



Annual Report

2016 - 2017

Parent Involvement Advisory Committees





Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

About PIAC

Education is a partnership involving students, parents, teachers, principals, staff, trustees, school boards, government, and the community. The Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) is committed to strengthening this partnership and is committed to assisting parents, and school councils.

Vision

Supporting parents as partners in education.

Mission

To aid access to information and resources for parents, especially that of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and Ontario Ministry of Education, in support of more effective parent engagement in their child's learning to improve student achievement and well-being, and enhance accountability of the education system.

Historical Perspective

In 2010, Parent Involvement Committees (PICs) within school boards such as the TDSB were formally established under the Ontario Education Act R.S.O 1990 "to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement in order to improve student achievement and well-being" [R.330/10, s.27 (1)]. Ontario Regulation 612/00 outlines how PICs are to be structured and operated.

Governance

PIAC is governed by a series of [bylaws](#) based on guidelines set out in the [Ontario Education Act R.S.O 1990, Regulation 612/00](#).





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Roles and Responsibilities

PIAC's mission as described above is fulfilled through the following roles and responsibilities, as per regulation 612 sections 27 and 28:

27 (2) A parent involvement committee of a board shall achieve its purpose by,

- (a) providing information and advice on parent engagement to the board;
- (b) communicating with and supporting school councils of schools of the board; and
- (c) undertaking activities to help parents of pupils of the board support their children's learning at home and at school. O. Reg. 330/10, s. 6.

28. A parent involvement committee of a board shall,

- (a) develop strategies and initiatives that the board and the board's director of education could use to effectively communicate with parents and to effectively engage parents in improving student achievement and well-being;
- (b) advise the board and the board's director of education on ways to use the strategies and initiatives referred to in clause (a);
- (c) communicate information from the Ministry to school councils of schools of the board and to parents of pupils of the board;
- (d) work with school councils of schools of the board and, through the board's director of education, with employees of the board to,
 - (i) share effective practices to help engage parents, especially parents who may find engagement challenging, in their children's learning,





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- (ii) identify and reduce barriers to parent engagement,
 - (iii) help ensure that schools of the board create a welcoming environment for parents of its pupils, and
 - (iv) develop skills and acquire knowledge that will assist the parent involvement committee and school councils of the board with their work; and
- (e) determine, in consultation with the board's director of education and in keeping with the board's policies, how funding, if any, provided under the Education Act for parent involvement as described in section 27 and clauses (a) to (d), is to be used. O. Reg. 330/10, s. 6.





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Activities

Meetings

- Tuesday September 20, 2016
- Thursday October 13, 2016
- Thursday November 10, 2016
- Thursday December 8, 2016
- Tuesday January 17, 2017
- Tuesday February 21, 2017
- Tuesday March 21, 2017
- Tuesday April 25, 2017
- Tuesday May 16, 2017
- Tuesday June 20, 2017





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Activities Con't...

PIAC Working Groups

STANDING WORKING GROUPS (4)	
Budget	Track, monitor and report PIAC's annual budget.
By-Laws (Ad hoc)	Revise and update PIAC's By-Laws as directed by the committee.
Membership	Track and monitor PIAC's membership and ensure representation of all wards.
Nomination (Ad hoc)	Develop and implement the election process for PIAC Co-Chairs.
ACTIVE WORKING GROUPS (7)	
Consultations	Coordinate and facilitate all Board and Ministry consultation requests.
Communication	Create, develop and manage the PIAC website, newsletters, and social media.
Outreach	Engage in outreach strategies to bring awareness about the mandate of PIAC.
Pools	TBD
P/VP Hiring Process	Work with TDSB Staff to promote parent involvement in the Principal/Vice Principal hiring/selection process (includes organizing parent volunteers for the VP hiring process).
PRO Grant (Ad hoc)	Develop and submit PRO Grant and oversee implementation of the grant.
SC411 (School Council Presentation)	Provide information and resources to School Councils through workshops and presentations.
SPECIAL EVENTS WORKING GROUPS (3)	
Annual Parent Conference 2016	Organize the Annual Parent Conference (November 19, 2016).
School Council Appreciation & Information Event	Organize the School Council Appreciation & Information Dinner (February 23, 2017).
PIAC Strategic Planning Meeting	Plan and organize an annual strategic planning meeting at the end of the school year for all members (May13, 2017).





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Activities Con't...

Accomplishments for the school year

- PRO Grant: PIAC was approved for \$10K for 2016-2017 to use towards the Parents as Partners Conference and creation of webinars to provide parents with information on parent engagement.
- PIAC held its 10th Annual Parent Conference on November 19th, 2016 with approximately 350 parents registered and offering 20 different workshops.
- PIAC hosted the annual School Council Appreciation and Information evening in February 2017 with over 300 school council and parents registering for the event.
- Parent Involvement in Vice Principal Interviews were held in March 2017.
- PIAC partnered with SEAC, Mental Health and Well-Being Parent Partnership Committee, and the Inner Cities Advisory Committee for the Parents as Partners conference on April 1, 2017 with over 800 registered and offering 60 sessions for parents. PIAC held six workshops at the conference.
- Increased attendance at both PIAC meetings and working group meetings. New teleconferencing equipment allowed more members to attend working group meetings. Training on Google Hangouts provided by one PIAC member allowed one working group to explore this meeting option as well.
- Eight PIAC members attended the November 12th People for Education Conference. Six attended the PIC workshop at this event.
- Six PIAC member attended the Ministry of Education's annual PIC Symposium. PIAC also extended invitations to all other CACs, with representatives from five CACs joining them at the event.
- Consultations working group formed and began working with staff and the Governance and Policy Committee to understand the new policy review process and create recommendations for soliciting parent and school council feedback on current policy reviews.





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- Outreach working group created additional resources for school councils and information sheets about PIAC for ward-level PIAC member elections.
- Communications working group:
 - updated the PIAC website www.torontopiac.com, including a section on resources for school councils and list of on-going TDSB and Ministry consultations with parents.
 - advised communications staff on the content of the new TDSB Connects newsletter and other communications to parents.
 - successfully advocated for staff to provide PIAC with the email addresses of all school council chairs so that PIAC can more successfully fulfill its mandate of supporting school councils.
 - Updated PIAC brochure and created a new postcard.
- PIAC set up new Google Drive folders to store all their committee and sub-committee files, allowing better records of work done and making access to information easier for all PIAC members.
- Sent out a year-end survey to all PIAC members.
- Updated PIAC bylaws.





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Activities Cont'd...

Recommendations to the Board Committees/Director of Education

- Recommendation to the Board to send a letter to the Ministry of Education about updating the "School Councils – A Guide for Members" handbook.
- Recommendation to the Director of Education from PIAC that each Fall, when Superintendents collect school council email contacts for their area schools, that they request at that time permission to share these emails with PIAC and the email content is subsequently shared with PIAC.
- In the name of equity, certainty and anti-oppression PIAC recommend that the Board cancels all school trips for the remainder of school year 2016-17.
- PIAC recommends that the "parent" and "school council" tabs of all TDSB school profile pages include a reference link to the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) page torontopiacy.com
- PIAC recommends that in the first parent communication September (e.g. TDSB Connects) includes language substantially to the following effect: "That every school at the TDSB has a school council, whose purpose is to... School council elections are to be held in the first 30 days of the new school year. The "Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) is an advisory committee is a government-mandated parent advisory committee who is there to aid access to information and resources for parents, especially that of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and Ontario Ministry of Education, in support of more effective parent engagement in their child's learning to improve student achievement and well-being, and enhance accountability of the education system.
- PIAC recommends that the TDSB postpone adoption of the amendments of the Equity Policy until after the current Equity Task Force consultations and subsequent TDSB discussion are concluded. This will allow any further changes to the Equity Policy arising from that work to be included in a single set of amendments, to be considered and adopted in a single process that is both transparent and understandable to TDSB's various constituencies, and specifically to the parent community that PIAC is mandated to be involved with PIAC Consultation





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Committee Membership

Ward	Trustee	PIAC Member	Position
1	Avtar Minhas	Ali Mohamed	1-Ward Rep
1	Avtar Minhas	Erin Goto	2-Ward Alt
2	Chris Glover	Heather Vickers	1-Ward Rep
2	Chris Glover	Karin Miskovsky	2-Ward Alt
3	Pamela Gough	Trevor Burnett	1-Ward Rep
3	Pamela Gough	Christine Heath	2-Ward Alt
4	Tiffany Ford	Michelle Minott	1-Ward Rep
4	Tiffany Ford	Suban Abdulahi	2-Ward Alt
5	Alexandra Lulka	Zena Shereck	1-Ward Rep
5	Alexandra Lulka	VACANT	2-Ward Alt
6	Chris Tonks	VACANT	1-Ward Rep
6	Chris Tonks	Mirian Turcios	2-Ward Alt
7	Robin Pilkey	Loen Hansford	1-Ward Rep
7	Robin Pilkey	VACANT	2-Ward Alt
8	Jennifer Arp	Jess Hungate	1-Ward Rep
8	Jennifer Arp	John Bakous	2-Ward Alt
9	Marit Stiles	Nahum Mann	1-Ward Rep
9	Marit Stiles	Catherine Ford	2-Ward Alt
10	Ausma Malik	D.Williams	1-Ward Rep
10	Ausma Malik	Karen Pang	2-Ward Alt
11	Shelley Laskin	Katia El Kassem	1-Ward Rep
11	Shelley Laskin	Marwa Al Homsy	2-Ward Alt
12	Alexander Brown	Haniya Sheikh	1-Ward Rep
12	Alexander Brown	Eva Rosenstock	2-Ward Alt
13	Gerri Gershon	Nazerah Shaikh	1-Ward Rep





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Ward	Trustee	PIAC Member	Position
13	Gerri Gershon	Gazi Rahman	2-Ward Alt
14	Chris Moise	Christine Walters	1-Ward Rep
14	Chris Moise	Sureya Ibrahim	2-Ward Alt
15	Jennifer Story	Nicole Herbert	1-Ward Rep
15	Jennifer Story	VACANT	2-Ward Alt
16	Sheila Cary-Meagher	Susan Morgan	1-Ward Rep
16	Sheila Cary-Meagher	Michelle Aarts	2-Ward Alt
17	Ken Lister	Aretha Phillip	1-Ward Rep
17	Ken Lister	VACANT	2-Ward Alt
18	Parthi Kandavel	Jason Irving	1-Ward Rep
18	Parthi Kandavel	VACANT	2-Ward Alt
19	David Smith	Sandip Vora	1-Ward Rep
19	David Smith	Pargat Mudher	2-Ward Alt
20	Manna Wong	Christopher Levien	1-Ward Rep
20	Manna Wong	Laurie Poirier	2-Ward Alt
21	Abdul Hai Patel	Kabirul Mollah	1-Ward Rep
21	Abdul Hai Patel	Triune Chelliah	2-Ward Alt
22	Jerry Chadwick	Jennifer Sparks	1-Ward Rep
22	Jerry Chadwick	Christiana Shinohoritis	2-Ward Alt
23-CLG		Rahima Hassan	Somali Parent Liaison Coalition (SPLC)
23-CLG		Towhid Noman	Toronto Bangladeshi Parents Advisory Council
CO-CHAIR	from Ward 17	Trixie Doyle	Co-Chair
CO-CHAIR	from Ward 13	Wilmar Kortleever	Co-Chair
Trustee	from Ward 8	Jennifer Arp	Trustee
TDSB		Jim Spyropoulos	Executive Superintendent
TDSB		Michelle Munroe	PCEO Central Coordinator
TDSB		Latha John	PCEO Committee Assistant





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Budget

Toronto District School Board			
2016-2017 PIAC Financial Report as at Sept 18th, 2017			
Description	Total Budget	Actual (to date)	Variance
Revenue			
Allocation	46,356	45,924	(1,339)
	\$ 46,356	\$ 45,924	\$ (1,339)
Expenditures			
General:			
Supplies: Grand & Toy, couriers	2,000	163	1,837
Printing & Photocopying	2,000	654	1,346
Catering: Monthly meeting costs			-
Website	669	669	
PIAC Banners			-
Professional Fees			-
Misc	500	33	
Marketing and Branding	800	4,713	(3,913)
Monthly Teleconferencing & Media Support	2,500	2,869	(369)
Education - P4E Conference	1,380	240	1,140
Child Minding		348	
<i>Subtotal: General</i>	<i>9,849</i>	<i>9,689</i>	<i>160</i>
Parent Conference			
Supplies	1,131	1,943	(812)
Gifts for Presenters			-
Math Kits	695	600	95
Permit Costs	1,403	1,384	19
Media Support (projector, staffing)	638	723	(85)
Projector Rental	1,695		1,695
Catering	4,705	6,287	(1,582)
Speaker for Parent Conference	2,500	2,500	
Buses to Parent Conference	1,431		1,431
Temp Interpreters	-	1,020	(1,020)
Child Minding	2,600	3,002	(402)
Child Minding Coordinator	1,200	1,200	
Printing Costs	850	825	25
Rental Equipment (tables, chairs etc)	690	690	
<i>Subtotal: Parent Conference</i>	<i>19,538</i>	<i>20,175</i>	<i>(637)</i>
PIAC Appreciation Event			
Venue Rental-Montecassino	11,503	10,720	783
Supplies: Grand & Toy, couriers	150	654	(504)
Child Minding	425	582	(157)
Printing Costs	400	653	(253)
Prizes	200		200
<i>Subtotal: PIAC Appreciation Event</i>	<i>12,678</i>	<i>12,609</i>	<i>69</i>
PIAC Planning Meeting/Team Building			
Venue Rental-Novotel	3,000		
Childminding		104	
Supplies for Annual Meeting		2,685	
<i>Subtotal:PIAC Planning Meeting</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>2,789</i>	<i>211</i>
Total Expenditures	45,065	45,261	(197)

