

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	Consultations
Date	Sept 14, 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><i>The Consultations WG met September 14, 2017 to discuss WG goals and format for the coming year. It was decided that the WG needs to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Finalize guidelines for handling consultations items including scheduled policy review/development and ad hoc issues (e.g. SRO program review). Guidelines will help ensure consistency and transparency in how PIAC engages both the Board and the parent community.</i> <i>2. Finalize guidelines for school council and parent engagement.</i> <i>3. Develop a toolkit and guidelines for all PIAC members that can simplify and encourage school council and parent involvement (e.g. feedback) in the consultations process.</i> <i>4. Work with the Board to develop an “Engagement Standard” for public consultations. Board staff have been instructed to develop a set of guidelines for parent engagement in the consultations process. PIAC, as the Board’s parent engagement advisory body, needs to ensure the Board is developing a meaningful set of standards that includes timely notice to parents, plain language, translations to expand accessibility, enough time for meaningful parent engagement, feedback on existing policies before revisions take place, and a system to report how parent feedback was used to shape policy revision or development.</i> <p><i>The Consultations WG also discussed two current issues that need immediate attention and involvement from PIAC reps:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Ward Boundaries Review</i> <i>2. School Resource Officer (SRO) Program Review</i>
Motion(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Ward Boundaries Review Representative is needed. One or more PIAC members are asked to come forward as PIACs representative in the Ward Boundaries Review process. 2. PIAC needs information/feedback regarding the SRO Program review. PIAC members are asked to attend their local SRO meetings and report back information to PIAC and the Consultations WG (feedback may include overall favorability of the program, feedback from parents, detriments/benefits of program, could program be delivered by experts outside the police force, etc.). For meeting schedule see PIAC calendar or this link: https://pbs.twimg.com/media/DJckmWaW4AAUbF2.jpg:large

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Question(s)	<i>[This section is for less formal questions to pose to the PIAC group.]</i>
Next Steps and Action items	
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