

PIAC Co-chairs Report

January, 2019

PROGRAM & SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Co-Chairs of Parent Involvement Advisory Committee will be attending the PSSC meeting on Wednesday, January 16th to provide an oral update on the recent activities of PIAC and presented the committee reports for the October, November, December and January PIAC meetings.

TDSB POLICY REVIEWS

The following policies are currently under review at the TDSB:

Restrictions on Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Use Policy (P0XX), the closing date is January 31, 2019

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (P0XX), the closing date is February 4, 2019

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>

OTHER UPDATES

PIAC Mini Orientation

There will be a mini orientation or “snapshot” for PIAC members before the February PIAC meeting on Tuesday, February 19th at 6 pm in the cafeteria. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about PIAC and ask questions. All PIAC members are welcome to attend.

TDSB Calender Committee

Every year the TDSB calendar committee meets in January to set dates for the following school year calendar. There are two meetings scheduled with a possible third date. PIAC has been invited to have two members attend and be part of these committee meetings. The dates for the first two meetings are January 23rd and January 31st during the day at 5050 Yonge Street. If you are interested in participating please let the co-chair and Latha and email by January 16, 12pm.

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. More information. More details, including registration information, will be sent shortly.

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. PIAC will be bringing a selection of workshops for the planning committee to consider if you have any workshop ideas that you would like to contribute as please forward them to info@torontopiac.com or zs.piac@gmail.com before January 28th. 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. Registration date TBA.

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/iwijkxOsLMlVC5qP2> asap. If you have any questions about the working groups, please contact the co-chairs at info@torontopiac.com