

PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE

PIAC MEETING REPORT

Thursday December 08, 2016

PIAC Orientation

- January 25, 2017
5050 Yonge Street
Committee Room C

School Council 2017 Workshops/Presentations

School Council Workshops will continue in the winter commencing January 31, 2017. Session schedule can be found on the Boards site at:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/HowtoGetInvolved/SchoolCouncils/Workshops.aspx>

Community Advisory Committee Update

At its meeting on the 27 September 2016 the Governance Review Committee proposed a Bylaw revision regarding committee structures.

Specifically “that the Director establishes a schedule for monthly meetings of the Board’s community advisory committees, determining on a consistent day of the month and time for each committee.

In anticipation of this change, an alternate standardized schedule of CAC meetings has been prepared for 2017, January to June for CACS review and feedback. The schedule was designed to minimise changes to the existing meeting schedule avoid conflicts and increase Trustee participation. **PIACs**

2017 dates are the third Tuesdays of each month:

- Tuesday January 17, 2017
- Tuesday February 21, 2017
- Tuesday March 21, 2017
- Tuesday April 25, 2017 (4th Tuesday due to Passover)
- Tuesday May 16, 2017
- Tuesday June 20, 2016

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Board Special Education Resolutions

At the November 2016 meeting of the Board the following Special Education resolutions were approved:

- The Right of Parents, Guardians and Students With Special Needs to Know About and how to Access Special Education Programs, Services and Supports
- Ensuring that Parents, Guardians and Students Have a Fair and Effective Process for Raising Concerns About the Board's Accommodation of the Education Needs of Students With Special Education Needs
- Digital Accessibility
- Consultation Regarding Transportation Services for Students With Special Needs (Committee to be struck and include SEAC representatives as voting/non-voting members)

The following parent engagement related resolution was also approved:

Reduction of Duplicate Forms

That the Director presents a report to the Program and School Services Committee on options for

(a) reducing the number and repetition of start-of-year forms that parents are required to submit in any given year and year over year;

(b) That the report be presented to allow sufficient time for implementation of proposed improvements for the start of the 2017-18 school year.

For further information visit: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes.aspx>
November Summary of Decisions

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PCEO Initiatives/Activities Highlight

Interpretation and Translation Service

- TDSB has introduced Over the Phone Immediate Interpretation R.I.O. (Remote Interpretation Ontario). RIO is an immediate over-the-phone interpretation (OPI). It's a new and efficient way that the TDSB is engaging parents. This new and efficient service provides administrators, principals and any TDSB staff the tools to provide immediate and effective interpretation services to TDSB families.
- You can connect with a spoken language interpreter within 30 seconds over the phone. We have over 200 languages available. The Lower-English Proficiency (LEP) client may either be with you in-person or conference called.
- Also be introducing Video Remote Interpretation for Sign Language Interpreters

PCEO PROG Approved Project

- PCEO received a PROG to explore Anti-Black Racism in family engagement by organizing a series of conversations with parents/family of African Descent across the system. Conversations will be organized between Jan-April 2017. It is hoped that the conversations will provide insights into the engagement experiences of parents/family of African descent and provide recommendations for supporting and enhancing engagement for parents/families of African Descent in TDSB.

School Council Support

- Series of workshops for 2016/2017
- Alternate Dispute Resolution for School/School Councils
- Ongoing presentation to school council meetings/council executives

School Council Survey

- Working with Research to finalize the report for the school council survey. Report will be presented at the January PIAC meeting.

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Annual Parent Conference

- Supported delivery of PIACs 2016 conference

PIAC School Council Appreciation and Information Evening

- Commence background planning for Thursday February 23, 2017 event.

Parent Representative in Vice-Principals Interviews

- Employee services have turned over the planning and coordination of the interview process to PCEO. The office will be working with ES and Eva R to ensure a smooth transition and plan.