

# PIAC Co-chairs Report

*November 21, 2017*

## **Program & School Services Committee Deputation November 1st, 2017**

- PIAC had no formal motions/recommendations, only update on activities including: CAC Co-chairs meeting, PIAC Conference, Parents as Partners Conference, and upcoming PIAC Co-chair election.

## **Status of Previous PIAC Motions and Action items**

### School Generate 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:** No follow-up was made by Business Services. Co-chairs sent a request for a written response (via PCEO), but was told that Business Services indicated they did not have to consult with PIAC on the Funds Guidelines. A follow-up message was sent to Business Services via Jim Spyropoulas, asking Business Services to follow-up as promised at the March 2016 meeting and to please clarify which of the two existing documents (2013 version and 2017 version) is the 'official' version that school councils should use.

### PRO Grant letter to Ministry - September 19, 2017

**MOTION:** PIAC draft a letter to the Ministry to speed up the approval process for the 2018-2019 PRO Grants.

**UPDATE:** Ministry representative sent a letter with the following response:

- “Your suggestion to have all decisions the 2018-19 PRO Grant applications announced online by August 1, 2018 is acknowledged and will be taken into consideration as our staff prepare for the 2018-19 cycle.”

### 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.

### 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 on new timeline.

### **Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Co-chairs meeting**

The co-chairs of the TDSB's CACs met on October 26th to share information about their committees and build relationships between the committees. All PIAC members should read the [Community Advisory Committee Handbook](#).

Action items:

- PIAC consultations working group should connect with the pools sub-committee of the Community Use of Schools Advisory Committee (CUSAC) to coordinate efforts in advocating for school pools.
- PIAC Co-chairs will invite members from other CACs to present at future PIAC meetings.
- A contact list of CAC co-chairs will be created to allow better communication between the advisory committees.
- Potential joint training sessions for all CACs on running effective meetings and communications, social media, and technology.
- CAC chairs will meet again in the new year.

### **PIAC Annual Parents Make a Difference Conference**

Registration for this year's conference is now full!

Parents can sign up for the waiting list by visiting [www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference) and clicking on the register button. If a space opens up, an email will be sent to the person at the top of the waiting list with a link to register for the conference. If no email is received, then there are no open spots and we are unable to accommodate any more sign-ups.

PIAC members who have not registered for the event should still attend and volunteer. Please see the [co-chairs](#) or the working group leads ([Heather Vickers and Zena Shereck](#)) to sign up for the event.

### **PIAC Orientation**

Thank you to all the PIAC members who attended this year's PIAC Orientation Session on November 14th. If you're a new member and were unable to attend the session, please contact PIAC assistant Latha John at [latha.john@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:latha.john@tdsb.on.ca) to get a copy of the PIAC binder.

### **Parents as Partners 2018 Conference**

We are looking for a couple of PIAC members who can represent PIAC on the Parents as Partners Conference planning committee. The 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. Planning meetings are scheduled for the last Monday of most months and can be found in our [online PIAC calendar](#). The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 27th at 6pm in Committee Room C at 5050 Yonge St. If you are interested in helping out with this event, please contact the co-chair Trixie Doyle at [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com).

This year's conference theme is Supporting All Students. A call for workshop presenters will go out soon and will be sent to all PIAC members so they can share their workshop ideas.

### **PIAC Meetings - Dinner Requests**

Dinner is provided for all regular monthly PIAC meetings for members who rsvp to committee assistant [Latha John](#) before the meeting. In order to help us figure out how much food to order and avoid wasting both food and funds, please make sure you let Latha know if you would like her to include you in the meal order by the deadline included in the meeting notices.