



Statutory Committee

Name of Committee: Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 15, January 2019

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee convened on 15 January 2019 from 7: 10p.m. to 9:52 p.m. in the Board Room at 5050 Yonge Street, with PIAC Co-chairs Zena Shereck & D.Williams (interim)

Attendance: John Bakous (W8 Alt EP), Lia Christensen (W4 Alt), Rachel Chernos Lin (Trustee), Erin Goto (W1Alt EP), Sharon Grant (W4 Rep EP), Dean Gray (W6 Alt EP) Loen Hansford (W7 Rep EP), Jess Hungate (W8 Rep), Felicia Lau (W3 Rep), Kate Leuschen Millar (W15Alt), Christopher Levien (W20 Rep), Aretha Phillip (W17 Rep), Nazerah Shaikh (W13 Rep), Haniya Sheikh (W12 Rep EP), Zena Shereck (PIAC Co-Chair); Mirian Turcios (W6 Rep EP), D. Williams (W10 Rep)

Staff Roula Anastasakos (TDSB Executive Superintendent), John Chasty (Superintendent of Education LN 29), Latha John (Committee Assistant); Michelle Munroe (Central Coordinator, PCEO), Colleen Russell Rawlins (Associate Director) Maria Yau (Coordinator Research)

Guests Michelle Aarts(Trustee); Trixie Doyle (Trustee), Andrew (Parent)

Regrets: Catherine Ford (W9 Alt), Shafoli Kapur (W2 Alt), Ali Mohamed (W1 Rep) Vivek Rao (W2 Rep), Eva Rosenstock (W12 Alt), Saira Soimaini (W3 Alt); Jennifer Sparks (W22 rep)

Absent: Hafsa Esmail (W13 Alt), Echo Han (W20 Alt), Jason Irving (W18 Rep), Arif Karedia (W17 Alt), Cori MacFarlane (W15 Rep), Kabirul Mollah (W21 Rep);

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Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands 	Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declarations of Membership • Code of Conduct • Identification for an interim Co-Chair 	<p>was done by Chair Shereck.</p> <p>Introductions was done</p> <p>The committee was reminded of the code of conduct as per PIAC meeting guidelines.</p> <p>D.Williams was appointed as interim Co-Chair for the meeting.</p>	
<p>Declaration of Actual, Perceived, or Potential Conflict of interest</p>	<p>None Declared</p>	
<p>Approval of Quorum</p>	<p>Quorum was achieved</p>	
<p>Approval of Agenda</p>	<p>Motion for approval of the agenda by Chris L. 2nd by Nazerah S.</p> <p>Agenda approved with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff report to follow staff census presentation • Co-Chair elections added to the agenda <p>In favour: 9 Abstain: 1 Against: 0</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes December 18, 2018</p>	<p>Motion for approval of the minutes by Aretha P. 2nd by Kate LM. All in favour.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
<p>Co-Chair Update</p>	<p>Co-Chair provided a written report and highlighted the following:</p> <p>School Calendar Committee</p>	

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	<p>The Board’s School Calendar committee has requested two PIAC representatives. PIAC members who are interested should email the PIAC Co-chair or Committee Assistant.</p> <p>School Council Appreciation dinner PIAC members were reminded that all members are required to attend.</p> <p>Parents as Partners Conference Conference is on March 30, 2019. PIAC workshops are being co-ordinated by PCEO.</p> <p>Dress code policy PIAC Members Leon H and Kate LM will be representing PIAC at the consultation.</p>	
Parent Census	<p>Staff presentation is attached.</p> <p>Discussion What is the expectation of parent involvement in the development of School Improvement Plan (SIP) and the follow up? <i>Parent involvement differs from school to school. Staff is working on process for schools to engage parents into the SIP.</i></p> <p>Can parent access to the data on the SIP approval process? <i>Data on SIP is available and can be shared with school councils.</i></p> <p>How is accountability of SIP process managed at the Board? <i>Accountability is managed by looking at the data and identifying measurable goals. Principals and superintendents are to work collaboratively with councils.</i></p> <p>Principal has internal access to vast</p>	

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	<p>historical data such as student attendance, report card data, and other surveys such as climate surveys. The data that is public is EQAO.</p> <p>How are discrepancies in the data and anecdotal data managed? <i>Superintendents will be able to identify and question the discrepancies in the data.</i></p>	
<p>Staff Report</p>	<p>MOE Board Cuts Staff is waiting for more information from the government on the potential cuts and impacts. A report will be submitted to Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee (FBEC).</p> <p>Parent Concerns Data Staff to follow up on PIAC's request for data as collected by Board's Shared Services.</p> <p>Mark inflation Staff followed up with schools directly. The Board's research team looked at grade assessment patterns across the system and has found a gradual increase in grades but no significant concerns. Staff also looked at private school credits that were being applied to boost grades and the findings didn't show any significant grade increases. Parent concerns on grade assessments should be raised at the local school with the principal and superintendents.</p> <p>Discussion Are IB students given extra percentage</p>	

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	<p>as the course content is much more difficult when compared to the academic program?</p> <p><i>Staff looked at all programs and has found no evidence.</i></p> <p>What time frame was looked at by staff for grade inflation? <i>Staff looked at cohort of students starting from the year 2000.</i></p>	
Co-Chair Elections	<p>The committee re-visited the discussion of Co-chair elections approved for February 2019 at the last meeting and proposed it be held in March instead of February.</p>	<p>Motion by Jess H seconded by Nazerah S to extend PIAC Co-Chair election date to the March meeting. In Favor 8; Abstain:2 Against :1 Motion carried</p>
<p>Working Group (WG) Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership 	<p>The working group provided a written report. The working group looked at the existing membership that was affected by the ward boundary change and brought forth the following motion.</p> <p>Discussion Staff requested clarity on category D because the motion does not align with the recommendation made to Board in the November PIAC meeting.</p> <p>PIAC clarified that it is not making a recommendation to the Board. PIAC members who are in category D as outlined in Membership WG report are members whose terms are not up. PIAC committee can self-determine the status of PIAC members who are identified in category D.</p>	<p>(i) Motion by Jess H, 2nd by Chris L</p> <p>To delegate the following PIAC members whose terms have not expired, but are no longer eligible to represent the new ward, to the following wards, based on member eligibility and familiarity with schools in the ward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nazerah Shaikh (previous Ward 13 Representative, term ending March 2020) as Ward 14 Representative (Trustee Trixie Doyle). • Hafsa Esmail (previous Ward 13 Alternate, term ending March 2020) as Ward 11 Alternate (Trustee Rachel

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	<p>Staff Response</p> <p>Associate Director responded that the Board will work collaboratively with PIAC, respecting PIAC's By-laws and election procedures and eligibility. With respect to the question of who makes the final determination [about eligibility of representatives or alternates under the new ward boundaries], the Board is the corporate entity which holds responsibility for this decision. In case of any legal or Human Rights challenges to decisions made at committee level it is the Board that is required to respond because PIAC is a voluntary organization and cannot respond.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recommendation was to clarify to Trustees on the allocation of members who are eligible to sit in the wards as they know the schools in the wards and continue the rest of their terms. • PIAC has directives from the province and disagrees that the Board has authority to override PIAC decisions. • PIAC clarified that the motions from November meeting was for the committee and were not recommendations to the Board. • PIAC Co-Chair Shereck to speak at the Program and School Services Committee (PSSC) to clarify. 	<p>Chernos Lin). In favor:6 Abstain:4 Motion carried</p> <p>(ii) Motion by Nazerah S, 2nd by Jess H As per PIAC By-Laws meeting attendance Section 4.9.4</p> <p>To declare the following vacancies, due to absences, effective immediately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward 13 Alt Arif Karedia (term ends Oct 2019) has missed three consecutive meetings • Ward 18 Rep Jason Irving (term ends May 2019) has missed four consecutive meetings <p>In favor: 9 Abstain: 0 Against :1 Motion Carried</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget 	<p>The budget summary was presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIAC conference budget was under budget. 	<p>(1) Motions by Aretha, 2nd by Jess to increase budget for the SCA event to \$14,045.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PIAC has received the Parent Reaching Out Grant (PROG) of \$8000. The working groups and budget WG lead to bring forth budget allotments from the funds that are available at the next meeting. 	All in favor. Motion carried
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council Appreciation Event Report 	The Working group lead Felicia Lau reminded all members that they are required to attend and support the event on February 21 st 2019.	
Trustee Report- Trustee Chernos Lin	<p>Trustee Chernos Lin reminded the committee of the following Board consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrictions on Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Use Policy Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Home Instruction Policy Student Dress Code Policy <p>PIAC POST PIAC newsletter was appreciated and suggested a shareable link of the PIAC newsletter that Trustees can share.</p> <p>PIAC members affected by the ward boundary hange The members continued the conversation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee would like the Board to recognise the work of PIAC and PIAC decisions on vacancies. The PIAC members who are affected with the ward boundary have made great contribution to PIAC. 	<p>Motion By Jess H 2nd by Nazerah S to extend the discussion on PIAC Vacancies for fifteen minutes.</p> <p>In favor: 9 Against: 1 Abstain: 0</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
PCEO Update	A written report provided to the committee PRO Grant	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDSB had received \$369,901 for 374 schools. • Budget has been uploaded to the schools • PRO School Council cost centre and the General Ledger is 41500, School Council Supplies • Spending deadline for schools is June 30, 2019 • Reporting deadline for schools is July 15, 2019 • Schools are required to send a copy of their final report to the school board via pceo@tdsb.on.ca. • MOE requires unspent funds be returned to the Province 	
Ward update	None.	
New Business	<p>Request to staff to present on EQAO communications sent to parents.</p> <p>Nomination Committee for Co-Chair election in March.</p>	<p>Motion by Dean G 2nd by Kate LM to strike a nomination committee. In favor:7, Abstain:1, Against:1 Motion carried.</p> <p>Action: Nazerah to send the link for nomination committee to all members.</p>
Next Meeting Date	Tuesday, February 19, 2019	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn at 9:52pm by Jess J, 2 nd by Aretha P.	