

# PIAC Chair Report

October 21, 2025

## PIAC Meetings

A reminder to all PIAC members that PIAC general meetings are attended by not only PIAC members but by the ministry appointed supervisor, staff, and members of the general public. Let us all use respectful language, conduct during all PIAC meetings.

## Code of Conduct

PIAC's code of conduct is available on the Google drive and is available for all members to read. Please make yourself familiar with the code of conduct, if you have any questions about the code of conduct please feel free to reach out to the co-chairs. PIAC's code of conduct is in place to remind all of us that our behavior is to be respectful, and allows all of us to feel safe in all PIAC spaces from small conversations to large general meetings.

This safety gives all members the space to do the great work that PIAC does, allows all of us to safely speak and share ideas. We all have to acknowledge that we may not always agree with each other all the time and understand that with those moments it provides us with the opportunity to have discussions and work through items we need to support school councils, parents, caregivers and students of the TDSB. Please understand that in a general meeting there may be times that a discussion may need to be taken back to a working group for further discussion, this will still allow voices to be heard and important issues to be discussed but still allow for the business of PIAC to take place at our general meetings.

## Welcome Back

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome back all PIAC members to another meaningful and impactful school year of parent and caregiver engagement. PIAC supports school councils, school communities, parents and caregivers in achieving student well-being and success and it could not be achieved without the dedication of our PIAC representatives. We have a lot of

work ahead of us and we thank you for all the hard work and energy that you bring to PIAC and your ward. It is hard work to represent the voice of the school councils, parents and caregivers in your ward and it is appreciated and makes a difference. Please know that there is always support available when you need a question answered from available documents, other PIAC members as well as your co-chairs.

### **PIAC Working Groups**

The important work of PIAC happens as we support our school councils and school communities in person and direct communication as well in our PIAC working groups. As per our PIAC by-laws each PIAC member is required to sign up and participate in at least one PIAC working group. There are two types of PIAC working groups, the governance and non-governance working groups. The current governance working groups are; Membership, Operational Effectiveness which includes Budget and the Strategic Planning workgroups which are open to all PIAC co-representatives and the CLG representative to PIAC. Our non-governance working groups are; Communications, Special Events, School Council Support and Consultations working groups which are open to all PIAC co-representatives, members, TDSB parents and caregivers as well as persons from the community. Please look out for the link from the PCCE Office to sign up for a working group and read the working group descriptions. All of our working groups are supported by the TDSB PCCEO team (Parent Caregiver and Community Engagement Office). If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the co-chairs.

### **PIAC Google Drive**

We are encouraging all PIAC members to use the PIAC Google Drive for member resources and Working Group activities. Please complete the User Agreement to gain access to the drive: <https://bit.ly/PIACGOOGLE2021>. Thanks to all the members who have completed the PIAC Google Drive User Agreement.

To facilitate the important work which members are doing to be in compliance with security protocol, all Working Groups are to be using this shared PIAC Google Drive. If you are a PIAC Working Group lead, please move your work into the WG Google folders created in the “!Start Here-PIAC Main Folder!” and make piac.toronto the owner of the folders/documents.

## **Board Committee Meetings**

For more information about meeting dates or read reports, decisions and review documents please visit

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes>

## **Policy Reviews**

TDSB policies are scheduled to be reviewed and PIAC is part of the process. Our Consultations working group is an active group that consists of PIAC members as well as community members and is able to contribute to the process of the policy being reviewed. For more information about the policy review process and the schedule of policies to be reviewed please visit

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Review>

The policy review schedule can be found by visiting

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/aboutus/docs/Policy-Review-Schedule.pdf>

## **Upcoming Events for Parents and Caregivers**

The doors will be open in person after 5 years as the Parents and Caregivers as Partners Committee presents “Connect. Learn. Engage. Open House 2025” This in person event invites parents and caregivers along with their children to connect, learn and engage. This will be a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to connect with staff of many departments of the Board and community as well as parents and caregivers, providing a space to learn about programmes, processes, and engage. There will be two open house events:

- Wednesday October 22, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at David and Mary Thompson CI
- Tuesday October 28, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at West Humber CI

For more information and to register please visit:

<https://parentsaspartners.ca/>

Please visit the TDSB system calendar for information on up and coming events taking place for TDSB parents and caregivers throughout the school year.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar>

**Recognizing Heritage and History in the TDSB in October:**

Islamic Heritage Month

Somali HeritageMonth

Latin-American History Month

**For more information about heritage and history months recognized by the TDSB please visit**

**<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Heritage-and-History-Months>**

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