

Name of Committee: Parent Involvement Advisory Committee - **Advocacy Working Group**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026

A Parent Involvement Advisory Committee working group meeting convened via Zoom on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. With PIAC Advocacy Working Group Co-Leads, Noel Morgan and Mercedes Lee

Attendance (A = absent, P = present and R = regrets)

Parent/Caregiver and Community Group (CG) Members

Ward/Position	✓	Name	Ward/Position	✓	Name
Co-chair		Katrina Matheson			
Officer At Large					
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18	Olivia			
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Staff Present

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Guest Present

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Welcome and Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land Acknowledgement Introductions/ go-around 		
Objectives of the Working Group (Mandate)	Broad consensus for the proposed mandate of the Advocacy Working Group	
Three proposed workstreams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct advocacy on system level issues Advocacy capacity building support across the TDSB Operationalizing advocacy-related activities as outlined in the PIAC Strategic Plan (see below) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broad consensus for the proposed workstreams Broad consensus around a need for PIAC to be responsive to system-wide issues that impact PIAC’s core mandate of supporting parent engagement. Specifically, issues that can be grouped under the broader category of the increasing lack of transparency in the TDSB under Supervision. Proposal to produce a motion around transparency - this proposal was approved Leading up to the next PIAC General Meeting on April 7, 2026, AWG is putting 	<p><i>Motion AD26.24.03 – Restoring Transparency and Access to Information</i></p> <p>Context & Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since the shift from Trustee governance to Supervisor oversight at TDSB, parents report a significant decline in transparency and access to information. Key concerns raised by school councils and PIAC reps:

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	<p>together a list of questions, requests, issues that are related to the lack of transparency in the TDSB to feed into and inform an ongoing approach to engaging Supervisor Gupta and the TDSB in the short term at PIAC General meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overall objective is to use PIAC’s time at the General Meetings strategically to advance advocacy on system-level issues that impact parent engagement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fewer public reports, datasets, and updates ○ Reduced visibility into decisions and their rationale ○ Loss of parent consultation, especially on staffing and class models ○ Open Data portal not updated during the 2025–2026 school year <p>Examples of What’s Changed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Previous parent involvement in staffing/class model discussions appears to have been removed. ● Reports/data no longer consistently available include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student achievement data ○ Staffing and budget information ○ Capital project updates ○ School improvement plans ○ Enrollment and operations data ○ Human Rights Report ● Under the new system, decisions are less visible

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		<p>and less documented publicly.</p> <p>Why This Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PIAC's mandate is to support and enhance parent engagement. ● Meaningful engagement requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to information ○ Transparency in decision-making ● Current conditions make it difficult for parents to understand or influence decisions affecting their children. <p>Key Recommendations to TDSB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transparency Gap Analysis 2. Restore Class Model <p>Transparency & Engagement</p>
<p>Action Items and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next meeting date ● Adjournment/Closeout 	<p>Potential topics for direct advocacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Voice and Meaningful Engagement! ● Budget, Staffing Cuts, and Transparency! ● Enrolment Decline and School Viability! ● Summer School and Program Access! ● Special Education: Policy Versus Practice! ● Mental Health Supports: Commitments Versus Resources! ● Transparency Under Provincial Supervision! <p>PIAC members have highlighted some primary issues above. Discussion on WhatsApp, including community input to determine an approach after April 7, 2026 General Meeting</p> <p>Next meeting: Wednesday, April 22, 7:00-8:30pm</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>		

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