

To: Members of PIAC  
Date/Time: Thursday, May 14, 2015, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm (6:30 dinner, Cm. Rm. C);  
Location: Boardroom, 5050 Yonge Street, 1st Floor  
Committee Co-Chairs: D. Williams, Sude Singh and Trustee Michael Ford

Present: D. Williams (Co-Chair); Sudershan Singh (Co-Chair); Ali Mohamed (W1); Tina Chan Kim (W3); Michelle Minott (W4); Devon Forbes (W5); Stephen Thiele (W6); Mirian Turcios (W6 Alt); Jess Hungate (W8); Darlene Giroux (W10 Alt); Rania Saleh (W11); Eva Rosentock (W12); Wilmar Kortleever (W13); Julie Dasoo (W13 Alt); Sarah Johnson (W15); Kate Wallis (W16); Susan Morgan (W15); Trixie Doyle (W17); Sharon Kerr (W21); Saida Sabrie (Somali Parents Liaison Coalition CLG); Towhid Noman (Toronto Bangladeshi CLG); Alex Levato (W6); Eva Rosenstock (W12); Aretha Phillip (W17 alt); Bola Otaraki (W20)

Teleconference: Sophia Ruddock (W9); Ceyrina Craig (W7); Steve Chatzibasile (W18)

Guests: Barbara Hall, Tom Chen

Regrets: Vivek Rao (W1); Ipek Kabatas-Wellington (W10);

Staff: Jim Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent, Equity and Inclusive Schools); Michelle Munroe (Central Coordinator, Parent & Community Engagement Office (PCEO))

Recorder: Michelle Munroe (Co-ordinator)

## MINUTES

#	Item	Lead	Motion / Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order at 7:15pm</li> <li>Introduction of members done.</li> </ul>	
2.	Approval of Quorum	Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quorum was achieved.</li> </ul>	
3.	Declaration of Actual, Perceived, or Potential Conflict of Interest	Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None declared</li> </ul>	
4.	Approval of Agenda	Co-Chairs <u>Add items:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barbara Hall, Chair TDSB Governance Consultation</li> <li>Kate Wallis to update on Whistleblower Policy Consultation</li> <li>LOI consultation update from Sophia</li> <li>Other Business: Ward update from Sharon Kerr W21</li> <li>STEM conference invitation from Michelle Minnott</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss HPE update to WG</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><u>Replace</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kate Wallis with Cochairs for Item 7.</li> </ul> <p><u>Remove</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• update from Communication WG</li> </ul> <p><u>Motion to approve agenda as amended:</u> Stephen Thiele; Seconded Kate Wallis. 15 favour; opposed 0; abstentions 0; Motion carried.</p>	
5.	Approval of Minutes April 16, 2015	<p>Co-Chairs</p> <p>Minutes of April 16 2015 included the Ward 19 Representative. The issue of membership was raised and clarification sought around the Ward 19 representative. Members were advised that PIAC was informed by the Trustee that James R. is not the Ward 19 PIAC representative and that the Trustee will inform PIAC once the vacancy is filled.</p> <p>Sharon K. raised concerns around the membership process and requested that the Ward 21 Update be discussed in-camera following Item 6 (Fix our schools) as there are PIAC members who are misrepresenting PIAC in Ward 21. It was also requested that a community member from W21 be granted the opportunity to speak to the issue.</p> <p>It was clarified that visitor who wish to address PIAC must do so through the Ward representative. The request was deemed out of order as the agenda had been approved and it was recommended by the co-chairs and Trustee that the matter be handled in a subcommittee.</p> <p><u>Motion to do in-camera session</u> after Item 6 for 10 minutes: Sharon K. Seconded Stephen Thiele; Favour 10; oppose 3, abstain 1; Motion carried.</p> <p><u>Motion to approve minutes as amended:</u> Kate W.; Seconded Michelle M. Favour 11; opposed 0: abstain 3; Motion carried.</p>	
6.	Fix Our School Krista Wylie, Chair	<p>Krista Wylie is a parent in W7 advocating with a group of parents to bring awareness of the terrible shape of schools and advocating that the government fix the infrastructure of schools.</p> <p>Issues have been brought to City of Toronto and Province of Ontario. Fix our Schools encourages PIAC to take some action (e.g. letter to Ministry/Board).</p> <p>Sharon K. suggested Fix Our School make a connection with Carla Kisko, TDSB and the Toronto Lands Corporation.</p>	
7.	W21 update	<p>In-camera session</p> <p>See in-camera notes.</p>	
8.	Co-Chairs Report	<p><u>Sude</u></p> <p>PIC conference report is ready. It will be electronically distributed to all PIAC members.</p> <p><u>D.Williams</u></p> <p>Barbara Hall, Chair of TDSB Governance Panel will come in at 9 pm to speak to the Governance consultation process.</p>	

9.	PIC Symposium Report	Report is ready and will be circulated.	Co-chairs will circulate electronically
10.	Trustee Report	<p><u>Trustee Gough</u>  Highlights of the 13 05 15 Board meeting entailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A celebration of Asian Heritage Month and Jewish Heritage Month was done during the meeting.</li> <li>• TDSB is hiring an Integrity Commissioner</li> <li>• Trustee Vacancy W19 – Trustee Smith did not get his financial papers on time; he may be on track for re-instatement as Trustee.</li> <li>• As PSSC Chair, Trustee Gough visited PIAC to understand its reporting to PSSC; Concussion Procedure recommendation from PIAC was approved at PSSC;</li> <li>• Board of Health made a motion to produce a joint strategy for student health in all school boards; and encourage a healthy commuting plan for the students;</li> <li>• Communication plan for HPE is being done.</li> <li>• Motion was approved to begin all Board meetings with acknowledgement of the FNMI lands that they are on.</li> <li>• Motion on de-streaming of Grade 9 was approved</li> <li>• Full recycling bins will be in place in schools.</li> <li>• Staff is being updated that WR is having a low impact to student learning. More of the details can be found on-line Board minutes.</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where to get information on de-streaming of Gr. 9; HPE curriculum; funding of arts?  A: Information on de-streaming will come out as a report from staff;  B: Information on Arts Funding is from minutes of May 6 P&amp;P meeting;  C: Communication of HPE will be given as a report from staff</li>   <li>2. Is the HPE curriculum connected to HPE in elementary schools?  A: The sex ed. curriculum is found within the HPE curriculum, but it was a motion for the communication of the HPE curriculum in a good way.</li> </ol>	
11.	Executive Superintendent Report	<p>Executive Superintendent Jim Spyropoulos  <u>De-streaming of Gr.9</u>  De-streaming will come in October 2015  <u>Super Parent Conference 2015/2016</u>  In light of the many conferences that have happened in the past year, staff is seeking input from PIAC around the feasibility of planning one/two collaborative super parent conference, where all stakeholders with pool resources and organize collectively.  <u>PIAC Staff Support</u>  Co-chairs have raised the concerns around inadequate staffing for PIAC. Regarding. Thus, the Director has asked staff to prepare a report on how PIAC will receive additional support in September 2015.  <u>Ryan's Law</u>  The Ministry has passed law that students must carry asthma puffer with them. Ryan's Law requires the Board to outline procedures around students managing their own health.  <u>SEAC Citizenship Membership Requirement</u>  SEAC membership criteria require that members of SEAC be Canadian citizens. Parents have expressed concerns around the criteria and seeks PIAC/SEACs support in getting this criteria changed.</p> <p>Q&amp;A:  Q1: Parents would like insight on the teacher PD for the HPE curriculum; no</p>	

		<p>answers given. In light of Work to Rule, teachers are not doing Ministry initiatives; Do teachers need to do PD? If teachers do not do PD, then PIAC should ask TDSB to put HPE on hold.</p> <p>A: Work to Rule should not impact PD; but HPE curriculum is the ministry initiative; conversations are happening often to address issues of exemption, issues of principals making accommodations, issues of training outline.</p> <p>Q2: What is the religious accommodation provided to parents who do not want this?</p> <p>A: Request from parents should be done in writing; and the TDSB will do its best to make accommodation; however currently TDSB does not make exemptions. The ministry still has to give guidelines on exemptions.</p> <p>Q3: New immigrants becoming students in an ESL class are placed in lower grades and will affect the PD of HPE curriculum.</p> <p>A: The de-streaming motion is not connected to Special Education, but it relates to reducing the pathways of Grade 8 as they transition to grade 9.</p> <p>Q4: W18 representative questioned whether the Executive Superintendent will be reprimanding the Central Co-ordinator for not providing requested information to a PIAC member.</p> <p>A: An apology was relayed to the member for not receiving the information; however PIAC is not the forum for staffing/personnel issues.</p> <p>Co-chair D.Williams suggested PIAC strike a WG for SEAC membership criteria.</p>	<p>Jim Spyropoulos to invite staff to do a HPE PD presentation</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Governance Panel Consultation</p>	<p>Barbara Hall</p> <p>The Governance panel is a 7-person panel to consult with people in Toronto related to issues of governance within TDSB. Issues range from culture, fear and bullying to poor relationships between staff and trustees. The panel will report to the Minister of Education by the end of June 2015. The panel is reviewing models of governance within Toronto and widely within Canada</p> <p>The website set up for the review is <a href="http://consultationsontdsb.ca/consultations-on-tdsb">http://consultationsontdsb.ca/consultations-on-tdsb</a> and has a listing of public meetings. The Community Advisory Committee members are encouraged to participate.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>PCEO Update</p>	<p>Michelle Munroe</p> <p>PIC Membership List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members have received the list. Please review and provide updates to John Manalo.</li> <li>• Tina C requested a reversal of the representative and the alternate for W3.</li> </ul> <p>Response to W18 Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W18 reps question to the Executive Superintendent was followed up with the PCEO presentation that was shared with PIAC at the February meeting. Copies of the PCEO presentation will be embedded in minutes.</li> </ul> <p>PIAC Annual Planning Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A date needs to be confirmed for the session and planning needs to commence ASAP.</li> </ul> <p>School Council Workshop Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directors Years of Action 2013-2017 called for 100% of School Councils being aware of how to access Parent Reaching Out and other grants to support their initiatives; and training on school</li> </ul>	 <p>PCEO Presentatio</p>

		<p>policies and procedures, budgets and School Improvement Planning. PCEO delivered school council workshops across all Family of Schools. Numbers were low at a number of locations and well attended in others. Review to be done for next year to support School Councils (SC).</p> <p>Ministry's Ombudsman Office  Legislation was passed that will allow the Ombudsman to investigate complaints in education. PIAC may want to explore inviting a representative from the office of Ombudsman to do a presentation.</p> <p>Q&amp;A  Q1: Can membership list include the terms of Reps and e-mail address and circulated to PIAC members internally.  A: yes</p> <p>Q2: Is SC411, Model schools and PCEO not supporting school councils? Can PCEO come to talk to different parent groups to clarify the support for SC? Is it possible to coordinate school council workshops across the Board to avoid these multiple sessions?  A: Yes. We will review how sessions are delivered and strategies for communicating to various school councils, through Model Schools, FOS, SC, parent groups.</p> <p>Q3: Bylaws for W6 School councils are needed. SC does not know that PIAC exists and support is available.  A: Yes PCEO will help.</p> <p>Q4: It is suggested that a CAC communal calendar be set up to allow for collaboration.  A: It is in the works to have all CAC co-chairs have access to an AW site that will enable communal calendars and other connections.</p>	
14.	<p>Working Group Updates  PRO Grant</p> <p>Curriculum &amp; Library</p> <p>LOI</p>	<p>PIAC PRO Grant (D. Williams)  The draft application will be circulated. Feedback is welcomed.</p> <p><u>Motion to PIAC to write a PRO grant for 2015-2016</u>  Favour 11; oppose 0; abstain 1; All in favour, motion carried.</p> <p>Whistleblower Policy consultation (Kate Wallis)  A Whistleblower Policy encourages individuals to raise concerns of alleged wrongdoing in good faith, with protection from reprisal or threat of reprisal. It is searchable on-line. Comments are welcomed.  Saida asked "Why is PIAC applying for the PRO grant?"</p> <p>Curriculum &amp; Library (Saida)  - Curriculum &amp; Library report is given and encourages members to give feedback.  -Culture and Sensitivity is being encouraged for next year.</p> <p>LOI (Sophia)  The LOI presentation was given by Robert Brown. It is used to determine resource allocation (staff, services etc.) for schools that are at ranked</p>	

		<p>lowest on the LOI. LOI requires a review every five years and there were no changes Proposed. Feedback is welcomed. Decision will be determined in June 2015.</p> <p>Motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes; Ali Seconded Manna. Favour 12: opposed 0,; abstain 1; Motion carried</p>	
15.	Adjournment	<p>Co-Chairs PIAC annual planning meeting on Sunday, June 14, 2015 due to Ramadan. Staff to look for space at Novotel.</p> <p>STEM Michelle Minott invited members to STEM conference Saturday June 6, 2015 at Richview Cl.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 10:15pm.</p>	PCEO to follow-up on venue and planning details.