



Name of Committee: Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: May 18, 2021

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee convened on May 18, 2021 from 7: 00 p.m. to 10:08p.m. via Zoom with PIAC Co-chairs D.Williams & Felicia Lau

Attendance: Sharon Grant (W4 Rep), Patricia Seedial (W4 Alt), Jess Hungate(W5 Rep), Jaimala(W5 Alt), Alice Romo (W7 Rep), Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8 Rep), John Bakous (W8 Alt), Andrew Waters (W9 Rep), Cecile Farnum (W9 Alt), Denese Gascho (W10 Rep), Wilmar Kortleeve(W11 Rep), Janice Barnett(W11 Alt), Susan Lee (W12 Rep), Albert Wong(W12 Alt), Aretha Phillip (W13 Rep), Jenny Gannon (W14 Rep), Nazerah Shaikh (W14 Alt), Sharleen Ahmed (W15 Rep), Kate Leuschen Millar (W16 Rep), Madelaine Hamilton (W16 Alt) Glenna Wellington (W17 Alt), Seema Mitchell(W18 Rep), Mark Ramcharan (W18 Alt), Abdullah Mamun (W19 Rep),Shanti Chand (W19 Alt),Chris Levien(Ward 20 Rep), Zuojun Han(W 20 Alt), Azeem Mohammed (W 21 Rep), Anees Munshi (W 21 Alt), Nicole Marshall (W22 Rep), Nadia Judunath(W22 Alt), Towhid Noman(CLG), D.Williams (PIAC Co-Chair), Felicia (PIAC Co-Chair) Trustee Trixie Doyle,

Nicole Herbert (Community Member), Zena Shereck(Community Member)

Guests System Superintendent Ian Allison, Executive Shirley Chan, Associate Director Curtis Ennis,
Staff: Michelle Munroe (Central Coordinator, PCEO), Exec Superintendent Uton Robinson

Regrets: Mirian Turcios (W6 Rep),

Absent: Vivek Rao (W2 Alt), Sarira Somani (W3 Alt), Dean Gray (W6 Alt), Charlotte Schwartz (W10 Alt), Syed Sumar Alam(W13 Alt), Neil Faba (W15 Alt)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	MOTION	RECOMMENDATION
Welcome & Introduction Approval of Quorum Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands	Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands was done by Chair Williams. The committee was reminded of the code of conduct at meetings.		

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Declarations of Membership Code of Conduct		Quorum was achieved.	
Declarations of Membership			
Declaration of Actual, Perceived, or Potential Conflict of interest			
Approval of Consent Agenda (Agenda and Apr 20 Minutes)		Motion to approve of the agenda by Kate, 2nd by Janice All in Favour. Motion carried	
Co-Chairs Update	<p>A written report was distributed to the committee and the following were highlighted:</p> <p>PSSC PIAC Chairs attended PSSC on May 5 and presented PIAC 's April Report.</p> <p>Pilot Voting The committee was briefed on the pilot voting procedures for PIAC meetings as part of building the efficiencies of the meetings.</p> <p>Ontario PIC connection PIAC Co-Chairs continue to collaborate with Ontario PIC Connection and Ministry of Education and shared information/resources on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future of de-streaming in Ontario's secondary schools • Centralization/Privatization of E- 		

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	<p>Learning/Remote Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forming of the “Ontario PIC Association” • Upcoming meeting with the Ministry of Education in June 2021 on parent engagement. <p>TDSB Human Right webinar The webinar session was organised by PIAC’s Consultation WG and TDSB’s Human Rights office on April 21, 2021 and was well attended.</p> <p>PIAC’s BREAKING BARRIERS BY CHANGING BIASES PIAC Spring Event WG’s virtual event was successfully held on May 1 and May 2, 2021.</p> <p>PIAC Post The post was published on April 27, 2021</p> <p>PIAC’s Google Drive Re-Orga The PIAC Google Drive Sub-Working group have worked on a re-organize the documents in the PIAC Google Drive to better allow access for all PIAC members.</p> <p>PIAC Annual Strategic Planning Session The session to be on June 5, 2021.</p> <p>Join the conservation series The final conversation of this school year by PIAC/PCEO on June 3, 2021 on “The Future of Education”.</p>		

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	<p>Caregivers/Parents as Parents Partners 2021 The planning for the event has begun. The event to be held on Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25, 2021 tentatively.</p> <p>PIAC Working groups All PIAC members need to be part of a working group.</p>		
Trustee	<p>Trustee Update was emailed to all parents. Vaccination for children 12 -17 yrs. Vaccination bookings to be open on May 31st for this age group. Some Pop-up vaccine clinics in hotspots are open in the city for this age group, students who go to schools in hotspot even though they don't live in a hotspot should be eligible for the vaccine.</p> <p>Return to school. Board communication to parents on the return to school – for in person or online learning.</p> <p>Online Virtual Learning Parents have been advocating on hybrid learning, simultaneous learning, schedules of quad semesters. Many Boards are still working on making the decisions. Trustees advocate on behalf of parents.</p>		

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	<p>PRO Grant Allocation The Board Chair has written to the Minister of Education for continuation and increase of PRO funding.</p> <p>Ministry of Education link Planning for the 2021-22 school year</p>		
Director of Education Report	<p>Virtual School The current model of virtual will not continue. Board is working on transitioning virtual students to their local school, staffing allocation has been allocated to local schools. The process of reconnecting students to their local schools, principals and staff have been initiated. Board to send out communication for learning selection choice for families to make more informed decision.</p> <p>Secondary Schools Quadmester approach to be in secondary as per the Ministry of Education.</p> <p>Graduation Staff is working on celebrating milestones of all students in an appropriate and secure way.</p>		

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	<p>The graduation ceremony will be tapped and not live streamed.</p> <p>The principals of brick and mortar schools to includes the virtual students for the subject award presentation.</p> <p>Safety Hazards of Underutilized Schools Caretaking staff have been taking care of schools on a regular basis and have addressed many hazards in schools. Parents who have concerns of hazards can bring it to the attention of the school principal.</p> <p>Water safety Staff are mindful of lead in some schools, the list of schools listed on the websites are from last year and not current. Caretaking staff have been instructed on water safety procedures that need to be followed.</p> <p>Extracurricular The Board are looking at e-sports to engage virtually and IT staff are working on the network support in schools.</p>		
PCEO	A written report was provided to the committee		

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Q& A	<p>Questions /Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns on the lack of information on the consultation process for the specialised program policy. • Lack of parent voice on the virtual graduation planning process. • Communication plan for parents whose first language is not English. <p><i>The District is working on ensuring all communications are translated.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acronyms in the communication to parents should expanded for the parents to understand. • Disappointed that graduation is not live • The rules of graduation should be shared with school administrators. • School principals should contact all virtual students that they are included in the graduation and award ceremonies. • Parallel communication on graduation to school councils. • Will return to in person schools in June 2021 affect graduations. <p><i>The decisions made by staff on graduation celebration based on information from TPH will go forward</i></p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live interaction information session for parents on the return to school. • Preferred Secondary model– is it going to full time in person school or hybrid model with synchronous learning <i>Elementary students will follow the local school model. In secondary school the quadmester system will be followed as per the Ministry of education guidelines.</i> • Quadmester system is not great for young learners. • Update on data collected from the Parent survey. • Programs to address food scarcity in neighbourhoods <i>TDSB Nutrition program are working on allocating resources to support families. TDSB Community Support Workers in collaboration with agencies to distribute food hampers along with the support of school principals. Staff have access to food but have issues with the delivery of food.</i> • Specialised programs and Children with IEP are not supported in secondary virtual schools. 		

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	<p><i>Staff have struggled with coordination with brick and mortar schools' principals engaging with families and students with exemptions.</i></p> <p><i>Staff are looking at all the models and students mental health and well being</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afrocentric programs were not available in virtual setting. <p><i>Staff had to look at many variables and challenges to provide the specialized programs in the virtual setting.</i></p>		
Working Group (WG) Reports			
Budget WG	<p>A written report was distributed.</p> <p>All PIAC co leads and PIAC members to put forward budget request by June 8th for approval.</p>		
PIAC Event WG			
Consultations WG	A written repost was distributed to the committee.	Motion by Kate Whereas, PIAC may make recommendations to the Ministry of Education on issues of concern to parents and guardians at the TDSB, be it	

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		<p>resolved that PIAC will adopt the letter regarding the potential of permanent remote learning in Ontario as drafted by the Consultations Working Group and send it to the Minister of Education at the earliest possible opportunity. Motion was seconded by Jess H Motion was passed unanimously.</p>	
Virtual Engagement WG	A written report was distributed to the committee.		<p>Motion by Wilmar PIAC Recommends that the Toronto District School Board organize a survey or other consultation to ask all parents & families in the Virtual School for their feedback on parent(/guardian/caregiver) engagement during the past school year, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - general impression of the year - parent/family engagement that supported them (best practices) - parent/family engagement that was lacking (lessons/ideas to learn for next year) - parent/family engagement to implement in the 2021/2022 school year. <p>Motion seconded by Janice H</p>

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			Motion was passed unanimously.
Communications and Outreach WG	<p>The Working group is working on the May PIAC Post and members can pass any content to the WG.</p> <p>The WG member Shanti C presented on the PIAC google drive.</p> <p>Discussions</p> <p>All PIAC members will have view access to all folder.</p> <p>WG leads \ members will have editor access.</p> <p>All working documents will be available in folders and sub folders.</p>		
By-Laws WG	<p>A written report was distributed.</p> <p>A suvey to be reviewd by WG leads and send to all PIAC members for amendment ideas.</p>		
Membership WG	<p>A written report was distributed.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>The committee discussed on how PIAC can support wards that have no PIAC Representative or Alternates.</p> <p>Elections are held on the engagement of the Trustee.</p> <p>Currently only Ward 1 has no representation at PIAC and a total of six vacancies in PIAC.</p> <p>Supporting Trustees in notifying /reminding of vacancies or the terms of PIAC members that have ended.</p>		

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Spring Event	<p>A written report was distributed.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>The committee discussed the starting budget request of \$10000 for 2021 -22 fall event.</p> <p>**Motion to extend the meeting by 15 mins**</p>	<p>Motion(i) by Nadia J Be it resolved that we close the 2021 Spring Event WG.</p> <p>Motion(ii) by Nadia J Be it resolved that we launch the 2021 Fall Event "Ready-Set-Engage" WG with the focus of having PIAC members support this group. We are requesting a starting budget of \$10,000.00.</p> <p>Motions (i & ii) seconded by Sharon G</p> <p>All in favour, motion carried.</p>	
Strategic Planning WG	<p>A written report and draft agenda were distributed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual Strategic planning to be held on June 5, 2021. • The session to review of PIAC's Mission and values, improve governance and create objectives. • A guest speaker on Anti-Oppression and Equity followed by Q& A. 		
Ward update	<p>W 9-Parents have concerns about Psychological services wait times. Request to staff on data regarding disproportionate wait times in some schools,</p> <p>W16- Special Education IEP presentation on May 27 in Ward 16 learning centre 4</p> <p>W 14-Ministry of Education funding support for learners. Is there any support for parents who are having difficulty getting the funding?</p>		

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	<p>Parents can contact their MPP for support</p> <p>W17- Trustee has posted for vaccination in Ward 17</p> <p>W 20- David Lewis PS has received Pro Grant and is hosting the following virtual workshops</p> <p>Workshop 1: Managing Meanness by Cultivating Kindness on May 22 and</p> <p>Workshop 2: Viola Desmond Won't be Budged on May 29 on Anti-Black racism.</p>		
New Business	Mental Health and Wellness support for PIAC Membership.		
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 10:08pm by Wilmar K and 2 nd by Andrew W.		