



**Name of Committee:** Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** December 17, 2019

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee convened on December 17 2019 from 7:10 p.m. to 9:01 p.m. in the Board Room at 5050 Yonge Street, with PIAC Co-chairs Zena Shereck & D.Williams

**Attendance:** Jessica Ruiz (EP W1 Rep), Faduma Qalinle (EP Ward 1 Alt), Vivek Rao (EPW2 Rep), Shafoli Kapur (EP W2 Alt), Felicia Lau (W3 Rep), Sharon Grant (W4 Rep), Jess Hungate(W5 Rep). Mirian Turcios (W6 Rep), Alice Romo( W7 Rep), Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8 Rep), Sylvester Witter (EP W10 Rep); Wilmar Kortleever(W11 Rep); Aretha Phillip (W13 Rep), Nazerah Shaikh (W14 Rep) Jenny Gannon (W14 Alt), Sharleen Ahmed (EP W15 Rep) Kate Leuschen Millar (W16 Rep),Rebecaa Quach (W16 Alt), Pargat Mudher (W17 Rep), Mark Ramcharan (EP W18 Alt), Chris Levien(EP Ward 20 Rep), Zuojun Han(EP W 20 Alt), Zena Shereck (PIAC Co-Chair); D.Williams (PIAC Co-Chair), Andrew Waters (Parent) Trustee Rachel Chernos

**Staff:** Latha John (Committee Assistant);Michelle Munroe (Central Coordinator, PCEO), Erin Pallett (Media Staff), Associate Director Colleen Russell-Rawlins Trustee

**Regrets:** Jaimala (EP W5 Alt), Eva Rosenstock (W12 Alt); Haniya Sheikh (W12 Rep), Neil Faba(W15 Alt); Seema Mitchell (EP W18 Rep), Glenna Wellington (W17 Alt),

**Absent:** Saira Somani (EP W3 alt), Patricia Seeidal (Ward 4 Alt), Kathleen Hyatt(W7 Alt), John Bakos ( EP W8 Alt), Syed Sumar Alam (Ward 13 Alt), Dean Gray (W6 Alt), Kabirul Mollah (W21 Rep),

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Welcome & Introductions Approval of Quorum  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands</li> <li>• Declarations of Membership</li> <li>• Code of Conduct</li> </ul>	Quorum was achieved.  Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands was done by Chair Williams.  The committee was reminded of the code of conduct at meetings.		
Declaration of Actual, Perceived, or Potential Conflict of interest	Wilmar K Ward 11 Rep and Jessica R Ward 1 Rep are TDSB Staff		

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Approval of Agenda		<p>Motion for approval of the agenda by Kate LM 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shafoli K</p> <p>All in favour, motion carried.</p>	
Approval of Minutes November 19, 2019		<p>Motion to approve the November 19 minutes by Felicia S , 2nd by Nazerah S</p> <p>All in favour. Minutes are approved.</p>	
PIAC Co-Chair Election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Felicia S nominated D. Williams and was seconded by Wilmar K.</li> <li>• The nomination was accepted by D. Williams.</li> <li>• D. Williams was acclaimed as the Co-Chair for the two year term 2019 – 2021.</li> </ul>		
PIAC Co-Chair Update	<p>The following were highlighted Parents as Partners conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presenters from the November PIAC's event were reached out to present at the conference.</li> </ul> <p>PIAC working Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As per PIAC guidelines all PIAC members are required to sign up for the working groups.</li> </ul>		
Working Group (WG) Reports			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership WG</li> </ul>	<p><b>Attendance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that the attendance of PIAC members at PIAC meetings have improved.</li> </ul>		

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	<p>The following new members were welcomed from Ward 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alice Romo</li> <li>• Kathleen Hyatt</li> </ul> <p>Mentoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A call out to PIAC members for mentoring new PIAC members to contact Membership WG leads or the new members directly.</li> </ul> <p>Working Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All PIAC members have to sign up for at least one working group</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget</li> </ul>	<p>The budget summary was presented.</p> <p>The committee discussed PIAC 2019-2020 budget and the following were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A facilitator for the PIAC's annual planning meeting.</li> <li>• PIAC contribution to the Parents as Partners Conference.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents as partner's conferences were done in collaboration between the Board and advisory committees.</li> <li>• It was initially initiated by the grants from PIAC, SEAC and other committees of the Board.</li> </ul>	<p>Motion by Aretha P to approve the budget summary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nazerah S</p> <p>In favour: 16</p> <p>Abstain: 1 Apposed: 0</p> <p>Budget passes, motion carried.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation WG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The WG had an initial meeting.</li> <li>• PIAC members who are interested to join the WG are welcome.</li> <li>• The WG is seeking a co-lead.</li> <li>• Upcoming policy for review will be the Parent and Community Involvement.</li> </ul>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication WG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The WG had an initial meeting.</li> <li>A call out to all PIAC members to sign up for the communications and Outreach WG.</li> <li>The goals of the communications and outreach working group were discussed.</li> <li>The WG appreciated the work of community member Nicole Herbert.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current list of school with school councils to be sent out to PIAC.</li> <li>The list will be consistently updated by the PCEO and the revised list to be provided in February.</li> <li>Principals are the lead staff responsible for school councils and report to Superintendents</li> <li>PIAC members who would like to support school councils to contact the PCEO prior to contacting schools in their wards.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event WG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The WG lead reported on the event wrap up ad feedback forms received from participants.</li> <li>The event expenses were within the allotted budget.</li> <li>PIAC members need to be more involved and supportive of the parents in their wards at events organised by the committee.</li> <li>The event focussed on school council which is core of PIAC's work and mandate was appreciated by participants.</li> <li>Lot of good feedback were received especially from parents who are new to school councils.</li> </ul>		

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Trustee Report- Trustee Chernos Lin	<p>Bussing for French immersion and gifted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bussing for 2020- 2021 is status quo; there will be bussing for French immersion and gifted.</li> </ul> <p>The Board wrote the following letters to the Ministry of Education</p> <p>PRO GRANT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requesting to restore original funding level and for the grant allocation model be reinstated for next year.</li> </ul> <p>E-LEARNING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the concerns about mandatory e-learning.</li> <li>• The board to provide feedback from students and communities to the ministry.</li> </ul> <p>Vaping and e-cigarettes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The board wrote to Health Canada on the concerns about vaping and e-cigarettes</li> </ul> <p>Long Term Program and Accommodation Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A ten-year plan for the board updated every year.</li> <li>• PIAC members can take look at the planning at their ward level for the next ten years.</li> <li>• The LTPAS link will be forwarded to PIAC membership</li> </ul> <p>New Indigenous Student trustee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity M. Smoke is the new Indigenous Student Trustee</li> </ul> <p>Photo Radar – ASE – Automated Speed Enforcement cameras.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two cameras per ward in school zones.</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The cameras will be moved every 3 or 6 months throughout the ward. Staff to work with principals and trustees in deciding the hotspot areas for the cameras</li> </ul>		
<p>Director of Education Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Procedure for the Exemption of Students from Instruction in Human Development and Sexual Health</li> </ul> <p>Update on job action</p>	<p>Staff presented to the committee the new procedure and the following discussion was held</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families who wish that their child be exempted from specific instruction will be exempted from the whole 12 strands of the curriculum.</li> <li>No academic penalty for the students exempting from the curriculum.</li> <li>The curriculum is not available online.</li> <li>The Board is working on developing resources for the teachers to teach.</li> <li>The resources on curriculum expectations are available with the communications that is sent home and on the Ministry of Education website.</li> </ul> <p>Job Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TDSB website has the updates on all labour negotiations.</li> <li>Elementary teacher's federation have announced the phase two on work to rule protocol.</li> <li>School Principals will be distributing all the communications to students for parents.</li> <li>Messaging is also done via electronically to parents.</li> </ul> <p>Smoking and vaping protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smoking and vaping in schools are prohibited</li> <li>The procedures around smoking and vaping will be</li> </ul>		

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	<p>addressed by the school Principals /Vice principals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information sessions from public health will be provided to students.</li> </ul> <p>Cash online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business services staff will work with Principals to provide resources for parents.</li> </ul>		
PCEO	<p>PRO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The recommendation was approved by the Board.</li> <li>\$103,405.35 will be utilized to support local school initiative and activities to engage families, building capacity of school councils, mental health and wellbeing of students and families.</li> </ul> <p>School council webinar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial information webinars are available</li> </ul> <p>PO23 Policy Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The review of parent community engagement policy.</li> <li>Staff looking to work with PIAC on the review to co-host online conversations.</li> <li>Staff looking to engage families and for Trustees to co facilitate at the ward level.</li> </ul>		
Ward update	<p>Ward 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election was held and Sharon Grant was re-elected as PIAC rep.</li> <li>Ward 4 forum held by Trustee Christopher Mammoliti called PEN( Parent Engagement Night) was well attended by parents</li> <li>All ward 4 school Principals and Vice Principals were emailed regarding PEN meetings.</li> <li>Fire Services in the community held a joint forum with catholic school board.</li> </ul> <p>Ward 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent involvement activities Trustees have coffee morning</li> </ul>		

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	<p>meetings in the ward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 14 is the deadline for the Prime minister's award for excellence in education.</li> </ul> <p>Ward 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 28- Agincourt concert for student</li> </ul> <p>Ward7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents have raised concerns about IB fees hike.</li> <li>• Request to staff for an update on the fee hike.</li> </ul> <p>All ward event information to be sent to info@Torontopiac.com to posted on PIAC calendar.</p>		
New Business			
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn at 9:01 pm by Jess H, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aretha P. All in favor, motion passed.</p>		