

PIAC Co-chairs Report

February 2019

PROGRAM & SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Co-Chairs of Parent Involvement Advisory Committee will be attending the PSSC meeting on Wednesday, January 19th to provide an oral update on the recent activities of PIAC and presented the committee reports for the October, November, and December PIAC meetings. The PIAC co-chairs will be presenting the committee reports for November and December again as well as the committee report for January at the next PSSC meeting on Wednesday, February 20th.

The following are highlights from the January PSSC meeting on January 19th:

A report was presented by staff on the Inclusive Education in the Toronto District School Board. The presentation was informative and offered updates on where the Board is in rolling out inclusive education for various learning profiles. The report also updated the result of research, studies and comparisons of inclusive learning outside of Toronto.

Staff presented an annual report on Before- and After-School Care and Report Back on Full-Day Kindergarten Lunchroom Supervision Study (2017). This report included a study that took place over the last two years discovering the demands and barriers of lunchroom of full-day kindergarten programme and the demands and barriers within the before and after school programming in schools.

A report was presented to the speak to the recommendation of the creation of a new CAC. This recommendation was to create an LGBTQ2S Community Advisory Committee.

TDSB POLICY REVIEWS

The following policies are currently under review at the TDSB:

Home Instruction Policy (P060), the closing date is February 22, 2019

Student Dress Code Policy (P042), the closing date is February 28, 2019. CACs have been invited to participate in a focus group as part of the consultation process for this policy review. Loen Hansford and Kate Lueschen Miller will be the delegates from PIAC at this focus group which will be taking place on Thursday, January 24, 2019

For more information about the policies in the review process at the Board and to view the current draft versions of these policies please visit the policy consultations page on the TDSB website

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>

Caring and Safe Schools Policy (P051), the closing date is March 4, 2019

A draft of this policy is currently being reviewed and all CACs have been invited to have two to three representatives from their CAC to participate in a focus group that will take place on Wednesday, February 27th at 5050 Yonge Street. PIAC members interested in participating in this focus will need to notify the PIAC co-chairs at info@torontopiac.com by Thursday, February 21st. All PIAC members are also encouraged to review and provide feedback on the policy through the online survey portal:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>.

OTHER UPDATES

School Council Appriation Dinner

PIAC's School Council Appreciation Dinner will be taking place on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the Montecassino Montecassino Hotel, 3710 Chesswood Drive, 6 to 9 p.m. All PIAC members are encouraged to attend, this event is a great opportunity to engage with the school council members in your ward.

PIAC POST

Our Communications and Outreach Working Group will be working on a new way to share information within our Ward communities highlighting PIAC and TDSB

initiatives and consultations that come forward from month to month. This compilation will be called the PIAC POST and will be delivered monthly to all PIAC members. There may be instances where a request from the Board, or from PIAC, to consult with families within a short amount of time may require a quick POST update to be sent out, in order to gather that feedback or participation needed. Please look out for this monthly newsletter in your email and share it with those in your communities (ensure your email accounts are updated with our Committee Assistant, Latha, to receive your copy of the PIAC POST).

Parents as Partners 2019 Conference

This conference is a collaboration between the CACs of the TDSB and TDSB staff. The event will take place on Saturday, March 30th. Please share this date of the Parents as Partners conference with the parents and school councils in your ward and let them know that more information can be found at www.parentsaspartners.ca. To receive a digital version of the poster please email Zena at zs.piac@gmail.com Registration will open online later this month.

Working Groups

A few PIAC members have not yet signed up online for any working groups. A reminder to all PIAC members that our bylaws state that **all members must participate on at least one working group**. If you have not yet signed up for a working group, please fill out the online form at <https://goo.gl/forms/iwijkxOsLMIVC5qP2> asap. If you have any questions about the working groups, please contact the co-chairs at info@torontopiac.com