

PIAC Special Event Working Group Report – Report for December & January

Working Group	PIAC Special Event WG
Meeting Date:	<p>Monday February 9, 2026 @7:30 pm – 9:16 pm</p> <p>Review: Overall successful event. 128 Checked-in attendees. No. of walk-ins and unregistered people at booths needs to be confirmed. Estimated 150 people in attendance based on Workshop head count.</p> <p>Next Meeting – Tuesday March 16, 2026 @ 7:30 pm</p>
Description/Objectives	Meeting the mandate to host an event in the West and supporting School Councils. Large community outreach including some new PIAC Rep training and pick up of business cards.
Event Name	“Get Ready for Change”
Event Date	<p>Saturday February 7, 2026 – Avoiding conflict with report cards and Chinese New Year.</p> <p>Many prefer to have this event in November.</p>
Event Time	10 am – 3 pm
Event Venue/Platform & Registration	<p>West Humber Collegiate</p> <p>Layout was adequate. Artium, Auditorium and staff were helpful and friendly. The number of available tables and chairs were a concern. Rented 20 standing tables for \$1008.53. Cleanliness and washroom facilities could improve. Feedback suggested a non-school venue in the future.</p> <p>Invitation: Invite Superintendents, Community Workers, Office Administration Staff, and the Director earlier.</p> <p>Registration: Eventbright – FREE and easy. Some report editing required. Still need a better way to separate children in childminding and registrants. Forgot meal options for Gluten-Free and Kosher. At check-in registrants received an agenda, a name tag, and a bag. School lists for Ward lookup was printed at registration, PIAC Reps School list by Ward was printed for Reps at the PIAC Table where Reps also picked up business cards.</p> <p>Invitation: Tables/Booths for TDSB Partners and Approved Speakers for Innovation Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brave Education – present ● Metal Health and Well-Being Committee - present ● Metis Artist and TDSB Partner – no show ● Unplugged Canada – present ● Roseneath Theatre – present ● Canadian Parents for French – Present ● Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement – Present ● TDSB IT Support for Emails and School Messenger – Present

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PCCEO – Present ● PIAC Table – Present but need to confirm that it is consistently manned throughout the event!
Attendees	<p>No response from Associate Director, Audley Salmon.</p> <p>Executive Superintendent, Jack Nigro – Yes</p> <p>Executive Superintendent, Elizabeth Addo – Regrets</p> <p>Superintendent, Ali Jahangir – Yes</p> <p>Community – 3</p> <p>Other – 8</p> <p>Parent Representative – 12</p> <p>PIAC Committee – 20</p> <p>Principal/Vice-Principal – 7</p> <p>School Council Chair/Co-Chair – 44</p> <p>School Council Secretary – 7</p> <p>School Council Treasurer – 17</p> <p>TDSB Staff – 6</p> <p>No. of Schools Represented in registration – 91</p> <p>Ward 1 – 11 schools</p> <p>Ward 2 – 2 schools</p> <p>Ward 3 – 3 schools</p> <p>Ward 4 – 5 schools</p> <p>Ward 5 – 7 Schools</p> <p>Ward 6 – 6 schools</p> <p>Ward 7 – 5 schools</p> <p>Ward 8 – NO REGISTRATION</p> <p>Ward 9 – 9 schools</p> <p>Ward 10 – 4 schools</p> <p>Ward 11 – 2 schools</p> <p>Ward 12 – 1 school</p> <p>Ward 13 – 6 schools</p> <p>Ward 14 – 2 schools</p> <p>Ward 15 – 4 schools</p> <p>Ward 16 – 3 schools</p> <p>Ward 17 – 3 schools</p> <p>Ward 18 – 2 schools</p> <p>Ward 19 – 4 schools</p> <p>Ward 20 – 3 schools</p> <p>Ward 21 – 6 schools</p> <p>Ward 22 – 5 schools</p>
Budget:	<p>\$25K was sufficient for this size and a free venue. Several PIAC branded items (pens, leather bound notebooks), volunteer identification buttons, PIAC Rep identification buttons, and printers could not be ordered budgets remain unused. Last reported \$20,116.66 used. NOTE: TDSB staff (IT and TDSB staff childminding help) are not paid from the event budget.</p>

	West Humber Permit	\$ 1,329.36
	Friday Night Setup Pizza & Drinks	\$ 107.71
	Catering	\$ 11,591.29
	Standing Tables	\$ 1,008.53
	PIAC-Branded Cookies Take-home Gift	\$ 1,299.20
	Presenters/Speaker Gifts (tumbler, leather notebook)	\$ 210.47
	Transportation buses	\$ 870.10
	Childminding (Dagmar)	\$ 3,700.00
	Printing (no oversized printing done)	FREE
	Promotional Video (no approval for app purchase)	FREE
	AV Support (Students were not set up in the system appropriately to get paid – volunteer)	FREE
	Registration Tool (Eventbright)	FREE
	Name Tag Stickers with green boarder for attendees	FREE
	Volunteer Identification (used PIAC t-shirts in stock)	N/A
	Volunteer Identification Buttons (not ordered in time)	N/A
	PIAC Branded Swag (Pens, notebooks, bags) used overstock and did not arrive on time	N/A
	PIAC Brochures (not many were printed due to approval) unsure what budget this came from?	N/A
	PIAC Rep Buttons for Identification (not ordered in time)	N/A
	TOTAL	\$ 20,116.66
Theme	<p>Preparing for change. Showcasing PIAC’s achievements, who we are, what we represent. Navigating through this time of change.</p> <p>New promotional video explaining PIAC was well received.</p>	
Event Objective	<p>Supporting Parents and Caregivers voices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Help support school councils through various workshops surrounding; SIP, SSON & By-laws, Finance (Budget), Advocating for school council. Goal is to have Senior PIAC Members present, newer members attend. ● Empowering school councils ● Facilitators of workshops ● Provide School Messenger support via TDSB IT. ● Provide networking opportunities ● Panel to address important questions <p>Feedback suggests we need more time for the workshops and Q/A. Keynote speaker was a hit, overall the event stayed on time.</p>	
Event Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goal to have 150 - 300 parents in person ● Panel discussion ● Networking ● Refreshments and lunch to be served 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PIAC to distribute branded bags, notepads, pens, brochures ● PIAC Reps are to have business cards in time for event
Communication Plan	<p>Committee did not have support from Communications WG. All advertising, PIAC website posting, TDSB website posting, Invitation Emails, Transportation Emails, Presenter Emails, Confirmation Emails, Posters, Presentation Slides, Feedback Forms, Brochures, Booths, etc. were all completed by Latha and within the working group.</p> <p>Communication during the event was manageable. Leads are required for tasks: Volunteers, Catering, Transportation, Booths and Partners, Audio-Visual and Speaker support, Child-minding support, PIAC Table, Registration.</p>
Keynote Speakers/Speakers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sultana Tsitsikotas, Co-Chair Ellesmere-Statton PS (Excellent and gave an example of how PIAC makes a difference) ● Stacey Zucker, Director of Education (great touch to have her presence. Shows that PIAC has clout) ● Video Presentation – Good Feedback Should be posted on PIAC’s website front page! ● 1A School Council Operations for Success (Andrew Waters & Kaydeen Banks) ● 1B Established School Councils Operations (Crystal Stewart & Marcus Peron) The crowd took over this workshop with stories and questions. Was not able to complete the presentation ● School Council Finances Group A – Mercy Charles & Sarah Ali ● School Council Finances Group B – Andrew Waters & Chris Levien ● Expert Panel Q&A – This was effective however, should be given more time. Superintendent Ali Jahangir felt uneasy about having to answer to an audience member question but after 5 minutes of the politically correct answer, we gave a direct answer that satisfied the entire audience. Did not realize that Hugh Keane, Community Engagement Worker was associated with PCCEO?
Student/Member Volunteers	<p>Nabil is overseeing 12-15 student volunteers from the school. Working group members will be PIAC volunteers. Volunteers did a great job. Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ensure they have breakfast in the morning for set up ● Ensure they are identifiable ● Ensure they are put into groups by task (wayfinders, registration, signage, food/catering, childminding, etc.) ● Ensure they have lunch in shifts so volunteers are available to set up lunch and then serve lunch.
Bussing/Transportation	<p>Bus 1: Scarborough Town Centre 9:15 am direct to West Humber Collegiate Bus 2: Fairview Mall 9:05 am, Yorkdale 9:30 am, West Humber Collegiate Buses depart West Humber Collegiate at 3:20 pm to their respective stops. First Charter was awarded the contract at only \$870.10 for the two buses all day! This was the best deal by more than 50%. One bus was late both ways and although there were questions regarding accessibility, there were no requests for accessible-friendly transportation. This was the most successful transportation plan in 3 years!!!</p>
Child Minding	<p>Dagmar in the Staff Lounge – the gymnasium will be used for overflow.</p>

	Requires volunteer support – registration, allergies and dietary restrictions lists, snacks, lunch deliveries, etc.
Catering	<p>Yonge’s Café provided breakfast, coffee/tea station, regular, gluten-free, kosher, and vegetarian meals. Paramount provided the Halal and Halal-vegetarian meals.</p> <p>Feedback: Caterers were late arrived at different times, food was cold, children took incorrect meals, people took more than their share. Grab-and-go is more efficient to process people than open buffet style. Lunch was an excellent opportunity to network however, PIAC reps would like an opportunity to identify their School Councils.</p> <p>NOTES: Have ONE caterer that is LOCAL to the venue. Suggest the meal options on registration (like a wedding) rather than listing dietary restrictions. Have a coupon process (1 meal, 1 salad, 1 drink, 1 dessert) per attendee. Ensure catering arrives early enough for volunteers to eat prior to lunch.</p>
Motions	<p>Spend the remainder of the budget on future events identification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Buttons for volunteers ● PIAC branded lanyards ● Buttons for Reps
Next Step	<p>Post .pdf copies of presentations to PIAC’s website Post About Us PIAC Video to PIAC’s website Send attendees thank you email including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Link to PIAC website to download .pdf copies of presentations ● Link to http://dewsoncouncil.ca/ for an excellent example of School Council Bylaws ● Link to Feedback Form <p>Start planning next year’s conference in April while there’s an established working group.</p>
Working Group Lead(s)	Tanya Ono & Moosa Alloo
Working Group Members	<p>Working Group Members</p> <p>Tanya Ono Moosa Alloo</p> <p>Community Members</p>
General Notes	<p>In researching the schools attending the conference, the Working Group visited school’s websites to enquire about their knowledge of PIAC. TDSB has general templates for each School’s website. The About Us page looks very similar to the TDSB Find Your School Page EXCEPT it does not list the current PIAC Reps, nor their Emails.</p> <p>Each school has a Parents page and a School Council Page as part of the template. These templates by default DO NOT contain any links or information</p>

to PIAC. This needs to be rectified within the Communications or Operational Effectiveness Working Groups and TDSB IT.

Below Examples:

1. Maple Leaf Public School About Us page – standard template across all schools has a link to PIAC. Great!
2. Maple Leaf Public School Parents page – standard TDSB template with no mention of PIAC.
3. Morse Street Junior Public School Parents page – standard TDSB template to compare to Maple Leaf PS. Proof of standard template with no mention of PIAC.
4. J G Workman Public School School Council page - standard TDSB template with a BROKEN link to learn more about school councils CLICK HERE. No mention of PIAC.
5. Ancaster Public School School Council page - standard TDSB template with a BROKEN link to learn more about school councils CLICK HERE. No mention of PIAC.

The following examples are a simple way for reps to engage with their schools by calling and confirming support for school councils to exist:

6. Albion Heights Junior Middle School – appears not to have a school council
7. Garden Avenue Junior Public School – appears not to have a school council
8. Taylor Creek Public School – appears not to have a school council

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'Maple Leaf, Where We Enter to Learn, and Leave To Achieve'

Maple Leaf Public School is a Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 community school, serving a diverse population of approximately 300 students. As part of the Model Schools for Inner City initiative, the staff, parents and community are committed to providing a wide range of academic opportunities and rich learning experiences for all students.

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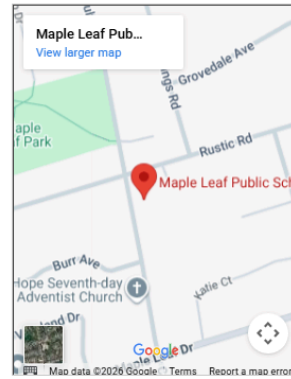
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Principal: [Claudette Goddard](#)
Vice-Principal(s): Revlon Stoddart

Office Staff: Theresa MacKinnon

School Council Chair(s): N. Winger
D. Johnson

Superintendent: [Dilawar Alvi](#)
Family of School: [FOS04](#)



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At Maple Leaf we believe that "all children can and must learn!"

Parents want the best education for their children. Our goal is to provide your family with a positive learning environment, with a variety of programs and services that promote outstanding student achievement.

Parents are children's first and life-long teachers. We value the partnership between home and school and know that parental involvement is the key to success in school. You can be involved by helping your child with homework, volunteering in our school, or joining our school council. By welcoming you and providing opportunities for you to be involved, we can work together to ensure that our students receive the very best education.

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April 22, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

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- Child Care Provided
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- Vice-Chair - TBA
- Treasurer - TBA
- Secretary - TBA

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📅 Upcoming School Events/ Important Dates: 📅

🌙 **March 30/31** – Eid Ul Fitr (dependent on moon sighting)

🌐 **April 2** – World Autism Day – “Light it up Blue” by wearing blue clothing or accessories

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