



**Parent Involvement Advisory Committee  
Draft Minutes**

October 10, 2012  
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Present: Gary Lochhead (Ward 17, Co-Chair); Eva Rosenstock (Ward 12, Co-Chair); Vivek Rao (Ward 1); Virginia Ludy (Ward 2); Laurie Green (Ward 3); Tina Chan Kim (Ward 3); Norman Perry (Ward 4); Dagmar Grasser (Ward 8); Jerako Biaje (Ward 10); Diane Enhorning (Ward 13); Julie Dasoo (Ward 13); Kainani Dana (Ward 14); John Trafananko (Ward 15); Deanna Rosolen (Ward 15); Kate Wallis (Ward 16); Catherine Dorton (Ward 16); Michelle Pinto (Ward 17); James Rycman (Ward 19); Sudershan Singh (Ward 20); Sharon Kerr (Ward 21); Hilary Wollis (Ward 22); Mirian Turcios (SSEN); Saida Sabrie (SPLC); Samy Ramachandran (TPA); Trustee Chris Glover; Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher; Jim Spyropoulos (Coordinating Superintendent); Michelle Munroe (PCIO Coordinator); Cathy McCulloch (PIAC coordinator)

Regrets:

Recorder: Parthee Siva (Committee Assistant)

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1. Welcome	Meeting called to order @ 1911 by the Co-Chairs All members and guests were welcomed by the co-chairs.	
2. Approval of Quorum	Quorum was Achieved and Approved; all in favour; carried.	
3. Approval of Agenda	Motion to Move item # 5 to Item # 2; moved by Sude S; seconded by Virginia L; all in favour; carried. Motion to Approve the Agenda with the amendments. Moved by Norman P; Seconded by Steve C; all in favour; carried.	
4. Approval of Sept Minutes	Adopted as read and defer approval until next meeting due to clarification and correction; moved by Sude S; seconded by Virginia L; all in favour; carried.	
5. Director of Education	Director Chris Spence addressed PIAC on the following:  <u>TDSB's Priorities:</u> 1. Success of the Students 2. Technology 3. Balance Budget  <u>The Kindergarten to Grade 12 Strategy:</u>  The dates and times for the city wide consultations are below. All meetings are from 7 – 9	

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	<p>pm.</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6 Sir John A Macdonald CI 2300 Pharmacy Ave, Scarborough, ON</p> <p>Thursday, November 8 Bloor Collegiate Institute 1141 Bloor St W, Toronto, ON</p> <p>Wednesday, November 7 Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute 800 Greenwood Ave, Toronto, ON</p> <p>Monday, November 12 Emery Collegiate Institute 3395 Weston Rd, North York, ON</p> <p>The Director and PIAC engaged in a Questions and Answer session.</p>	
6. Elections	<p>Jerako Biaje is elected as the new co-chair of PIAC for two terms.</p> <p>Motion to destroy the ballots; moved by Vivek R; Seconded by Gary L; all in favour; carried.</p>	
7. Other Business / Trustee Report	<p><u>Ward 1 Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be a presentation about Mental health on Oct 23 at Thistle Town CI Library at 645pm (20 Fordwing Cres.)</li> </ul> <p><u>PIAC Special Education Conference:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The suggested Dates for the conference are April 20 or April 27 of 2013 (both Sat).</li> <li>• The working group will be exploring venue and will report back with the confirmation of date/place at the next PIAC meeting.</li> <li>• It was noted that the CPAC usually has its conference in the spring as well.</li> </ul> <p><u>P/VP:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct 30 – VP candidates – looking for five parents; drawn from the pool of previous parents;</li> <li>• Training day is Tuesday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm - as a parent sitting on interview panel for teachers trying to be vice-principal.</li> <li>• There are requests that even previously trained parents and new parents must be trained again. (feb 5<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>	

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	<p><u>Trustee Report:</u></p> <p><u>Permit Fees:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aug 27<sup>th</sup> TDSB sent out notices to their permit users that the permit fees were increasing up to 800 %.</li> <li>• The Board voted in Feb for Category changes.</li> <li>• One of the categories is faith based group.</li> <li>• At the last Board meeting, motion was passed to delay the permit fees increase until Jan 2013.</li> <li>• Community Use of Schools Advisory Committee will develop recommendations for the Board.</li> <li>• The 45% permit fee increase is to cover the deficit of \$2.2M</li> </ul> <p><u>Bill 115:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freeze the pay for all staffs and reduce sick leave.</li> <li>• It was pointed out that some view this proposal as a breach of Collective Bargaining Agreement</li> <li>• It was recommended by the Trustee that all parents take the following steps to explore the Bill: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand the Bill via websites: People for Education; Civil Liberty, Ontario Public School Board Association</li> <li>2. Have a conversation with the teacher and talk about their concerns with regards to this Bill</li> <li>3. Offer to speak to local MPP about this legislation; work together in the school and recognize</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><u>It was recommended that PIAC does the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Trustee Goodman’s Letter about Bill 115</li> <li>• Draft a Fact Sheet about Bill 115 to be circulated to parents</li> <li>• Conduct workshops on Bill 115</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Motion that PIAC create a FACT sheet about Bill 115 and be broadly distributed by emails and be posted on website; moved by Virginia L; seconded by John T; 1 abstained; all in favour; carried.</i></b></p> <p><u>Nelson Mandela Project:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With regards to Nelson Mandela, there is a peer review going on and the report</li> </ul>	

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	<p>will be shared with the Board in November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some of the issues are the columns that support the schools and extensive earth moisture.</li> <li>• The Peer review was not done earlier as the Trustees were told in June that the Project was a GO, but in Aug/Sept was told that it was delayed.</li> </ul>	
8. Superintendent Report	<p>Chief Technology Officer is appointed by TDSB – Peter Singh; highly experienced in the field of technology</p> <p>Jim S on behalf of the Staffs of TDSB, thanks the co-chair, Gary Lochhead. His commitments cannot be questioned. He has got gratitude/respect/admiration.</p> <p><u>Community Engagement Policy Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Policy has been written and passed by the board on a consent agenda last spring.</li> <li>• The Policy can be viewed on the TDSB Website.</li> <li>• There is a group that is working on the development of the procedures.</li> </ul> <p><u>Community Advisory Committee Review:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board will be examining all of the advisory committees with the exception of Parent Involvement Advisory Committee and Special Education Advisory Committee.</li> </ul>	
9. Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting at 2127; moved by Steve C; Seconded by Josette H; all in favour; carried.</p>	