

# PIAC Chair Report

*October 16, 2018*

## **CO-CHAIR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Co-chair Heather Vickers is still on 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 and follow-up to the recommendations presented by PIAC last spring. Please see below for updates.

## **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 brought this to the attention of PSSC at their September meeting. A staff member (Gary Green) contacted the PIAC chair after the meeting and the guide has been removed from both the internal and external TDSB sites. Staff are now looking to consult with school councils on the guide and are open to ideas and suggestions from PIAC on how to best do this.

### 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:** The updated permit policy will be going to the Board at their October 24th meeting. PIAC's recommendation have been included.

### 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 early 2019.** 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.

### Working Group Sign-up

As per PIAC's bylaws, all PIAC parent members are required to participate in at least one working group. Members have been asked to sign-up via the online survey at

If you have not yet completed the survey, please do as soon as possible so the working groups can begin to meet and start their work for this year.

If you have any questions about the various working groups, please contact the PIAC co-chairs at [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com) or membership working group lead Nazerah at [ward13.piac@gmail.com](mailto:ward13.piac@gmail.com)

### Parents as Partners Conference 2019

Ward 5 rep Zena Shereck has stepped up to represent PIAC on this year's Parents as Partners committee. If any other PIAC members are interested in joining, please contact the co-chairs at [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com).

## **WORK PLAN ACTION ITEMS**

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