



Minutes

June 12, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Present: Jerako Biaje-Wendt (Co-Chair, Ward 10); Eva Rosenstock (Co-Chair, Ward 12); Vivek Rao (Ward 1); Virginia Ludy (Ward 2); Laurie Green (Ward 3); Tina Chan Kim (Ward 3 Alt); Norman Perry (Ward 4); Suban Abdullahi (Ward 5); Devon Forbes (Ward 5 Alt); Ricardo Francis (Ward 6); Jane Withey (Ward 7); D. Williams (Ward 10) Eric Mackay (Ward 10 Alt); Allen Schacht (Ward 11); Diane Enhorning (Ward 13); John Trafananko (Ward 15); Kate Wallis (Ward 16); Gary Lochhead (Ward 17); Steve Chatzibasile (Ward 18); James Rycman (Ward 19); Sudershan Singh (Ward 20); Mirian Turcios (SEN); Saida Sabrie (SPLC); Samy Ramachandran (TPA); Michelle Munroe (TDSB-PCIO Central Coordinator); Cathy McCulloch (PIAC Co-ordinator); Sharon Kerr (Ward 21); Jim Spyropoulos (TDSB – Coordinating Superintendent); Trustee Chris Glover; Trustee Sam Sortiropoulos

Regrets: Dagmar Grasser (Ward 8)

Visitors: Mona Rosenblum; Peter Holleley; Leslie Johnston (Toronto Social Planning); Darlene Giroux (Ward 10); Sarah Ali (Ward 2); Laura (Ward 19)

Tele-conference: Kainani Dana

Recorder: Linda Mendonca, Committee Assistant

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<p>1. Welcome & Introductions (Co-Chairs)</p>	<p>Jerako called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and welcomed everyone. Two new observers joined the meeting today; Darlene Giroux (Ward 10); and Sarah Ali (Ward 2).</p> <p>Leslie Johnston from the Toronto Social Planning Council joined the meeting today.</p> <p>Members were informed that Hilary Wollis (Ward 22 Rep) has resigned from PIAC. Jasmine Ibrahim was appointed by Trustee Chadwick as Ward 22 Rep. He is also looking into a Ward 22 Alt Rep.</p> <p>PIAC E-mail Accounts Michelle reported that she will be attending an IT training session next week and hopes to be able to launch the accounts in September.</p>	

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	<p>Planning Forum Eva circulated the Planning Forum form to everyone for completion. She will circulate it to others who were not in attendance via e-mail.</p> <p>Triple Threat to Equity Campaign Leslie Johnston briefly shared on the Triple Threat to Equity – Changing Priorities for Toronto Schools Campaign. She encouraged members to go on-line at www.togethertoronto.ca to sign a petition to have the TDSB spent the funds that were allocated to them towards the ESL and LOG as it was designated by the province.</p>	
2. Approval of Quorum (Co-Chairs)	Vivek confirmed quorum for the committee.	
3. Approval of Agenda (Co-Chairs)	The agenda was reviewed and approved. Moved by Allan; Seconded by Sud. All in favour. Motion Carried.	
4. Approval of May 7 Draft Minutes (Co-Chairs)	The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Virginia; Seconded by Gary. All in favor. Motion Carried	Linda will revise the minutes and post them on the website.
<p>5.) Update on TDSB Committees</p> <p>a.) CAC Review//Update</p> <p>b.) Participatory Budget</p>	<p>a.) CAC Review Update. Hilary sent out the CAC Review Update by e-mail. Although Hilary has officially resigned from the committee, she would be happy to answer questions via e-mail.</p> <p>b.) Participatory Budget John reported regarding the participatory budget deputation. This is the 2nd year of the process. The committee is looking at doing some work on the capital budget and the maintenance backlog. They will be getting a similar briefing binder as the Trustees received. Virginia reported that the whole intent this year was to get the whole process in place. There has been a real cross-section of students who have come in share their thoughts regarding the budget. There are some reps from various unions who service TDSB and community partners. It's been a good start and we've made some good ground.</p> <p>Virginia suggested deputing at the appropriate standing committee regarding PIAC concerns.</p> <p>Motion: Virginia, seconded by Laurie moved that PIAC depute at the appropriate standing committee setting out its concerns regarding lack of meaningful parent involvement. 1 objection (Gary), 2 abstentions (Vivek & Ricardo). Motion carried.</p> <p>PIAC drafted a list of questions for parents on the budget process and informed members that</p>	Members will prepare the deputation to go to the appropriate standing committee.

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	<p>these would be circulated starting in the fall.</p> <p>***Motion: John, seconded by Kate moved that PIAC widely distribute the questions to parents in the system and school councils. 3 abstentions. Motion carried.</p> <p>School Council Budgets Members noted that school councils must be fully informed that school council allocations cannot be carried to the new fiscal year. (i.e. \$500 PROG (Parents Reaching Out Grant))</p>	<p>Eva will circulate the questions via e-mail.</p>
<p>6.) Best Practices WG: a.) PIAC Budget Update (Tina K.) b.) Outreach/Communications c.) Overall BPWG (Vivek R.)</p>	<p>a.) PIAC Budget Tina reported on the Financial Report from as at May 31, 2013. The actual (to date) is \$40,175. This excludes \$12,000 for the Special Education Conference, and annual parent conference expenses including catering, SWAG items, and bussing. Everything else comes out of PCIO Budget. There are still some funds which need to be spent.</p> <p>The Final PIAC budget surplus was presented. Members discussed and approved the followed items required to support parent engagement through Outreach/Communications:</p> <p>b.) Outreach/Communications Mirian presented the budget for the Outreach and Parent Engagement project. Members reviewed and discussed the budget items and approved the items as follows: ****Motions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retractable banners – 3 abstentions. Motion carried. 2. Laptop to be used in presentations - \$2,187.80(& Projector) – 4 opposed. 1 abstained. Motion carried. 3. Table Skirts – 3 abstentions. Motion carried. 4. Carrying Case – all in favour. Motion carried. 5. Pens – supplies last a year & half – all in favour. Motion carried. 6. Bags – 2 opposed. Motion carried. 7. Printing handouts in multiple languages - 1 opposed, 2 abstentions. Motion carried. 8. Posters - 4 opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried. <p>Superintendent Spyropoulos approved the purchase of the laptop and LCD projector.</p> <p>PIAC 2013/2014 Budget The draft 2013/2014 PIAC Budget was presented for approval. The Committee is not having SC 411 training this year. The budget was approved with the consideration that tech and catering be re-visited in the fall.</p>	

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	<p>Additional Resources for PIAC Communication Members expressed the need for a variety of meeting forms (i.e. tele-conferencing, video-conferencing, Skype, etc.). A member recommended that the TDSB should explore the MOE for available resources for meeting communications. Member was informed at annual PIC Symposium that these types of resources are available. It was noted that costs determine the ability to obtain these means of communication.</p> <p>c.) Overall BPWG (Vivek R.) Vivek reminded everyone that all PIAC membership must participate in one of the working groups.</p>	<p>PCIO will explore MOED resources available to support PIAC meeting communications.</p>
<p>7. Special Events WG Annual Parents Conference</p>	<p>Annual Parent Conference Report Cathy reported on the Annual Parent Conference. 353 people pre-registered. 272 registered who represented 176 schools. Parents requested bussing in more locations. There were not enough bus marshals. One bus did not show up. There were some communication glitches along the way. Two things to be improved this year include the bussing as 5 schools had to pay for taxis last year and it was recommended that we cut down workshops to 4, and on the length of presentations.</p> <p>Cathy reported that this was her Last PIAC Meeting. Her contract is up this month. Eva thanked Cathy for all her support over the last two years.</p> <p>Members were reminded that Conference Planning must begin in July and that a conference lead was required. Saida, Jerako, Sarah, Peter, Norman, and Vivek volunteered to be part of the Conference Planning Group.</p> <p>Special Education Forum Cathy reported that the biggest question people had been “Where was the Appreciation?” It was suggested to forget the guest speakers, to have the roundtable discussions instead, and to have awards and actual acknowledgements for volunteer work in the community.</p>	
<p>8. Advocacy WG a.) Pools b.) Special Ed. Forum c.) P/VP</p>	<p>a.) Pools Mona reported that 5 schools that have TLC pools still have to send in their survey. On June 17th, somebody needs to come out from schools that have a pool. TLC looks to protect all the pools. Pools that have not returned the survey - Downsview(Ward 5), Kensington(Ward 5) , Duke of Connaught. Surveys were sent through Principals and Trustees.</p> <p>b.) Special Ed. Forum N/A</p> <p>c.) P/VP Members were reminded to ask at Ward meetings when new Principals/VP’s come on board</p>	

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	and how that happened (i.e. were they on leave and came back? were they newly hired and how?)	
9. CLG Update	<p>Saida reported that the CLG Conference held on May 17th went well. It was an outreach to parents, students, and youth. Saida reported that there will be a panel discussion on June 28th including all CLG's. She had a budget template but could not print it today. Saida requested to have a budget of \$7500 for refreshments, flyer printing, space, gift bags, pens, volunteer recognition, camera, etc.</p> <p>Members discussed Saida's budget request and confirmed that PIAC does not have the budget for it at this time. The budget also had not gone to the budget committee or executive committee before this meeting. Members agreed to table this discussion.</p>	
10. Superintendent's Report	<p>Superintendent Spyropoulos provided the following update:</p> <p>Research Info - Student Achievement Gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Credit Accumulation in Grade 9 – compared from 2006/2007 to 2011/2012 - 77% of our students achieved 8 or 9 credits, in 2011/2012 – 85%. ▪ How students are doing in different streams (applied classes (64%), academic (95%): applied classes are populated by demographics, and Special Education Students. ▪ Gender: Although they are both doing better, there is still an achievement gap of 7% higher for girls than boys. At-risk students (33% of LGBT students) ▪ Region: in 2006/2007, 40% of Somali students, in 2011/2012 down to 25% ▪ Language: Spanish-speaking students - 70% of students do not get 8 credits. English vs. Somali (narrowed to about 6%). ▪ Parental presence – students that have 2 parents at home – 16% do not get 8 credits, if mom only – 23% of students do not get 8 credits, if dad only – 27% of students do not get 8 credits <p>Superintendent Spyropoulos suggested inviting Maria Yau to a meeting in the fall to talk about some of the TDSB research data. Members can e-mail Superintendent Spyropoulos with their questions.</p> <p>Further information regarding the TDSB Research Data can be found at http://www.tdsb.on.ca/site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=310&menuid=4410&pageid=3755</p> <p>CLG (Community Liaison Groups)</p> <p>There are two specific requests for CLG's going to PSSC in August. The two groups are The Toronto and The Malvern Action for Neighbourhood Change. There are 7 CLG's now. Michelle has tried to communicate with them to engage. CLG's must have more than one member, and have regular meetings with agendas, and minutes. When we use funds to support CLG's we need to be able to ask when you had your last meeting.</p> <p>Budget</p>	<p>Invite Maria Yau to fall meeting.</p>

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	<p>The budget for capital and facilities is due at the end of the June. The PWC report will be implemented through Bill Hogarth and Ralph Benson.</p>	
<p>11. Trustee Report Budget Presentation</p>	<p>Trustee Report Budget Presentation Trustee Sotiropoulos provided the following budget update:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Projecting another enrolment decline next year. There is a little bit of an increase in the elementary schools due to FDK. 2.) Parent Satisfaction – a lot of parent saying that they are not enrolling their kids 3.) TDSB overspending - spent a great deal of money on ECE's (\$5-\$7/hour more than other Boards.) 4.) Underfunded FDK's – the province has mandated FDK's did not provide additional funding 5.) Itinerant Music Instruction(IMI) – underfunded, now facing cuts 6.) TDSB spends more than it has coming in 7.) Outdoor Education cuts - \$4.5M <p>Members asked what the long-term strategic plan is for TDSB and who in TDSB you get answers from? Trustee Sotiropoulos confirmed that TDSB priorities change from year to year and it has a lot of dynamic priorities, and changes to funding year to year from the province.</p>	
<p>12. PCIO Report</p>	<p>Interpretation/Translation Deficit</p> <p>Michelle reported that a deficit of \$210,000 continues for Interpretation/Translation services required across the system. There are budget pressures with this every year. Newcomer numbers are coming down; however, the board has seen some shifts in language (i.e. increases in Tagalog). The program is under pressure to meet the needs to meet the needs.</p> <p>Parent Census</p> <p>It was recommended that PIAC invite Maria Yau from the Research Department for a presentation on the Parent Census.</p> <p>PROG (Parent Reaching Out Grant)</p> <p>PCIO applied for the PROG (Parent Reaching Out Grant) for a secondary parent engagement initiative.</p> <p>Spring Parent Engagement Workshops</p> <p>PCEO reported that they just completed 12 Spring Parent Engagement Workshops on a variety of topics to support and engage parents and school councils across the system.</p>	

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	<p>2013/2014 Proposed Meetings.</p> <p>Michelle presented the following Proposed Meeting Dates and Special Events for 2013/2014.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="590 277 1604 781"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" data-bbox="590 277 1604 332">2013/2014 Proposed Meeting Dates & Special Events</th> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="590 332 991 388">PIAC Meeting Dates</th> <th data-bbox="991 332 1604 388">Special Events</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="590 388 991 443">Thursday September 12 2013</td> <td data-bbox="991 388 1604 443">Special Education Forum</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="590 443 991 498">Wednesday October 16, 2013</td> <td data-bbox="991 443 1604 498">Date: Saturday, October 19, 2013</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="590 498 991 553">Tuesday November 19, 2013</td> <td data-bbox="991 498 1604 553">Location: Earl Haig</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="590 553 991 609">Thursday December 19, 2013</td> <td data-bbox="991 553 1604 609">Annual Parent Conference</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="590 609 991 664">Tuesday January 14, 2014</td> <td data-bbox="991 609 1604 664">Date: Saturday, November 16, 2013</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="590 664 991 719">Thursday February 13, 2014</td> <td data-bbox="991 664 1604 719">Location: Earl Haig</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="590 719 991 774">Tuesday March 18, 2014</td> <td data-bbox="991 719 1604 774"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="590 774 991 829">Tuesday April 8 2014</td> <td data-bbox="991 774 1604 829">Annual School Council Appreciation</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="590 829 991 885">Thursday May 8, 2014</td> <td data-bbox="991 829 1604 885">Thursday, February 20, 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="590 885 991 940">Thursday June 19, 2014</td> <td data-bbox="991 885 1604 940">Location: TBD</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Michelle suggested that the committee reserve one of the dates for PIAC membership, reminder of By-Laws, etc. and suggested Sept 10th. One of the key conversations should be on how the Board supports School Councils. PCIO supports them with no staff. Community Support Workers help, but some are told they cannot come into the schools. Current school councils engaging in risk & liability.</p>	2013/2014 Proposed Meeting Dates & Special Events		PIAC Meeting Dates	Special Events	Thursday September 12 2013	Special Education Forum	Wednesday October 16, 2013	Date: Saturday, October 19, 2013	Tuesday November 19, 2013	Location: Earl Haig	Thursday December 19, 2013	Annual Parent Conference	Tuesday January 14, 2014	Date: Saturday, November 16, 2013	Thursday February 13, 2014	Location: Earl Haig	Tuesday March 18, 2014		Tuesday April 8 2014	Annual School Council Appreciation	Thursday May 8, 2014	Thursday, February 20, 2014	Thursday June 19, 2014	Location: TBD	<p>Proposed meeting dates and locations to be confirmed.</p> <p>PIAC to hold a meeting for Membership Info, By-Laws, etc.</p>
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13. Adjournment	***Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 pm. Moved by Saida; Seconded by Virginia; Motion carried.																									