

# WORKING GROUP REPORT

## Consultations

**Date:** January 21, 2025  
**Co-leads:** Susan Lee, Nicole Wu

### DESCRIPTION/OBJECTIVES

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Provide recommendations to TDSB and Director of Education concerning system level concerns including related to parent engagement. Coordinate and facilitate all Board and Ministry consultation requests.

### UPDATE

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#### **PIAC Consultation Working Group – January 16, 2025 @8:30 pm via Zoom (and asynchronously)**

*Present: Susan Lee, Nicole Wu, and Andrew Waters, Regrets: N/A; Absent: N/A*

- Discussed the recommendations
- Nicole Wu acclaimed as co lead for Consultations

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Consultation Working Group proposes that PIAC make the following recommendations:

#### **Parents/Caregivers Being Able to Coach School Sport Teams Without Teacher Involvement Where No Teacher Has Expressed Interest**

##### Recommendation to TDSB and to Director of Education

1. Director of Education review policy, procedures and practices that are preventing parents/caregivers from engaging in coaching activities to support sports at their children's school. It is PIAC's understanding that current TDSB policy is that if a TDSB staff member does not agree to coach a particular sport at a school, even when students want to participate in that sport team then the sport team is cancelled. PIAC recommends given coaching is a volunteer position (and that many other organizations across Toronto allow for opportunities for parents/caregivers to coach teams) where appropriate receive vulnerable sector checks, coaching training and receiving TDESSA Certification be allowed to coach without the requirement of a TDSB staff being involved coaching the sports team to ensure equitable and maximal access.
2. Director of Education to report back in writing on their position concerning recommendation 1, and any progress made at the last PIAC meeting prior to the end of April 2024.

**QUESTION(S)**

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N/A

**NEXT STEPS & ACTION ITEMS**

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