

PIAC Co-chairs Report

February 20, 2018

PROGRAM & SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE DEPUTATION JANUARY 17TH

The Co-Chairs of Parent Involvement Advisory Committee provided an oral up-date on the recent activities of PIAC and presented the committee reports for the October, November, and December PIAC meetings.

1. On motion of Trustee Glover, the Program and School Services Committee

RECOMMENDS:

- Whereas, changes to the policy P006, Advertising would directly impact PIAC's events and activities and school council events, activities and fundraising;
- Therefore, be it resolved:

That the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee be granted enhanced access to the review and revision of policy P006, Advertising.

2. On motion of Trustee Glover, the Program and School Services Committee RECOMMENDS that the following, introduced by Trustee Arp, be referred to staff for a report back to the Program and School Services Committee:

- Whereas, parents are key partners in the school improvement process, as well as in the development of the Board's Mental Health and Well-being strategy;
- Therefore, be it resolved:

(a) That the Director present a report on ways to more meaningfully involve parents in the development of school improvement goals, including those connected to mental health and well-being;

(b) That the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee and the Mental Health and Well-being Parent Partnership Committee be included in the development of a mental health and well-being strategy for the Toronto District School Board.

3. A recommendation from PIAC for the following was withdrawn by the PIAC Co-chair, who indicated that staff had already responded to the request:

- That all Community Advisory Committee (CAC) pages on the Board's website list vacancies, and those vacancies be:
 - (i) included on the Board's "How to Get Involved" home page;
 - (ii) shared with family members via TDSB Connect.

Update: Updates are currently being made to the TDSB CAC web pages.

STATUS OF PREVIOUS PIAC MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

Letter to Minister regarding Educational Development Charges (EDCs)

Motion: Co-chairs send a letter to the Ministry of Education in support of the TDSB's request for greater access to EDC funding. Consultations working group to update wording to match with the motion made by the board.

Update: Letter is being finalized and will be sent to the new Minister of Education shortly.

School Generated Funds Guidelines - March 21, 2016

Action Item: PIAC was presented with the revised (February 2017) School Generated Funds Guidelines at their March 21, 2017 meeting and provided feedback on the document. PIAC requested that the final draft of the guidelines be brought back to PIAC for feedback and was informed that the document would come back to us once our suggestions were incorporated. PIAC was also informed that the board is working on a process to finalize the procedure through consultations with school councils.

Update: Michelle Munroe indicated in her November PCEO update that Business Services is working on a response.

TDSB School Profile pages - April 25, 2017

Motion: that the 'parent' and 'school council' tabs of all TDSB school profile pages include a reference link to PIAC's website

Update: Planned update of all TDSB school web pages during the summer was not completed. Communications/Outreach working group will follow up with TDSB communications in the spring of 2018.

SAC Survey Snapshot Report - June 20, 2017

Update: Survey results have not yet gone to the Program and School Services Committee (PSSC) for discussion. PIAC's response document was included in the September report to PSSC. Co-chairs will follow up with PSSC when the survey comes to the committee.

OTHER UPDATES

Calendar Committee

A call-out was made to all PIAC members seeking two representatives from PIAC to sit on the 2018-2019 TDSB Calendar Committee. Jess Hungate (Ward 8 rep) and Zena Shereck (Ward 5 rep) attended the sessions and will provide an oral update at the February PIAC meeting.

Ministry Consultation: A New Vision for Student Transportation in Ontario

A call-out was made to all PIAC members seeking representatives from PIAC to attend a Ministry consultation on transportation on February 13th. Heather Vickers (co-chair) attended the session and will provide an oral update at the February PIAC meeting.

PIAC Members can also submit feedback on this issue by emailing ST.newvision@ontario.ca. Please also share the attached document and the link <https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-new-vision-student-transportation> with school councils and parents in your ward to encourage them to participate as well. Responses are **required by 28 March 2018**.

PIAC Member Survey

All PIAC members are asked to fill out the 2017-2018 PIAC Member Survey at <https://goo.gl/forms/bEJfCyaL3ZO9Y3IS2>

The "PIAC Internal Member Survey (2017-2018)" was developed by the Membership Working Group in order to gain a better understanding of the members within the committee, identify opportunities for collaboration among members, and ultimately fulfill PIAC's mission, goals, and objectives with measurable and sustainable results. The information shared through this survey should be kept strictly private and confidential within the community of PIAC Ward Representatives, Ward Alternates, and CLG Delegates and should not be shared with anyone else without explicit permission from the Co-Chairs.

Parents as Partners 2018 Conference

This conference is a collaboration between PIAC, SEAC, ICAC, the Mental Health & Wellbeing Parent Committee, and TDSB staff. The event will take place on **Saturday, April 28th**. Please share this date with the parents and school councils in your ward and let them know that more information can be found at www.parentsaspartners.ca. Registration will open on March 1st.

Working Groups

A few PIAC members have not yet signed up online for any working groups. A reminder to all PIAC members that our bylaws state that **all members must participate on at least one working group**. If you have not yet signed up for a working group, please fill out the online form at <https://goo.gl/forms/iwijkxOsLMIVC5qP2> asap. If you have any questions about the working groups, please contact the co-chairs at info@torontopiac.com

WORK PLAN ACTION ITEMS

OBJECTIVE	INITIATIVE	UPDATE
Ongoing review of current TDSB policies and procedures and make recommendations on policy and process improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PIAC Chairs to have regular monthly meetings with TDSB Director or designate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meetings have occurred before all 2017-2018 PIAC meetings from September to February.
Continue to build and maintain relationships with TDSB Director, designates, Trustees and other advisory committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Foster opportunities for partnership with TDSB advisory committees and PICs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Co-chairs attended CAC chair meeting (set up by PCEO) in October. ● Co-chairs invited other CACs to present at PIAC meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EPAC to attend the February meeting. ● Co-chairs have attended other CAC meetings for information (SEAC) and have begun reading minutes/reports from other CAC meetings. Any relevant info will be shared with PIAC and/or PIAC working groups on an ongoing basis.

