

Consultation Working Group Report

Nov. 27th, 2025 Consultation WG meeting

Hosted by Nicole and Susan, co-leads of Consultation WG

Date: Thursday Nov.27th, 7:30pm

Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 870 8085 0539

Nov. Meeting Topic: Pre- budget Consultation

Working Group	Consultation Working Group
Date	Nov. 27th, 2025
Attendance	<p>Nicole Wu, Consultation WG Co-lead, Ward 12 Susan Lee, Consultation WG Co-lead, Ward 12 Katrina Matheson, PIAC co-Chair Crystal Stewart, PIAC Ward 6 Kaydeen Banks, PIAC W8 D. Williams, Debbie Naipaul, Jordan Glass, Phil Dawes, Rui and Zoe</p>
Description/Objective	<p><i>[This is a brief standard description of the working group that will always be present on every form. It will allow for new members to easily understand the purpose of the group.]</i></p> <p>The Consultations Working Group was formed to prioritize, summarize, and disseminate information to PIAC, and the TDSB parents, caregivers and community, regarding Policies and Procedures under review by the TDSB. Dissemination of information will be coordinated with PIAC Ward Representatives and the Communications Working Group.</p> <p>Where applicable the Consultations WG, along with all PIAC members, will coordinate review and/or provide feedback and/or make recommendations regarding review and revision of TDSB Policies and Procedures to the PIAC Co-chairs.</p>

Update	<p><input type="checkbox"/> TDSB budget plan to be presented to PIAC for consultation. Craig has agreed to update PIAC for budget plan, to confirm when to present to PIAC in 2026.</p> <p>https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/The-TDSB-Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Upcoming policy consultations update by senior staff:</p> <p>No policy consultations at the moment as of Oct. 2025</p> <p>https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations</p> <p>Previous policy review schedule from July 2025: https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/PolicyReviewSchedule-July15-2025.pdf</p> <p>Previous consultation items:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The application for Specialized Programs of September 2026 was open from Monday, November 24 to Friday, December 12, 2025. https://www.tdsb.on.ca/cpao/Central-Program-Admissions-Office/Specialized-Programs/</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> TDSB staff to answer PIAC collected questions regarding Specialized Programs, submitted Oct. 30th at Consultation Working group meeting, still no answers provided, after the application deadline Dec. 12.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> P100 Central Interest Program policy update: <u>P100 is not in effect, not applied in Specialized Programs application</u>, nor open for further consultation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LOI consultation done by May 2025 ⇒ Research team to present updated proposal to the board by end of 2025.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Discussed consultations outreach/communication discrepancies observed across various consultations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Discussed current TDSB consultations process and involvement methods with staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WG requested better involvement of PIAC communication to send out for upcoming consultations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Motion on Central Interest Programs review passed at April PIAC meeting.</p>
Motion(s)	
Question(s)	<p><i>[This section is for less formal questions to pose to the PIAC group and staff.]</i></p> <p>Questions from parents and community have been collected and sent to TDSB staff for answers on Oct. 30th, not yet answered:</p>

	<p>Q: Academics are required for all programs? What's the basic or minimum for academic marks?</p> <p>Report marks are required. Parents have concerns for the requirement of report cards, especially Music for languages marks - What about ESL learners?</p> <p>Q: Were marks considered before P100 lottery for Art Focus?</p> <p>Q: Who will be responsible for looking and scoring the Arts auditions? Will the specific school that a student is applying to, be doing this?</p> <p>Q: Art portfolio will be submitted online, will it be very different for students who can't afford professional photography for dances ect. How do we ensure the visual arts are not AI generated?</p> <p>Q: Are marks ranked? Is everyone 70% and above considered, or if you have a 90% is that ranked higher than a student with a 70%.</p> <p>Q: If students are currently from outside TDSB, will their report cards be valid for application or they are less likely to be considered?</p> <p>Q: How many students from model schools applied to the CSIP lottery vs. before the lottery? What will the Board do to address historic inequities in this new process?</p> <p>Q: Should schools delay open houses, given how little application details are available?</p> <p>Q: What will happen to the students entered through the lottery? Are they given support to stay through?</p> <p>Q: When will the TDSB research team be able to provide an update regarding LOI consultation?</p>
Next Steps and Action items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> TDSB Staff to present 2026 budget plan in PIAC meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Staff members working on the Specialized Programs to report back the above questions . <input type="checkbox"/> Research team to feedback if they have LOI update
Co-lead(s)	<p>Nicole Di Wu, Consultations WG Co-Lead</p> <p>Susan Lee, Consultations WG Co-Lead</p>
Working group sign-in	<p>Working Group Sign-up Form</p> <p>https://bit.ly/PIACWGS25-26</p>