



## Consultation Working Group Report

**January 8th, 2026 PIAC Consultation WG meeting**

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

Date: Jan 8th, 2026

**Meeting Topic: 2026 PIAC Consultation Annual Planning**

- **TDSB budget consultation timeline and next steps**
- **Ontario pre-budget consultation with motion :**  
public letter to the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Education, RE- Ontario Budget Consultation from TDSB PIAC

### **Meeting Summary:**

The Jan. 2026 Consultation Working Group meeting was fruitful in discussions and focused on planning for the upcoming budget consultation process and coordinating TDSB parents' input on the provincial pre-budget consultation. Our working group discussed strategies for engaging with the board of TDSB regarding budget transparency and communication, process and timeline with reference to the previous budget cycle where public budget town halls were held. The meeting included inputs from several new WG members, co-leads and cochair, and established that budget consultation would be the primary focus for our work at Consultation Working Group Jan. - March, to ensure proper communication and followups, referencing previous feedback timeline.

The WG also discusses provincial pre-budget consultations with deadlines in January 2026, and has initiated a motion of a public letter to the Ministry regarding the pre-budget consultations, for approval at the general meeting on January 27th to meet input deadline.

Motion [Ontario Ministries Education Funding Formula Consultation Letter - Draft PIAC Letter](#)

Working Group	Consultation Working Group
Date	Jan. 8th, 2026
Attendance	Nicole Wu, Consultation WG Co-lead, Ward 12 Susan Lee, Consultation WG Co-lead, Ward 12  Katrina Matheson, PIAC Co-Chair Prasanna Jagannathan, PIAC OAL

	<p>D Williams, TDSB Trustee Ward 10  Maira Riaz, PIAC W3  Reem Jabi, PIAC Ward11  Farheen Mahmood, PIAC Ward 15  Vimuththan Nantheeswarar, PIA Ward 22  Rahel Gettu, PIAC Community Group Rep.</p>
<p>Description/Objective</p>	<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>
<p>Update</p>	<p><b>Budget Consultation :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> PIAC initiated the request to TDSB finance staff to present the 2026 budget at PIAC on Nov. 21st, 2025 following questions at Nov. PIAC public meeting. Staff followed up by explaining on Dec. 16th PIAC meeting that they are working on the budget plan, and will formally update PIAC in early 2026.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> TDSB Executive Officer has agreed to present a budget plan, <u>to confirm when to present in PIAC meeting.</u></li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/The-TDSB-Budget">https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/The-TDSB-Budget</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Upcoming policy consultations update by senior staff:</li> </ul> <p style="color: red;"><b>No policy consultations open as of Dec. 2025</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations">https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations</a></p> <p>Previous policy review schedule from July 2025:  <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/PolicyReviewSchedule-July15-2025.pdf">https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/PolicyReviewSchedule-July15-2025.pdf</a></p> <p>Previous consultation items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The application for Specialized Programs of September 2026 was closed on Friday, December 12, 2025. TDSB staff responsible for these Specialized Programs still haven't answered questions PIAC collected from parents during Consultation Working Group Meeting regarding application process, all questions submitted to staff on</li> </ul>

	<p>Oct. 30th, followed up in 2 public PIAC meetings Nov. - Dec. 2025. <b>Still NO answers provided !</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> P100 Central Interest Program policy update: P100 is not in effect, not applied in Specialized Programs application, nor open for further consultation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> LOI consultation done by May 2025 ⇒ Research team to present updated proposal to the board by end of 2025.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discussed consultations outreach/communication discrepancies observed across various consultations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discussed current TDSB consultations process and involvement methods with staff.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> WG requested better involvement of PIAC communication to send out for upcoming consultations</li> </ul>
Motion(s)	<p>Public Letter to the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Education  <b>RE: Ontario Budget Consultation - from TDSB Parent Involvement Advisory Committee</b></p> <p><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HsjZRAM1GGIV-t0GG2nzJucmgglxh1EhbQ_NPeJ37Lo/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HsjZRAM1GGIV-t0GG2nzJucmgglxh1EhbQ_NPeJ37Lo/edit?usp=sharing</a></p>
Question(s)	<p><i>[This section is for questions to pose to the PIAC and/or staff.]</i></p> <p><b>Budget Consultation:</b>  WHEN will staff present the 2026 Budget to PIAC?  WHEN will TDSB host a 2026 Budget Townhall?</p> <p><b>Policy Consultation:</b>  Questions from parents and community have been collected and sent to TDSB staff for answers on Oct. 30th, <b>not yet answered till Jan. 2026.</b> WHEN can staff responsible for Specialized Program give formal reply, what's the reply timeframe? (60 days lead time since all questions formally submitted is not enough).</p>
Next Steps and Action items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> TDSB Staff to present 2026 budget plan in PIAC meeting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Staff members working on the Specialized Programs to report back the questions submitted in October, with explanation of proper reply lead time.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Research team to feedback if they have LOI update</li> </ul>
Co-lead(s)	Nicole Di Wu, Consultations WG Co-Lead Susan Lee, Consultations WG Co-Lead
Working group sign-in	Working Group Sign-up Form <a href="https://bit.ly/PIACWGS25-26">https://bit.ly/PIACWGS25-26</a>