



# Statutory Committee

**Name of Committee:** Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** January 21, 2020

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee convened on January 21 2020 from 7:05 p.m. to 9: 16 p.m. in the Board Room at 5050 Yonge Street, with PIAC Co-chair D.Williams & interim Co-chair Felicia Seto Lau

**Attendance:** Vivek Rao (EP W2 Rep), Shafoli Kapur (EP W2 Alt), Felicia Lau (W3 Rep), Sharon Grant (EP W4 Rep), Patricia Seedial (EP W4 Alt), Jess Hungate (W5 Rep), Jaimala (EP W5 Alt), Mirian Turcios (EP W6 Rep), Alice Roma (W7 Rep), Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8 Rep), John Bakos (EP W8 Alt), Andrew Waters (W9 Rep), Cecile Farnum (W9 Alt), Sylvester Witter (W10 Rep), Wilmar Kortleever (W11 Rep); Janice Barnett (W11 Alt), Eva Rosenstock (EPW12 Alt); Aretha Phillip (W13 Rep), Nazerah Shaikh (W14 Rep) Jenny Gannon (W14 Alt), Neil Faba (W15 Alt); Kate Leuschen Millar (W16 Rep), Rebekah Quach (W16 Alt), Glenna Wellington (W17 Alt), Seema Mitchell (W18 Rep), Chris Levien (EP Ward 20 Rep), Zuojun Han (EP W 20 Alt), Kajani Ravindradas (W21 Rep), Nicole Marshall (W22 Rep), D.Williams (PIAC Co-Chair), Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin

**Staff:** Latha John (Committee Assistant); Michelle Munroe (Central Coordinator, PCEO), Erin Pallet (Media Staff), Associate Director Colleen Russell-Rawlins, Craig Snider (Executive Officer), Kurt McIntosh (Centrally Assigned Principal), Trustee Anu Sriskandarajah

**Regrets:** Sharleen Ahmed (EP W15 Rep), Mark Ramcharan (EP W18 Alt), Kabirul Mollah (Toronto Bangladeshi CLG), Zena Shereck (PIAC Co-Chair);

**Absent:** Jessica Ruiz (EP W1 Rep), Faduma Qalinle (EP Ward 1 Alt), Kathleen Hyatt (W7 Alt), Haniya Sheikh (W12 Rep), Syed Sumar Alam (W13 Alt), Pargat Mudher (W17 Rep)

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Welcome &	Ward 3 Rep Felica Seto Lau joined as interim Co-		

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<p>Introductions</p> <p>Approval of Quorum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands</li> <li>• Declarations of Membership</li> <li>• Code of Conduct</li> </ul>	<p>Chair for Co-Chair Shereck who has sends her regrets to the meeting.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands was done by Co-chair Williams.</p> <p>The committee was reminded of the code of conduct at meetings.</p>	<p>Quorum was achieved.</p>	
<p>Declaration of Actual, Perceived, or Potential Conflict of interest</p>	<p>None Declared</p>	<p>Wilmar K Ward 11 Rep declared himself as a TDSB Staff</p>	
<p>Approval of Agenda</p>		<p>Motion for approval of the agenda by Chris L. 2nd by Sylvester W.</p> <p>All in favour, motion carried.</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>December 17, 2019</p>		<p>Motion to approve the December 17 minutes by Wilmar K., 2nd by Jess H.</p> <p>Approved: 19, Abstain: 1 Against: 0. Minutes were approved, motion carried.</p>	
<p>PIAC Co-Chair</p>	<p>The following were highlighted:</p>		

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Update	<p>Policy reviews Numbers of policies are being reviewed at the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional attendance</li> <li>• Secondary program review</li> <li>• PO23 –Parent and community involvement</li> <li>• PO20 Transportation</li> <li>• PO06- Advertising</li> <li>• PO21</li> <li>• Distribution of Materials for students</li> </ul> <p>PIAC members were encouraged to join the Consultation WG to be part of the policy reviews.</p> <p>PAP Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The conference date is on March 28, 2020.</li> <li>• PIAC will have 5 workshops at the conference.</li> </ul> <p>New PIAC members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New members were welcomed by the Co-chair Williams.</li> <li>• All PIAC members are expected to be part of at least one working group.</li> </ul> <p>PIAC post</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The newsletters were sent out to all school councils before the winter break.</li> </ul> <p>PRO Grant consultations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board is having</li> </ul>		

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	<p>consultation to use funds as per Learning Networks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding to develop online resources was suggested in the consultations.</li> </ul>		
<p>Feedback on GSN Consultation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff presented the memorandum from the Ministry to the committee.</li> <li>• Staff highlighted the timelines - draft to be submitted by January 31<sup>st</sup> and the final document to be submitted by February 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b> The committee broke into groups for discussion and the following concerns were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRO Grant should be added</li> <li>• Parent engagement should be added</li> <li>• Building backlogs and repairs</li> <li>• Class size</li> <li>• Special education</li> <li>• Supply staff</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• E-learning</li> <li>• Mental Health of students</li> <li>• Numeracy score</li> </ul> <p>Q. What steps can Board take to have more ward based consultation with parents <i>Staff responded that</i></p>		

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	<p><i>ministry timelines cannot be predicted. Board can be proactive with gathering feedback and include it in its response to the ministry.</i></p>		
<p>Lead water testing process</p>	<p>The following concerns were raised on the Lead water testing process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why are the “Handwashing only” signs displayed on some fixtures?</li> <li>• Are these signs used for every water source that is not a designated drinking water source?</li> <li>• Where does washroom sinks fall in the systemic testing protocol?</li> <li>• How are community groups that use TDSB permits for activities on school property notified of this designated drinking water source protocol?</li> </ul> <p>Staff to speak about the process at the February PIAC meeting</p>		
<p>Working Group (WG) Reports</p>			
<p>Membership WG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The WG welcomed New members to the committee from the following wards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ward 9 Rep Andrew Waters</li> <li>- Ward 9 Alt Cecile Farnum</li> <li>- Ward 11 Alt Janice Barnett</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ward 21 Rep- Kajani Ravindradas</li> <li>- Ward 22 Rep - Nicole Marshall</li> <li>• Currently 5 vacancies in PIAC membership.</li> <li>• 18 PIAC members have signed up for WGs.</li> </ul>		
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget summary was reviewed by the committee.</li> <li>• The working group noted there is sum of \$ 10,000 left in the PIAC budget and requested PIAC members to provide ideas and suggestions for the budget.</li> <li>• A paid facilitator for the PIAC's annual planning to be looked at by the committee.</li> <li>• Communication &amp; outreach working group to report at the next PIAC meeting on using funds for outreach materials, website fees and other resources for PIAC events.</li> </ul>		
Consultation WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The working group to meet with staff to consult on the Parent engagement policy</li> <li>• The working group to have a meeting a general call to be send to all members.</li> </ul> <p>School improvement planning consultation</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff had met with PIAC members on the process of the school improvement plan.</li> </ul>		
Communication WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The WG to meet and will report on the outreach plans and a motion for budget.</li> <li>• Toronto PIAC Calendar to list all ward and parent engagement events.</li> <li>• All ward events and information to be emailed to <a href="mailto:info@torontopiac.com">info@torontopiac.com</a>.</li> </ul>		
PVP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The survey has been sent out to parents with the training date and interview dates.</li> <li>• The information has been posted on Trustees weekly.</li> <li>• Registration closes on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 46 parents have registered so far.</li> <li>• The working group is looking for a new lead for succession planning, the current lead Eva is on the last year as PIAC member.</li> </ul>		
Trustee Report- Trustee Chernos Lin	<p>Governance and policy committee (GPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPC is currently working on the PO23 parent involvement policy.</li> <li>• Trustees will be doing joint ward forums with Michelle Munroe attending as part of consulting with parents and provide feedback on</li> </ul>		

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	<p>the policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of specialised schools and programs policy</li> </ul> <p>Secondary School Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey on secondary review is closing on January 30<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Two virtual public consultations are being done and parents can participate to provide feedback.</li> </ul> <p>Job Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elementary report cards will not be going out as part of the job action.</li> <li>• Parent teacher interviews - teachers will not meet on Thursdays evening but will meet on the Friday PA day.</li> <li>• Parents can request for an interview with the teachers.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Q. Will Grade 12 report cards be in jeopardy?  <i>The marks will be entered with no comments.</i></p> <p>Ward forums</p> <p>Q. Can parents request principals about ward forums for parents to attend as part of engaging parents?  <i>Parents can request</i></p>		



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	<p><i>Trustees to get the information to all the principals.</i></p> <p>Feedback on board consultations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consultations are facilitated by principals leading to a conflict of interest or biased questioning.</li> </ul>		
Director of Education Report	<p>Inclusion Model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The inclusion model was reported at the last PSSC, the discussion is ongoing and parents can provide feedback</li> <li>• PIAC requested for a presentation from staff on the inclusion model and supports.</li> </ul>	<p>Motion by Aretha requesting staff to present on the inclusion model and supports in the classroom at March PIAC meeting, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenna W.</p> <p>All in favour, motion carried</p> <p>Motion carried</p>	
PCEO	<p>School Messenger for school councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffs are working on the protocol for school messenger.</li> <li>• The document to be brought back to PIAC members who had previously participated in the consultation for further feedback.</li> </ul> <p>PO23 review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffs are looking to consult as broadly as possible on this policy.</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The documents will be vetted by PIAC.</li> <li>• Staff is looking to PIAC to co-facilitate the policy consultation.</li> </ul> <p>Parents as Partners (PAP) Conference 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The planning for the conference is ongoing.</li> <li>• Staff is monitoring the labour sanctions and any impact and implication for the planning and delivery of the conference.</li> <li>• The funding for the conference is partially from the Pro Grant.</li> <li>• Some of the funds will be utilised in certain areas such as booking of the venues.</li> </ul>		
Ward update			
New Business	<p>RSVP to PIAC meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIAC members were reminded to RSVP to PIAC meetings and for the dinner.</li> </ul> <p>Underground parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underground parking gate was locked and not accessible to PIAC members for the January meeting.</li> </ul>		
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn at 9: 16 pm by Jess H., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris L. All in favor, motion passed</p>		

