

PIAC Co-Chairs Report

January 2020

PROGRAM AND SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE (PSSC)

The co-chair Zena Shereck attended the PSSC meeting on Thursday, January 16th at 5050 Yonge Street in Committee Room A. A mid-year update was given by staff on the implementation of the Multi-Year Strategic Action Plans: Inclusion. Staff also presented a report on the operation of the EarlyON Child and Family Programs.

Please note that the agenda and the full reports received at all PSSC meetings are available on the TDSB website on the Leadership Boardroom page found here <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes>

TDSB POLICY REVIEWS

A large number of policies are in the process of review and started as early as September 11, 2019.

Some policy reviews happening right now or early in 2020 are:

Secondary Program Review, this review is currently taking place. For more information about this policy and its background as well as access to an online survey to provide feedback please follow the link

<http://surveys.tdsb.on.ca/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=392394&lang=en>. This survey will be online until January 31, 2020.

Attendance at Schools Outside of Designated Attendance Area (formerly Optional Attendance) (P013). Closes February 03, 2020, You can also provide feedback by completing the following survey:

<https://surveys.tdsb.on.ca/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=556612&lang=en>

Parent and Community Involvement P023

Transportation of Students P020

Advertising P006

Distribution and Display of Materials for Students and Parents From External Groups P041

Fundraising P021

Many policies are currently in phase two of the policy review process. Please refer to the link below on the TDSB website for the complete list.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/Policy%20Review%20Schedule%20-%20November%204%202019.pdf>

OTHER UPDATES

PARENTS AS PARTNERS CONFERENCE

The Parents as Partners planning committee met on Monday, December 16th by teleconference from 6 pm to 8 pm. PIAC will be presenting six workshops at the conference. The workshops still to be confirmed are those which were popular with attendees at the conference hosted by PIAC in November 2019. The following workshops were submitted at this time:

- *Effective School Councils
- *School Council Bylaws
- *Leading Successful Fundraising Campaigns
- *Making your School Council Meaningful - Parent Engagement vs Parent Involvement
- *Parent Participation in Vice Principal Interview Process
- *School Councils Communications 101
- *School Improvement Plan

The Parents as Partners Conference will be taking place on Saturday, March 28th at the Toronto Congress Centre (650 Dixon Rd, Etobicoke, ON M9W 1J1) the conference website is <https://www.parentsaspartners.ca/> Registration to open early February. The next conference planning committee meeting will be taking place on February 17th via teleconference.

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://forms.gle/SBBAvhf6PN4SfXXU9> asap. If you have any questions about the working groups, please contact the co-chairs at info@torontopiac.com

PIAC POST

Our PIAC Communications and Outreach Working Group continues to share information within our Ward communities highlighting PIAC and TDSB initiatives and consultations that come forward from month to month. The PIAC POST is emailed 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 John, to receive your copy of the PIAC POST).

PIAC Meeting Dates for 2020, all meetings start at 7 pm (with dinner 6:30 pm)

January 21, 2020

February 18, 2020

March 10, 2020

April 21, 2020

May 19, 2020

June 16, 2020

As a reminder, if you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact info@torontopiac.com. As per PIAC bylaws, members who miss either (a) three (3) or more consecutive Committee Meetings without advising apologies for absence, or (b) a total of four (4) Committee Meetings in any fiscal year, may be removed from their seat.