

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	Consultations
Date	March 6, 2018
Description/Objective	<i>The Consultations Working Group was formed to prioritize, summarize, and disseminate information to PIAC, and where applicable the TDSB parent community, regarding Policies and Procedures under review by the TDSB. Dissemination of information to the parent community will be coordinated with PIAC Ward Representatives and the Communications WG. Where applicable the Consultations WG, along with all PIAC members, will coordinate review and/or provide feedback and/or make recommendations to the PIAC Co-chairs regarding the review and revision or development of TDSB Policies and Procedures.</i>
Update	<p>The Consultations WG met on March 6th 2018. Topics discussed included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TDSB Budget Survey and Multi-year Strategic Plan - open-ended format of Budget Survey is difficult for parents to engage with, it does not provide specific topics for discussion or highlight needs or changes. 2. Expected TDSB Policy Drafts and Policies under review (see: http://torontopiac.com/tdsb-policy-consultations.html) 3. Motions regarding: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A “Parent(s)” tab on the TDSB website b. TDSB consultations with School Councils regarding the Funds Management Guidelines and Fundraising Guidelines c. Permits for School Councils d. Central Activation of TDSB School Council email accounts. e. Feasibility Study for a TDSB 311 4. Best Practice Recommendations for <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. TDSB consultations with CACs b. TDSB consultations with the Parent Community c. Best Practice recommendations will be developed for the May PIAC strategic planning meeting.
Motion(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion: Parent(s) tab on TDSB Webpage <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. PIAC requests the TDSB increase access to key parent resources by adding a permanent “Parent(s)” tab to the landing page and headers of the TDSB website (tdsb.on.ca). b. As a body legislated to advise the board on matters of parent engagement and communication, PIAC requests Board consultation in the creation of a “Parent(s)” tab and the navigation links selected for the dropdown menu. 2. Motion: Consultation regarding fundraising guidelines <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Whereas, PIAC is unaware of any consultation with school councils being done during the development of the current TDSB 2017-2018 Fundraising Guide; and <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Whereas, Regulation 612 of the Ontario Education Act Part II Section 19 “Consultation by the Board” states that:</i></p>

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	<p><i>19. (1) In addition to its other obligations to solicit the views of school councils under the Act, every board shall solicit the views of the school councils established by the board with respect to the following matters:</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>i. The establishment or amendment of board policies and guidelines that relate to pupil achievement or to the accountability of the education system to parents, including,</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>iv. policies and guidelines respecting the fundraising activities of school councils.</i></p> <p>Therefore, PIAC recommends that school councils be consulted on the current Fundraising Guide and that consultations are done for any future updates to the fundraising guidelines as per O. Reg. 612/00, s. 19 (1.1.iv).</p>
Question(s)	[This section is for less formal questions to pose to the PIAC group.]
Next Steps and Action items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update website as noted in Minutes from March 6, 2018 2. Generate discussion documents for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Feasibility Report for TDSB 311 (so WG can begin formatting a Motion) b. Central Activation of SC emails (so Communications & Outreach can join us in formatting a Motion) c. School Council Permits (so WG can begin formatting a Motion) d. Consultations Toolkit documents (all WG members to contribute) e. Consultations Best Practices Recommendations (all WG members to contribute)
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