

# PIAC Co-chairs Report

October 17th, 2017

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## Program & School Services Committee Deputation October 5th, 2017

- Reports provided about [June 20<sup>th</sup>](#) and [September 19<sup>th</sup>](#) PIAC meetings
- PIAC had no formal motions/recommendations, only update on activities since June 2017.

## Status of Previous PIAC Motions and Action items

- 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:** PRO Grant lead Jennifer Sparks has drafted the letter and shared it with the PRO Grant working group. Co-chairs will have our committee assistant forward it to the Minister of Education and the PRO Grant office.
- 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.
- School Generate Funds Guidelines - March 21, 2016
  - PIAC requested that the final draft of the guidelines be brought back to PIAC for feedback.
  - PIAC was informed that the board is working on a process to finalize the procedure through public consultations
  - No final draft or consultations have been done.

**UPDATE:** Co-chairs sent a request for a written response (via PCEO) to business services, asking when PIAC can expect the final draft, when consultations will take place, and clarification on which set of guidelines are the 'official' version.

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

The co-chairs of the TDSB's CACs will be meeting on October 26th to share information about their committees and build relationships between the committees.

### **Working Groups**

Thank you to the PIAC members who have already signed up for the 2017-2018 working groups.

Many PIAC Reps/Alts still have not completed the [online working group sign up form](#).

Please remember that **PIAC bylaws require all PIAC members to participate in at least one working group** and membership is subject to renewal each year. If you have not yet completed the form, please do so as soon as possible!

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

This year's conference will take place at Earl Haig S.S. on **Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**.

The conference is an excellent opportunity for PIAC members to meet and support the parents and school council reps in their ward. PIAC members are expected to attend our conference.

Please make sure you add the date to your calendar, and please register when the sign-up goes online! [www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference)

### **Year End Survey Results**

Thank you to the PIAC members (8) who completed the 2016-2017 Year End Survey. The co-chairs also received some comments in person and by email.

Summary of results:

- All respondents agreed that PIAC has enough funding and staffing to support our committee functions.
- Most respondents indicated that PIAC has the respect and support of key stakeholders within the TDSB.
- Half of the respondents indicated that PIAC members need more training and resources to do their job.
- All respondents agreed that PIAC meeting frequency and length are appropriate.
- A couple of respondents were concerned that meetings did not start/end on time and that we can still make better use of our time.
- All respondents agreed that PIAC members treat each other with respect, that PIAC members are listened to, and that their comments are valued.
- Suggested improvements:
  - Written reports requested from co-chairs, Executive Superintendent and PCEO
  - More time to discuss issues
  - Meeting model is stale and needs revamping
  - Need to end on time
  - Webcast would allow more members to participate and would be better than teleconference option.
  - Motions and action items from previous meetings require more follow up.

**Follow-up:**

- Written co-chair reports will be provided
- Co-chairs, in cooperation with Executive, will continue to work on creating effective agendas
- Planned boardroom equipment upgrade has been delayed. Webcasts will not be available for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Follow up information on motions and action items will be included in co-chair updates.

**Parents as Partners 2018 Conference**

- The following PIAC members have requested to be a member of the Parents as Partners planning committee: Trixie Doyle (Co-chair), Mirian Turcios (Ward 6), and Jennifer Sparks (Ward 22)
- PIAC's PRO Grant application for this conference was approved with budget change. Application was for \$30,000, \$10,000 approved.
- First planning meeting will take place on October 25th and PIAC committee reps will provide regular updates through the year.
- PIAC should decide what workshops they would like to offer at the conference.