

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	Consultations
Date	April 21st, 2017
Description/Objective	<p><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 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 regarding review and revision of TDSB Policies and Procedures to the PIAC Co-chairs.</i></p>
Update	<p>1. The ConsWG members met on April 4th, 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members discussed how to proceed with the operations and mandate of the WG, how to distribute workload, how to determine what “content” (i.e. policies, procedures, events) falls under the ConsWG mandate, how to communicate and coordinate with the Board. Specifically the WG is revising the WG mandate to have more of a managerial role, including specifically the right to have a co-lead or WG member attend Board consultations on policy review. - The WG is developing a “Workflow” document that will provide clear procedures for how to handle consultations and communication. - Wider participation from the PIAC members will be needed to provide consistent and comprehensive feedback on TDSB policy review. PIAC members linked to Consultations spreadsheet and documents: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Gww17ifJCAIKDgdggEEEn0q9U8wSrLkH36oTGHsdNe1E/edit#gid=0 - Proposal of a workshop for using Google Drive most effectively - Proposal for a ConsWG workshop for all PIAC members in the Fall of 2017 <p>2. TDSB Policies currently under review:</p> <p>*Fundraising Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft policy is formatted (due date?) - Some consultation in the format of Ward Forums has been occurring - A Survey is available for PIAC members to use or share with Ward constituents: https://goo.gl/forms/wjCQanXt63HZXKGp2 <p>*P037 Equity Foundations Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High Priority for PIAC input - A draft policy is posted with a Survey for feedback: http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Policies,ProceduresForms/P

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	<p>olicyConsultations.aspx</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- An Equity Workshop was held at the Parents as Partners Conference- Several Wards are holding Equity Forums (see PIAC Calendar for dates) <p>Flyer Display and Distribution Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- P041 - Workplan for Review and revision of policy approved March 30th, 2017. A working draft of the new policy is expected to be posted for public review.- http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes.aspx?Type=A&Folder=Agenda%2f20170330&Filename=170330+P041+Material+Display+3079.pdf <p>Childcare in Schools and Early Years Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- March 30th - Board has proposed consolidating P022 and P059 to ensure alignment with governing legislation <p>Open Data Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- This is a new policy under ongoing development. See “Report No. 4” submitted to the GPC. http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes.aspx?Type=A&Folder=Agenda%2f20170330&Filename=170308+DAW.pdf <p>3. The Co-leads met by phone conference (April 6th) to discuss communication procedures between PIAC Co-Chairs, the ConsWG, and the Board. A list of priorities for the WG includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Who/how do we communicate with the Board so that PIAC gets policy review notice in a timely manner?- How do we coordinate parent feedback in a consistent, timely, and meaningful way so that PIAC can make an informed set of recommendations to the Board?- How do we deliver that feedback to the Board in a manner that will be welcomed so the feedback is used in policy review and development?- We need an easy-to-use set of resources (e.g. surveys) that can be used by all PIAC Members to collect feedback from their Wards on individual policies.- How do we ensure that the Board is conducting an appropriate amount or type of public consultation without doing their work for them?
Motion(s)	

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Question(s)	<p><i>[This section is for less formal questions to pose to the PIAC group.]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **The Consultations WG is still in the “policy and procedures development phase”. Input is needed from PIAC members regarding the best formats for consistent communication with Wards and most effective way to engage all PIAC members in TDSB policy discussions.
Next Steps and Action items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with PIAC Co-Chairs to discuss and clarify communications questions that arose in April 6th discussion. - Meet with Board representative (J. Spiropoulos?) and PIAC Co-chairs to discuss procedures that will ensure timely communication of policy reviews with PIAC.
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