **report back in writing to PIAC at the March 2022 PIAC meeting outlining how many shared email accounts for School Councils and Advisory Committee members have been successfully activated this year compared to the number of active councils and Advisory Committee members.**
- (b) **report back in writing to PIAC by the March 2022 PIAC meeting outlining a comprehensive plan as to how existing backlogged IT access issues will be resolved. The plan should set timelines and priority groups for access and include who has received access and who has access still.**

Carried

6. Parent Involvement Advisory Committee: Simplified Elementary School Schedule

The Committee considered a report from the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (see PSSC:002A, page 31) presenting a recommendation regarding the implementation of a fixed five-day cycle schedule. The Committee noted that

this matter deals with the day-to-day operations of schools and outside the scope of the Program and School Services Committee.

Moved by: Trustee Doyle

Seconded by: Trustee MacLean

The Program and School Services Committee **RECOMMENDS that the following be referred to staff for information:**

Ask appropriate TDSB Senior Leadership Staff work to implement the fixed 5-day cycle schedule either system wide or providing it as an option to be allowed at appropriate schools where there is support from parents and educators and with recognition that buy-in from Elementary Teachers of Toronto (ETT) union is essential.

Carried

7. Special Education Advisory Committee: Implementation of Recommendations From the K-12 Education Standards Development Committee

The Committee considered a report from the Special Education Advisory Committee (see PSSC:002A, page 39) presenting a recommendation regarding the implementation of recommendations from the K-12 Standards Development Committee.

Moved by: Trustee MacLean

Seconded by: Trustee Doyle

The Program and School Services Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

Whereas in 2018, the Ontario Government appointed the K-12 Education Standards Development Committee ("the K-12 Committee") under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act to recommend the steps needed to remove and prevent barriers in Ontario schools that impede full participation by students with disabilities.

And whereas on June 1, 2021, the Ontario Government made public the K-12 Committee's initial report and recommendations.

And whereas the K-12 Committee's final report has now been submitted to the Ontario Government, and the Ontario Government is required to publicly post it upon receiving it.

And whereas among other things, the K-12 Committee has made recommendations that are the same in substance as recommendations

which the Special Education Advisory Committee of the Toronto District School Board has presented to TDSB.

Therefore the Special Education Advisory Committee of the Toronto District School Board resolves:

That the Toronto District School Board implement as many of the K-12 Committee's recommendations as soon as possible.

Carried

8. Human Rights Reporting Portal Feasibility [4265]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see PSSC:002A, page 43), presenting information on the feasibility of creating a portal for receiving informal complaints related to human rights.

Moved by: Trustee MacLean

Seconded by: Trustee Doyle

The Program and Schools Services Committee **RECOMMENDS that the report be received.**

Carried

9. 2022-2023 School Year Calendar: Revised [4266]

The matter was considered on February 24, 2022.

10. Spring 2022 Student Census Pilot and Fall 2022 System Launch [4267]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see PSSC:002A, page 55), presenting information on the student census pilot and system launch.

Moved by: Trustee Moise

Seconded by: Trustee Mammoliti

The Program and Schools Services Committee **RECOMMENDS that the report be received.**

Carried

Part B: Information Only

Part B matters were received at the Special meeting on February 24, 2022.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

No matters to report.

Submitted by: Rachel Chernos Lin, Committee Chair