



Minutes
 October 16, 2013
 Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Present: Jerako Biaje-Wendt (Co-Chair, Ward 10); Eva Rosenstock (Co-Chair, Ward 12); Vivek Rao (Ward 1); Virginia Ludy (Ward 2); Sarah Ali (Ward 2); Laurie Green (Ward 3); Tina Chan Kim (Ward 3); Norman Perry (Ward 4); Michelle Minott (Ward 4, Alt); Suban Abdullahi (Ward 5); Devon Forbes (Ward 5); Ricardo Francis (Ward 6); Dagmar Grasser (Ward 8); D. Williams (Ward 10); Allan Schacht (Ward 11); Wilmar Kortleever (Ward 13); Julie Dasoo (Ward 13, Alt); Kainani Dana (Ward 14); John Trafananko (Ward 15); Amy Goffin (Ward 15, Alt); Kate Wallis (Ward 16); Gary Lochhead (Ward 17); Steve Chatzibasile (Ward 18); James Rycman (Ward 19); Sudershan Singh (Ward 20); Saida Sabrie (SPLC); Mirian Turcios (SSEN); Sam Sotiropoulos (Trustee-TDSB); Jim Spyropoulos (Superintendent-TDSB)

Regrets: Samy Ramachandran

Visitors: Charles Wakefield (Community Member); Nichole Jonas (Ward 1) Cathie Noble, Ali Mohamed (Ward 1); Christine Heath (Ward 3)

Tele-Conference: Michelle Munroe (Central Co-ordinator, TDSB); Sharon Kerr (Ward 21)

Recorder: Linda Mendonca (Committee Assistant)

Creative Services: Erin Pallet

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1.	Welcome and Introductions (Co-Chairs)	Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm. Committee members were welcomed and round table introductions were held.	

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2.	Approval of Quorum (Co-Chairs)	Quorum was achieved.	
3.	Approval of Agenda (Co-Chairs)	<p>***MOTION: that the agenda be approved with the following amendments. All in favour. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Move items 8 & 10 up to after the approval of the September 12 minutes Moved by Virginia, Seconded by Gary ▪ Add: New Business Item 	Recorder will amend the agenda to include new item.
4.	Approval of Sept 12 Draft Minutes (Co-Chairs)	<p>***MOTION: to approve the draft minutes with the following amendments was moved by Gary, seconded by Virginia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Under Item #9 – include Allan S. and Mona R. who were also in attendance. 	Recorder will amend the minutes and post them to the website.
5.	Update on Special Education Forum (Laurie G.)	Update on Special Education Members were reminded of the PIAC/SEAC Special Education: Empowering Families Through Knowledge and Education Conference	
6.	Advocacy (Budget Cuts and Regulation 274) (Virginia) /Delegation	<p>Advocacy (Budget Cuts and Regulation 274)</p> <p>Charles, a community member spoke to Regulation 274 .Charles requested PIAC support to get the Premier to cancel Regulation 274 by getting the word out to wards. Charles requested that his e-mail address, doncha99@gmail.com be shared with wards.</p> <p>***MOTION: that the Co-chairs draft a letter to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Third Party outlining our concerns with Ontario Regulation 274/12. Moved by Virginia, Seconded by Ricardo, Unanimous. Motion carried.</p> <p>Impact of TDSB Budget Cuts on Individual Schools</p> <p>***MOTION: Virginia, seconded by John moved that the Co-Chairs of</p>	Co-chairs will draft a letter to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Third Party outlining our concerns with Ontario Regulation 274/12.

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		<p>PIAC send a letter to the Director of Education requesting a report from staff by December 2013, which provides PIAC with the following information. All approved. Motion carried.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) The impact on each individual school budget in the TDSB resulting from the budget cuts that were approved by the Board of Trustees for the 2013/2014 school year, exclusive of any additional funding received from full day kindergarten. The report should include how much the budget allocation for each individual school in real dollars was reduced/increased and how much this reduction/increase for each individual school is as a percent change of total budget from the previous year. 2.) That a summary by school be prepared which identifies reductions/increases in programming including but not limited to available course selection, school services such as guidance, library and programs for students with special needs or accommodations such as special education and ESL. 3.) A summary by school of reductions/increases in programs due to budget increases/decreases for programs/services that are provided by central services to individual schools in real dollars by school. 	<p>Co-chairs will send a letter to the Director of Education requesting a report from staff by December 2013, which provides PIAC with the info as requested by this motion.</p>
7.	<p>PIAC Elections for Co-Chair (Co-Chairs) Nominations Working Group</p>	<p>The election Committee Chair outlined the election process and introduced all nominated candidates as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Trafananko(Ward 15);Steve Chatzibasile (Ward 18);Gary Lochhead(Ward 17); <p>The chair also outlined information regarding nominations from the floor, and opened the floor for nominations. At that time Virginia Ludy (Ward 2) was nominated and added to the ballot.</p> <p>***MOTION: hat all candidates be permitted to nominate a scrutineer</p>	<p>The ballots from the elections will be destroyed as approved.</p>

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		<p>who is not a voting member. Moved by Kainani, Seconded by James, unanimous. Motion carried.</p> <p>***MOTION: that the ballots be destroyed. Moved by Virginia, Seconded by Gary, All approved. Motion carried.</p> <p>John Trafananko was declared as Co-Chair for a 2 year term (2013-2015).</p>	
8.	PIAC Budget Update (Tina K)	<p>PIAC Budget Update Tina K. reported that a budget report was not available today as she has not received budget information from the PCEO since the last meeting.</p> <p>***MOTION: that PCEO Staff pass down copies of the Purchase Orders to Tina K. in order to have a transparent Budget report at every PIAC Meeting with costs and current Balances. Moved by Mirian, Seconded by Tina, 16 in favour. Motion carried.</p>	Tina will provide the Budget Report at the next meeting.
9	Update on P/VP(Laurie)	<p>Principal/Vice-Principal Working Group Report Laurie reported that all members should ensure that they know the policy for parent involvement in Principal selection and in vice-principal promotion. They can find this on the PIAC website (www.torontopiac.com) in the section under principal - they will find both the users guide to the policy and a template letter school councils can use to solicit feedback from their school community. The link to the actual SSON will need to be fixed and this has been referred to John. All members should remind their school council chairs that the SSON should be completed and forwarded to their superintendent by November. This working group will need time on the November agenda to report on the board-wide data from the last school year.</p>	Laurie will bring this to the working group and correspond with the superintendent in charge of the policy regarding this issue and will report back at the next meeting.

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		<p>James raised the issue that parents in Ward 19 had been told that the trustees passed a policy change in the spring of 2013 which changed parent involvement in principal selection. Neither trustees nor staff present could comment on this issue when asked.</p>	
10.	PCEO Update(Michelle)	<p>PCEO UPDATE</p> <p><u>PCIO Name Change</u> Please note that the name for the Parent and Community Involvement Office (PCIO) has been changed to Parent and Community Engagement Office (PCEO).</p> <p>School Council E-mail Accounts Michelle reminded members that school council e-mail addresses must be activated for initial set up and access by the school principal. The HelpDesk provides services to staff ONLY, thus Principals must put forth the call for supports on all E-mail account challenges. .</p> <p>PIAC E-mail Accounts Members were reminded to activate their accounts. E-mail PIACsupport@tdsb.on.ca if they have any trouble with PIAC account and to cc michelle.munroe@tdsb.on.ca, and irene.rinaldo@tdsb.on.c.a.</p>	
11.	CLG Update: Saida S. Mirian T. Sammy	<p><u>Somali Parent Liaison Coalition (SPLC) Update (Saida S.)</u></p> <p>The Somali Parent Liaison Coalition (SPLC) is holding a conference on November 22 from 2pm- 6pm at the International Muslim Organization (IMO), 65 Rexdale Boulevard, Toronto for parent engagement, student success, culture and heritage empowerment through education. This is an opportunity for Ward members to get involved with attending as a volunteer to help with this event. Please email Saida to volunteer splc_toronto_on@yahoo.com.</p>	

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		<p>SPLC is also holding a conference during the march break, and this year they will hold 16 workshops. The first 8 workshops will be held in Greenholme, Princess Margaret, Beverly Heights, Hilton, OJ Alexander. The two schools in Scarborough and two schools in Regent Park are both to be confirmed. The location for 8 more workshops will be announced</p>	
12.	Outreach (Saida S./Mirian T.)	<p>Outreach</p> <p>The Outreach Working Group updated members about SC411 training. The following two sessions will take place on October 21st and on October 28th at 5050 Yonge St. in Committee Room C starting at 7:00p.m. All are welcome.</p>	PCEO to provide draft poster for review.
13.	Communications Working Group	<p>Poster Update</p>	PCEO to provide draft poster for review
14.	Superintendent's Report (Jim Spyropoulos)	<p>Appointment of New Director</p> <p>Superintendent Spyropoulos reported that Donna Quan has been appointed as the new Director of Education and encouraged PIAC to send a congratulatory letter for her new appointment.</p> <p>***MOTION: that Co-Chairs send a congratulatory letter to Donna Quan Moved by Gary, Seconded by Amy. All in favour. Motion carried.</p> <p>Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Review</p> <p>The CAC review has been completed. The report will be going to the Program, School Services Committee, then to November Board, and if not, to December Board.</p>	

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15.	Trustee Update (Chris Glover)	<p>Participatory Budget Working Group The Participatory Budget Process meetings are still to be determined. Will report back as info becomes available.</p> <p>Appointment of New Director Congratulations to Donna Quan as the new Director of Education.</p> <p>Budget Update TSDB is expecting \$30M in cuts this year.</p>	
16.	Co-chair Report	<p><u>PIAC Orientation</u> The PIAC orientation went really well, however, few members attended. PIAC is looking at arranging another session. . Eva asked Michelle for PIAC Orientation binders (including a list of the PIAC Working Groups) for the next meeting for parents that could not make it to the last orientation session.</p> <p><u>EQAO Forum</u> Members were reminded about the e-mail which was circulated to PIAC regarding the EQAO Forum scheduled for Saturday, October 26th. Members were encouraged to e-mail their contact info via e-mail to RSVP.</p> <p><u>A Special Thank You to Eva. Rosenstock</u> A special thank you was extended to Eva R, for her service as PIAC Co-Chair for the last two years. Members gave Eva a round of applause in appreciation for her time and commitment to this role.</p> <p><u>MOE - Great to Excellent Event</u> The Ministry is holding a consultation on October 24th; an opportunity for PIC Co-Chairs to be consulted on the Education system Jerako asked members to e-mail her if they had any items</p>	<p>Orientation binders be made available at the next PIAC meeting.</p> <p>Explore PIAC orientation date for the new year.</p>

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		<p>they would like addressed at the consultation.</p> <p><u>Communications</u> Members were informed that there is an open invitation to anyone who is interested in joining the Communications Working Group, and are asked to e-mail John T. at info@torontopiac.com.</p> <p><u>Executive Committee Meetings</u> All Future Executive meeting dates have been set. Dates will be circulated via e-mail</p> <p><u>PIAC Planning Meeting Report</u> Virginia requested a report including a summary of next steps, action items for PIAC to be presented at the next meeting.</p>	
17..	Adjournment	<p>***MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 10:31pm. Moved by Norm, Seconded by Saida, All in favour. Motion carried.</p>	