

PIAC Co-chairs Report

September 25, 2018

CO-CHAIR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Co-chair Heather Vickers has given notice that she is taking a leave of absence until further notice. As per PIAC bylaws, if a co-chair is not present at a meeting, the first order of business will be to select an acting co-chair.

PROGRAM & SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE DEPUTATION MAY

No recommendations made by PIAC. PIAC co-chairs gave an oral update.

STATUS OF PREVIOUS PIAC MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

Fundraising Guide

Motion: After PIAC made a recommendation to PSSC in April, the Board decided at their May 23, 2018 meeting:

- (a) That school councils be consulted on the Board's 2017-18 Fundraising Resource Guide;
- (b) That consultations be done for any future updates to the Fundraising Guide and any related guidelines, in accordance with O. Reg. 612/00, s.19 (1.1.iv).

Update: A new 2018 Fundraising Guide was created and was posted online at the start of the school year without the required consultations. PIAC co-chairs will ask about this at the September 26th PSSC meeting to find out why consultations were not done as per the board motion above and what the next steps are for consultation. The guide has now been removed from the website.

Board Website: Parent Tab

Motion: After PIAC made a recommendation to PSSC in April, the Board decided at their May 23, 2018 meeting:

- (a) That access to key parent resources be increased by adding a permanent tab named Parents to the landing page and headers on the Board's website, tdsb.on.ca;
- (b) That, as a body legislated to advise the Board on matters of parent engagement and communication, the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee be consulted on the creation of a tab for parents, as referenced at Part (a), and the navigations links selected for the drop down menu.

Update: The co-chairs and members of the communications working group met with Ross Parry and other communications staff this summer to work on the initial draft of the new parent portal. The page is now live online and can be found at: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents>. The page is an on-going project and will incorporate feedback from PIAC and parents. The communications working group will meet with Ross Parry again to follow-up on this project.

Permits for School Councils

Motion: After PIAC made a recommendation to PSSC in April, the Board decided at their May 23, 2018 meeting that the following be referred to staff:

- (a) That school councils be granted access to school facilities during non-school and after-school hours for school related activities and meetings, provided:
 - (i) That all activities adhere to the mandate of the school council as outlined in Regulation 612/00;
 - (ii) That appropriate insurance for events outside of the Board's scope has been purchased;
 - (iii) That custodians are regularly scheduled or can be rescheduled to work;
- (b) That the policy P011, Community Use of Board Facilities (Permits) be amended to waive permit fees for school council related meeting and activities.

Update: Staff are presenting a report to PSSC on September 26th with their recommendations. An update on the board's response will be provided in the next co-chair update.

School Generated Funds Guidelines

Action Item: PIAC was presented with the revised (February 2017) School Generated Funds Guidelines at their March 21, 2017 meeting and provided feedback on the document. PIAC requested that the final draft of the guidelines be brought back to PIAC for feedback and was informed that the document would come back to us once our suggestions were incorporated. PIAC was also informed that the board is working on a process to finalize the procedure through consultations with school councils.

Update: PIAC and school councils have not yet been consulted on these guidelines. The Board is presently preparing the fundraising policy for consultation in the fall. We have been informed that the policy is to include clear guidelines for School Generated fund and that PIAC will be provided with the opportunity for consultation.

TDSB School Profile pages

Motion: that the 'parent' and 'school council' tabs of all TDSB school profile pages include a reference link to PIAC's website

Update: Communications/Outreach working group should follow up with TDSB communications to find out if the school page updates are completed and to see if they include the link to PIAC..

SAC Survey Snapshot Report

Update: Survey results have not yet gone to the Program and School Services Committee (PSSC) for discussion. PIAC's response document was included in the September 2017 report to PSSC. Co-chairs will follow up with PSSC when the survey comes to the committee.

OTHER UPDATES

Ward Boundary Changes

Due to the changing ward numbers and/or boundaries for the City of Toronto and the TDSB, we would like to gain a better understanding of (1) where PIAC members live, (2) where their children attend school, and (3) where their children live. According to the PIAC by-laws, each of these factors directly impacts PIAC members' eligibility to represent a specific ward. The ultimate goal is to retain all of our current members and hopefully recruit members (through Trustee-held elections) so that all PIAC vacancies are filled and all wards are represented.

This information will not be shared with anyone outside of the Membership Working Group or PCEO without explicit permission from the Co-Chairs.

The link to the survey is: <https://goo.gl/forms/GAFpqE4Ult3bDiEx1>

If you have not yet completed this survey, please do so as soon as possible so PIAC can begin creating its transition plan.

Annual Report

All Community Advisory Committees are required to provide an annual report to the board. The 2017-2018 PIAC report will be presented at the October PIAC meeting once the final 2017-2018 has been approved.

2017-2018 Year-end PIAC Member Survey

Each year the board asks all Community Advisory Committees to send out a year-end survey to their members in order to enhance the effectiveness of their meetings.

So far only 7 PIAC members have completed the survey.

We are asking all PIAC members to fill out the survey asap so that we can include this information in our annual report, to be presented to PIAC at the October meeting.

Note: your name/email will not be recorded in your response.

[2017-2018 PIAC Year-end Survey](#)

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Co-chairs Meeting

PIAC chair Trixie Doyle participated in the CAC Co-chair meeting put on by the PCEO (thank you!) on Wednesday, September 19th. Some of the items discussed:

- CAC co-chairs mentioned a need for chair training, orientation, and succession planning. PCEO will look into holding training sessions this year.
- CAC emails will be automatically set up for all members and notice of the accounts should go out to all PIAC members this September.
- CACs will continue to share information and recommendations to the board and find ways to work together on commons issues.

Parents as Partners Conference 2019

If any PIAC members are interested in joining the Parents as Partners Conference committee to help plan the 2019 conference, **please inform the co-chairs by emailing info@torontopiac.com**. Meetings are scheduled for the third Monday each month and take place at 5050 Yonge Street in the evening.

WORK PLAN ACTION ITEMS

OBJECTIVE	INITIATIVE	UPDATE
<p>Ongoing review of current TDSB policies and procedures and make recommendations on policy and process improvement</p>	<p>PIAC Chairs to have regular monthly meetings with TDSB Director or designate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meetings have occurred before all 2017-2018 PIAC meetings from September to June.
<p>Continue to build and maintain relationships with TDSB Director, designates, Trustees and other advisory committees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Foster opportunities for partnership with TDSB advisory committees and PICs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Co-chairs attended CAC chair meeting (set up by PCEO) in October, June, and September. ● Co-chairs invited other CACs to present at PIAC meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EPAC attended the February meeting. ● Co-chairs have attended other CAC meetings for information (SEAC) and have begun reading minutes/reports from other CAC meetings. Any relevant info will be shared with PIAC and/or PIAC working groups on an ongoing basis. ● CUSAC will support PIAC's recommendations regarding school council permits. ● Communications WG to look at creating updates that can be shared with other CACs. ● PIAC will share Co-chair resources folder with other CACs to help with succession planning. ● Future meetings and training planned for 2018-2019.