



Minutes

November 19, 2013

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Present:** Jerako Biaje-Wendt (Co-Chair, Ward 10); John Trafananko (Co-Chair, Ward 15); Vivek Rao (Ward 1); Virginia Ludy (Ward 2); Sarah Ali (Ward 2); Laurie Green (Ward 3); Tina Chan Kim (Ward 3); Norman Perry (Ward 4); Michelle Minott (Ward 4, Alt); Ricardo Francis (Ward 6); Ceyrina Craig (Ward 7); Rosalie Richards (Ward 7, Alt); Dagmar Grasser (Ward 8); D. Williams (Ward 10); Darlene Giroux (Ward 10, Alt); Eva Rosenstock (Ward 12); Wilmar Kortleever (Ward 13); Amy Goffin (Ward 15 Alt); Kate Wallis (Ward 16); James Rycman (Ward 19); Saida Sabrie (SPLC); Mirian Turcios (SSEN); Sam Sotiropoulos (Trustee-TDSB); Jim Spyropoulos (Superintendent-TDSB); Jerry Chadwick; Sam Sotiropoulos; Justice Rathwell, Alana West (Ward 12); Sophia Ruddock (Ward 9)

**Regrets:** Gary Lochhead

**Visitors:** Charmaine Merchant; Alana West (Ward 12); Justice Rattwell (Ward 12); Sophia Ruddock (Ward 9); Yoky Sham (Ward 20); Towhid Noman (Toronto Bangladeshi Parents Association); Pam Rigney (Ward 21), Dwayne (Ward 21)

**Tele-Conference:** Michelle Munroe (Central Co-ordinator, TDSB); Sudershan Singh (Ward 20); Sharon Kerr (Ward 21)

**Recorder:** Linda Mendonca (Committee Assistant)

**Creative Services:** Erin Pallett

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1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions (Co-Chairs)</b> Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm. Members and visitors were welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.	
2.	<b>Approval of Quorum (Co-Chairs)</b> Quorum was achieved.	
3.	<b>Approval of Agenda (Co-Chairs)</b> ***MOTION***Virginia, seconded by Kate moved that the agenda be approved with the following amendments. 11	Recorder will amend the agenda to include new item.

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	in favour; no objections. Motion carried. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Move Item #14 (Membership) before the Co-Chair Report</li> <li>▪ Move Superintendent &amp; Trustee Updates after Co-Chair Report</li> </ul>	
4.	<b>Approval of Oct 16 Draft Minutes (Co-Chairs)</b> <b>***MOTION***</b> Amy, seconded by Laurie moved to approve the draft minutes with the following amendments.12 in favour. Motion carried. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Add motion re: impact of budget cuts at individual school levels by Virginia.</li> <li>▪ Add: Allan Schacht &amp; D. Williams to attendance.</li> </ul>	Recorder will amend the minutes and post them to the website.
5.	<b>PIAC Membership Working Group Update (Vivek R.)</b> Vivek circulated the PIAC Membership Working Group list. Members were asked to check the accuracy of their name, e-mail id, and phone # and to sign up for at least one working group.	Vivek will circulate the list via e-mail. Members to contact Jerako for more info on WG's
6.	<b>Co-Chair Report (Co-Chairs)</b>  <b>Deputation to Planning &amp; Priorities Committee – Budget Advisory Group</b> A deputation was made to the Board regarding the Participatory Budget Advisory Group. John T. reported that it provided an interesting exposure to the process.  <b>Reg 274 &amp; School Budget Cuts</b> At the October meeting, motions were approved to have Co-Chairs draft letters regarding Reg 274 & Impact of School Budget Cuts, and to circulate them to the committee for review.  <b>Active Transportation Charter Meeting</b> Jerako and Saida attended the Active Transportation Charter Meeting in October.  <b>MOE “Great to Excellent” Consultation</b> Co-Chairs attended the MOE “Great to Excellent” Consultation. The consultation did not allow for Co-Chairs to put forward concerns from PIAC. If anyone is interested in drafting letters regarding concerns from PIAC, they are asked to contact Rob Deruvis.  <b>Communication Working Group E-mails</b> Members were reminded to respond to e-mails if a response is requested by the Communications WG.  <b>Meeting Etiquette</b>	Co-Chairs will circulate the draft letters to the MOE to PIAC for review.  Jerako will circulate the draft Charter to PIAC.

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	<p>Members were reminded Robert’s Rules as the usual framework for how PIAC will conduct business.</p> <p><b>Presentations at PIAC</b> Members discussed the option of moving towards a separate night for presentations to PIAC. Some members expressed concerns about separate meetings due to availability and time required to attend separate meetings..</p> <p>***<b>MOTION</b>***Vivek, seconded by _____, moved to have a special evening sponsored by PIAC to have mostly presentations (i.e. Director Quan, Aboriginal Education, etc.) and that the list of speakers be sent to the Executive Committee to identify which presentations are to be held at PIAC meetings or on an information night. 16 in favour; 2 abstentions. Motion carried.</p> <p><b>PIAC Letter to Mayor Rob Ford</b> John T. presented a draft letter on behalf of PIAC to Mayor Rob Ford regarding concerns about the Mayor’s recent behaviour and requested approval to send the letter. After some discussion, members confirmed by consensus that it was not under PIAC’s purview to send the letter, and suggested that if individual schools, parents, and PIAC members had concerns, they should send the letters individually.</p> <p><b>E-mail Account (Info@TorontoPIAC.com)</b> Kate W. reported that 3 parents have contacted her to say that they are not getting responses from the info@torontopiac.com e-mail address, and asked to have the problem fixed.</p> <p><b>Working Group/CLG &amp; Co-Chair Report</b> ***<b>MOTION</b>***Virginia, seconded by Amy moved that starting with the next meeting, that each Ward Rep, CLG and Co-Chair wishing to report at the next PIAC meeting submit a written summary report to the PIAC Co-Chairs 5 business days prior to the next PIAC meeting for review, and that Co-Chairs send a reminder 5 days prior to the meeting to request reports. 13 in favour, 1 against. Motion carried.</p> <p>***<b>MOTION</b>***Amy, seconded by Virginia moved that PIAC meetings be scheduled for 3 hours, but to aim to finish in 2 hours with reasonably allocated times for agenda items. 9 in favour; 7 against. Motion carried.</p>	<p>John T. will follow up with the <a href="mailto:info@torontopiac.com">info@torontopiac.com</a> e-mail account.</p> <p>Ward Reps, CLG’S, and Co-Chairs will provide a written submission 5 days prior to the next PIAC meeting. Co-Chairs will send a reminder 5 days in advance to request reports. PIAC meetings will be scheduled for 3 hours.</p>
7.)	<p><b>Trustee Report (Chris G.)</b></p> <p><b>Years of Action 2013 – 2017</b> Members were encouraged to visit <a href="http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/DirectorofEducation/YearsofAction.aspx">http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/DirectorofEducation/YearsofAction.aspx</a> for Director Donna Quan’s 4-year strategic plan.</p>	N/A

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	<p><b>Community Budget Advisory Group</b> The name for the Participatory Budget Advisory Committee has changed its name to the Community Budget Advisory Committee. Meetings will be podcast across the city in January for anyone to tune in.</p> <p><b>Capital Budget</b> The Province has recommended that four (4) schools be severed and the community is pushing back to protect green space. Parents have the opportunity to voice concerns at a community meeting being organized by the Toronto Sports Council on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the North York Civic Centre.</p>	
8.)	<p><b>Superintendent's Report (Jim S.)</b></p> <p><b>Years of Action Plan</b> Director Quan rolled out the Years of Action Plan highlighting 5 areas of focus. Members were encouraged to visit the <a href="http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/DirectorofEducation/YearsofAction.aspx">http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/DirectorofEducation/YearsofAction.aspx</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>Aboriginal Education Month</b> November is Aboriginal Education Month. It's the fastest growing population within schools, and a subset of learners that need support. It was suggested that an Elder in Residence be invited to a PIAC meeting.</p> <p><b>CAC Review Process</b> The CAC Review recommendations moved through the Program School Services Committee (PSSC) to the Planning &amp; Priorities Committee (PNP) in January. Members can review the report and make delegations at the PNP meeting in January.</p> <p><b>Community Liaison Groups(CLG's)</b> The Toronto Bangladeshi Parents Association and the Scarborough Malvern Association have requested to become CLG's of the TDSB. One of those CLG's has been waiting 40 months for confirmation of their status. More info is required.</p> <p><b>FDK Construction Projects</b> Ninety (90) FDK Construction projects are to be completed by 2014.</p> <p><b>Holodamar</b> The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of November is recognized as the commemoration of Holodamar (Death by Hunger. Information</p>	<p>Invite Elder in Residence to a PIAC Meeting.</p> <p>Superintendent S. to provide info regarding how to become a CLG and partner of TDSB, and what the roles and responsibilities of CLG's are.</p>

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	regarding the commemoration is circulated via Direct Line, and distributed to each of the schools.	
9.	<b>PIAC Budget Update (Tina K.)</b> Tina K. requested that it be noted in the minutes that she requested budget info 3 previous occasions, and did not receive it till this morning. Therefore, there was no budget report today.	Deferred to next meeting.
10.	<b>Update on P/VP (Laurie G.)</b> Laurie G. asked members to review P/VP guidelines on the website for information on transfers and central leaves. There will be no parent training this year as there will be no promotions at the V-P position due to the size of the pool.	Members to review P/VP Guidelines on the website for more information.
11.	<b>Special Education Forum (Laurie G./Dagmar G.)</b> Laurie G. thanked PIAC & SEAC members, TDSB staff, Trustees and Director Quan for their participation and support during the Special Education conference. Childminding received great praise. 80 evaluation forms were received, and suggestions for next year's conference. PIAC would like to do the conference again next year and continue their partnership with SEAC.  <b>***MOTION***</b> Ricardo, seconded by Laurie moved to seek PIAC permission to have the SEAC/PIAC Working Group look at the costing of the Special Education Conference. 12 in favour;1 opposed; 1 abstention. Motion carried.	
12.	<b>PCEO Update (Michelle M.)</b>  <b>School Council E-mails &amp; Training</b> A report is being generated by IT as to who has accessed and set up their Ward Council e-mails and will be shared as it becomes available. PCEO office is meeting with IT Training staff to get on-line supports and training for chairs to activate and use their accounts; particularly around the 2-step login process  <b>Improving Student Success in Mathematics</b> Chris Usih, Executive Superintendent, Student Success, Learning will attend the next PIAC meeting to talk about Trustee Goodman's motion on improving Student Success in Mathematics. A consultation will be held on November 29 <sup>th</sup> . Sharon K. is interested in attending the consultation.	PCEO office will provide School Council E-mails and Training info as it becomes available.  Chris Usih will present at the next PIAC meeting.
13.	<b>CLG &amp; Ward Update</b>  <b>Somali Parent Liaison Coalition(SPLC)</b> Saida S. put forward the following motion:  <b>***MOTION***</b> Saida moved that every PIAC representative and alternative member bring back to the outreach group	Co-Chairs will connect with PCEO office to get list of Ward Co-Chairs, and Chair contact info.

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	the list of WARD chair and co-chair contact info including phone #'s and e-mail address to outreach PIAC. 3 in favours; 6 against; 7 abstentions. Motion defeated.	
14.	<p><b>Outreach (Saida S./Mirian T.)</b></p> <p><b>School Council Appreciation Dinner Planning</b> The School Council Appreciation Event planning has started. All are welcome to participate on this committee. The event will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm. The speaker is to be confirmed.</p> <p><b>SC411 Training</b> The first SC411 Training was held on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Outreach is working on a deputation to request that the Director to put in place a mandate to have poster in every school.</p> <p><b>Conflict Resolution Workshop</b> All are welcome to attend the Conflict Resolution workshop.</p>	<p>The draft of the poster is available and will be circulated for feedback.</p> <p>Jerako offering Conflict Resolution workshop to all members</p>
15.	<b>Communications (D.W./Devon F.)</b>	Deferred to next meeting.
16.	<p><b>By-Laws Working Group Meeting (Ricardo F.)</b> . The next meeting is scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. All are welcome.</p>	Ricardo will send information regarding the next meeting.
17.	<p><b>Adjournment (Co-Chairs)</b> ***<b>MOTION</b>***to adjourn the meeting at 10:24pm was approved by consensus. Motion carried.</p>	