



Minutes
 September 12, 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); Laurie Green (Ward 3); Tina Chan Kim (Ward 3); Norman Perry (Ward 4); Suban Abdullahi (Ward 5); Devon Forbes (Ward 5); Ricardo Francis (Ward 6); Dagmar Grasser (Ward 8); Julie Dasoo (Ward 13); John Trafananko (Ward 15); Kate Wallis (Ward 16); Gary Lochhead (Ward 17); Lalit Pasricha (Ward 17); Steve Chatzibasile (Ward 18); James Rycman (Ward 19); Sudershan Singh (Ward 20); Sharon Kerr (Ward 21); Saida Sabrie (SPLC); Mirian Turcos (SSEN); Sam Sotiropoulos (Trustee-TDSB); Jim Spyropoulos (Superintendent-TDSB); Michelle Munroe (Central Coordinator-TDSB)

Regrets: D. Williams (Ward 10)

Visitors: Wilmar Kortleever (Ward 13)

Recorder: Irene Rinaldo (Office Administrator)

#	Item	Information/Discussion	Action/Recommendation
1.	Welcome and Introductions Co-Chairs	Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm. Committee members were welcomed and round table introductions were held. New members Wilmar Kortleever (Ward 13) and Tracey Pirso (Ward 16) were welcomed to the meeting.	
2.	Approval of Quorum	Quorum was achieved.	
3.	Approval of the Agenda	The agenda was amended to include item: People for Education (P4E). Motion to approve the agenda by Saida Sabrie; seconded by Gary Lochhead; all Committee members were in favour. The agenda, including the amendment, was approved.	Recorder will amend the agenda to include new item.
4.	In-Camera	Motion to go in-camera by John T. at 7:25 PM; seconded by Sudershan Singh; eight (8) in favour; four(4)opposed. Motion carried. Motion by John T. to go out of camera at 8:25 PM, seconded by Saida S.. All in favour. Motion carried.	
5	Annual Parent Conference Annual School Council Appreciation Annual Planning Session – Next Steps	Saida S. moved the School Council Appreciation Dinner be moved to November 2013 and the Parent Conference be held in Spring 2014. As the Special Education Conference is being held in October, it is expected that the workload for two large events in such a short space of time would be prohibitive. A dinner would be less work. Seconded by James R.	

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		<p>Discussion: Members discussed pros and cons for a fall appreciation event and a spring conference. Vote: five (5) in favour; ten (10) opposed; three (3) abstentions. . The motion was defeated.</p> <p>The Council Appreciation will be held in February 2014.</p> <p>Motion moved by Saida S. to hold the Annual Parent Conference in the Spring ; Seconded by Norm ; Eleven (11) in favour; two(2) opposed; four (4) abstentions.. Motion carried,</p> <p>NOTE: It was noted that at present there are no parents planning this event</p> <p>It was proposed that membership will be opened for those who wish to join the Special Events Working Group that will plan the conference. Information will be provided at the PIAC meeting in November.</p> <p>Annual Planning Session: No report was provided.</p>	<p>Committee Co-Chairs will send out information about various working groups to members of the Committee via email.</p>
6.	Approval of Draft Minutes - June 12, 2013	John Trafananko moved to approve minutes from the meeting of June 12, 2013; Virginia Ludy seconded the motion; ten Committee members in favour; no Committee members opposed. The motion carried.	The minute from the June 12, 2013 meeting will be posted to the PIAC webpage
7.	Meeting Dates for 2013-2014	<p>Thursday night meetings have become a challenge for the Trustee due to scheduling conflict, It was proposed that all meetings originally scheduled for Thursday night be changed to Tuesday. Alternate meeting dates were presented.</p> <p>Motion by Tina C. to approve alternative dates; Seconded by John T. ; Eleven (11) in favour; one (1) opposed. Motion carried.</p>	
8.	By-Law Review	It was requested that the deadline for feedback be extended. The new deadline is September 19. An invitation to join the working group was extended to all Committee members. Committee members interested in joining the By-Law Review Committee should contact Ricardo Francis.	
9.	<p>Best Practices Working Group</p> <p>a) Nominations</p> <p>b) PIAC Budget Update</p> <p>c) Overall BPWG</p>	<p><u>Nominations:</u></p> <p>The Nomination Committee is comprised of: Tina Chan Kim; Sharon Kerr; Vivek Rao; Eva Rosenstock; Sudershan Singh; Allan Schacht, and Mona Roseblum. Elections will take place during the next PIAC meeting on October 16, 2013.</p>	

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		<p><u>PIAC Budget Update:</u> A 2013-2014 Proposed Budget was provided to Committee members in the meeting packages. A final report will be provided at the next PIAC meeting. The allocation for the 2013-2014 school year is \$45,161.</p> <p>The budget includes \$300 per meeting for catering. No catering will be provided for working groups. It was confirmed that PIAC does have its own teleconference number. The cost is .03/per person per group. This cost has always come out of the PCEO budget. Tina Chan Kim will meet with Michelle Munroe to review budget allocations.</p> <p><u>Best Practices Working Group:</u> There was no report provided.</p>	
10.	Update – Principal/Vice Principal	<p><u>Principal/Vice Principal Update Provided by Laurie Green;</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members were encouraged to join the Principal/Vice Principal Subcommittee. • School Council parents help to select new principals and are on the interview committees to select teachers who will become principals. For the majority of schools there will not be a change. If there is a change, respective Superintendents of Education will contact School Councils. School Councils are encouraged to gather feedback and information about important issues and needs in the schools. Information can be submitted at any time. • Vice principal interviews will not happen in the Fall. The Ministry of Education has changed the information for principal selection. Parents will have to be retrained. Training February 5 in the evening. The interviewing process is a daytime commitment. Details are on the TDSB website. • It was suggested that an invitation be extended to Coordinating Superintendent Colleen Russell-Rawlins to attend the next PIAC meeting on October 15. 	Laurie Green will invite SOE Russell-Rawlins to attend next PIAC meeting.
11.	Update – Special Education Forum	<p><u>Special Education Forum on October 19, 2013 - Update Provided by Laurie Green:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurie G., on behalf of the Special Education Working Group thanked all those who worked on the Committee and helped in the planning. • Committee members were encouraged to promote the Forum to members of their respective wards and to post the information flyers provided. Information about the Forum has already been widely circulated across the Board. Additionally, an email will be sent to all Trustees and to all School Councils. • There will be 13 workshops offered with each workshops being repeated three times, as well as networking sessions. Lunch will be provided to participants (400 cups of coffee have been generously donated by Starbucks). 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers to help on the day are still needed. Anyone who is able to help out should contact Laurie Green. 	
12.	People for Education/Communication	<p><u>People for Education (P4E) Update by Kate Wallis:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People for Education is an agency that promotes parent engagement in the public education system. P4E puts out a monthly newsletter that contains valuable information for parents and PICs. On November 2, P4E will be hosting an Annual Conference. Those who are interested in attending can register online http://www.peopleforeducation.ca/. It was suggested that information which PIAC would like to share could be shared using twitter. Committee members were cautioned about the use of twitter on behalf of the Committee. It was suggested that certain guidelines be put in place to alleviate concerns. Kate will bring a list of the types of things she would “tweet” and this will be voted on at the next PIAC meeting. 	Twitter guidelines to be added to the next PIAC agenda.
13.	Update – Parent and Community Engagement Office	<p><u>Update from the Parent and Community Engagement Office by Michelle Munroe:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates were proposed for orientation of new PIAC members. Orientation provides a broad overview of the specific roles and mandates of PIAC. All new members of PIAC must attend orientation. Dates proposed were September 24 and October 3. As Board will be meeting on September 24, John T. proposed that orientation take place on October 3 2013. Motion by John T. Seconded by James R. Eight (8) in favour; no oppositions ; two (2) abstentions . The motion was carried. PIAC email accounts are now live. Every PIAC member now has their own PIAC account and has been sent an email with instructions on how to activate their account. Anyone having difficulty activating their account should contact Irene Rinaldo irene.rinaldo@tdsb.on.ca. Any information to be shared with the Committee members can now be sent via their PIAC Outlook Account. School Council accounts are also live. School Council Chairs should ask their principals to activate accounts. Michelle Munroe reminded Committee members that this tool also falls under the Board’s Code of Conduct. Academic Workspace is a tool within the Board that can be used in a number of ways, i.e., setting up rsvps. All Committee Assistants will be trained on AW. Sudershan Singh requested a list of the Co-Chairs for all School Councils. The list can be provided by SOEs. In November Michelle Munroe will request a list of all new Co-Chairs. 	<p>Michelle Munroe will send an email to provide information and clarification about the Orientation Session on October 3, 2013.</p> <p>Michelle to email the Code of Conduct to all Committee members.</p> <p>Michelle to provide Co-Chair contact information.</p>
14.	Update – Community Liaison Groups	<p><u>Community Liaison Groups – Update provided by Saida S.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Somali Parents Liaison Coalition (SPLC) Conference “Parent Engagement for Student Success” is being planned to take place in the November. A definite date has not yet 	

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		been determined, but it will take place in the first ten days of the month. More information will be shared as it becomes available. New volunteers are welcome!	
15.	Outreach Communications	<u>Outreach Communications Report Provided by Mirian Turcos:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of a report from Outreach were provided to all Committee members. • All supplies have been ordered and received, including translation and printing of documents for distribution at events. A list of all materials purchased will be provided at the next PIAC meeting. • Mirian Turcos and Jerako Biaje-Wendt have been working on a presentation. 	
16.	Superintendent's Report	<u>Report Provided Superintendent by Jim Spyropoulos:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very sad news to start the school year. A fourteen year old student, Violet Lane was hit, and killed in a traffic accident on the first day of school. Violet was an exceptional student who was on her way to school early in order to assist staff in preparing for the first day of school. Violet would have celebrated her fifteenth birthday the next day. Violet is the second TDSB student to be killed in a traffic accident in the last two years. At the last Board meeting of September 11, Chair Bolton announced that the TDSB, together with Toronto Police Services, and other School Boards will work on a series of measures designed to keep children safe to and from the way to school. Discussions are scheduled to take place immediately • Trustees have voted to ask the Ministry of Education to clarify their position on the issue of seniority and hiring. • A permanent Director of Education is expected to be named mid-October. • The Community Advisory Committee review is in the final stages of drafting/review before it goes before Administrative Council and the Trustees. • Also of note, Trustee Atkinson returned to her chair, after a lengthy absence, to a standing ovation from her colleagues 	
17.	Trustee Update	<u>Update Provided by Trustee Sam Sotiropoulos:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TDSB has engaged in a partnership with the Ontario Power Authority whereby the Board will allow the use school roofs in order to generate power. In return, approximately one quarter of all TDSB roofs will be replaced (over 3.2 million square feet), for a savings of over \$160 million. • A decision has been made to extend the restriction of out-of-province travel. • As of June 30, 2013, the 2012-2013 budget was not balanced. In order to balance last year's budget, the Board needs to find \$10.5 million from this year's budget. The discretionary budget will be looked at first before looking at funds that will affect schools. 	
18.	Announcements	There were no announcements.	
19.	Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.	