

# PIAC Co-chairs Report

*May 16, 2018*

## **PROGRAM & SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE DEPUTATION APRIL**

**Motion:** PIAC recommends that school councils be consulted on the current Fundraising Guide and that consultations are done for any future updates to the Fundraising Guide and any related Guidelines, as per O. Reg. 612/00, s. 19 (1.1.iv).

**Update:** Consultation will be done in the fall on both the fundraising policy and the fundraising guidelines. Staff are currently working on developing the revised policy and process for consultation. PIAC stressed that any changes to the policy or guidelines i.e. changes that are proposed before the revised fundraising policy consultations occur, still need to go through a consultation process before being implemented. Further, that any guidelines that are not included in the fundraising policy review consultation still need to go through a consultation process as per Reg. 612. The committee passed a motion supporting our recommendation that will go to board at their May 23 meeting.

**Motion:** (A) PIAC requests the TDSB increase access to key parent resources by adding a permanent “Parent(s)” tab to the landing page and headers of the TDSB website (tdsb.on.ca).

(B) As a body legislated to advise the board on matters of parent engagement and communication, PIAC requests Board consultation with PIAC in the creation of a “Parent(s)” tab and the navigation links selected for the dropdown menu

**Update:** Staff indicated that Ross Parry (TDSB Communications) will work with PIAC to update the website. PIAC Communications working group will connect with Mr. Parry and report back on the progress of the parent tab.

**Motion:** (A) PIAC requests that school councils be granted access to school facilities during non-school and after school hours for school related activities and meetings, provided that all activities adhere to the mandate of council as outlined in Regulation 612 and appropriate insurance for events outside of the Boards scope has been purchased and custodians are regularly schedule or can be rescheduled to work.

(B) PIAC also requests that the TDSB amend the policy and waive the permit fees for school council related meetings/activities.

**Update:** Staff working on the revised Community Use of Schools Policy will incorporate feedback received from PIAC.

See the report to the board for the March 2018 PIAC Meeting [here](#).

## STATUS OF PREVIOUS PIAC MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

### 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:** PIAC presented a recommendation to PSSC at their April meeting (see deputation notes above). The Board is presently preparing the fundraising policy for consultation in the fall. The policy is to include clear guidelines for School Generated funds. PIAC will be provided with the opportunity for consultation.

### 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.

### 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**

### 2017-2018 Year-end PIAC Member Survey

Each year the board asks all Community Advisory Committees to send out a year-end survey to their members. In order to enhance the effectiveness of our PIAC meetings, we are asking **all PIAC members to fill out the survey below before June 15th, 2018**. Please help us identify which aspects of our PIAC meetings we should keep, which areas need improvement, and new ideas for the upcoming school year.

We will use the information gathered to plan our 2018-2019 PIAC meetings and the results will be shared with PIAC at our June 2018 meeting.

Note: your name/email will not be recorded in your response.

### [2017-2018 PIAC Year-end Survey](#)

### PIAC meeting schedule 2018-2019

PIAC meetings for the 2018-2019 school year are currently scheduled for the **third Tuesday of every month**. Please contact the co-chairs at [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com) if you have any comments about the schedule.

Please also note that due to upgrades to the boardroom at 5050 the June and September PIAC meetings will be held in a different location. Information will be forwarded to all PIAC members via our committee assistant.

### Ministry of Education 2018 PIC Symposium

The 2018 PIC Symposium was held on April 20 and 21st in Toronto and was attended by the co-chairs, committee assistant Latha John, and the following PIAC members: Loen Hansford (Ward 7 rep), D Williams (Ward 10 rep), Nazerah Shaikh (Ward 13 rep), Kate Leuschen Millar (Ward 15 alt), Michelle Aarts (Ward 16 rep), and Kabirul Mollah (Ward 21 rep),

An oral update will be provided at the May PIAC meeting.

### PIAC Annual Planning Session

PIAC's annual Strategic Planning Session took place on Saturday, May 12th. The new work plan and working group structure for 2018-2109 will be presented to PIAC for approval at our June meeting.

Special thanks to Aretha (Ward 17 rep) and the rest of the planning session working group for running this event. Thank you also to all the PIAC members who attended.

### TDSB French Review

The TDSB will be conducting a review of all French programming in the board late this spring. See below for more information, Also listed is a consultation for CACs. Co-chair Trixie Doyle will be unable to attend, so if any other PIAC member is interested in going and available on May 24th from 7pm-9pm, please email the co-chairs at [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com). There will also be a number of public consultations held at various locations throughout the city in May which you can attend. The schedule for the public consultations can be found here: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Public-Consultations/French-Review> Please share this information with the parents and school councils in your ward.

### Parents as Partners Conference 2019

If any PIAC members are interested in joining the Parents as Partners Conference committee to help plan the 2019 conference, **please inform the co-chairs by emailing [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com)**. The first meeting will take place in the fall and we will supply the dates of the meetings once the schedule has been set.

## **WORK PLAN ACTION ITEMS**

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