

PIAC Co-Chairs Report

January 2021

PROGRAM AND SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE (PSSC)

PIAC Co-Chairs D. Williams and Felicia Seto-Lau attended the PSSC meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 to provide an oral update on the recent activities of PIAC, presented the October and November PIAC committee reports (highlighting the PIAC Recommendations on Virtual School Engagement (https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/2020-11-17_TDSB_PIAAC_Recommendations_VirtualSchoolEngagement_rev1_dw.pdf), and introduced Felicia Seto-Lau as co-chair. The next PSSC meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Minutes and agendas for all Board Committee meetings can be found on the TDSB website on the agenda and minutes page <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes>

TDSB 2021-2022 BUDGET STRATEGIC DRIVERS

The TDSB is required, under the Education Act, to submit a balanced budget by June 30, 2021 for the 2021-22 school year. REMINDER: January 31, 2021 is the deadline to submit your feedback on the proposed budget strategic drivers as presented at the December 2020 PIAC general meeting by senior staff.

2021-22 Budget Strategic Drivers Feedback Form
<https://forms.gle/4vKhHAYsUzyA9XPB8>

More information about Developing the 2021-2022 Budget
<https://tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/Developing-the-2021-2022-Budget>

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION PIC MEETING

PIAC Co-Chair D. Williams participated in the Ministry of Education virtual meeting held with Parent Involvement Committees (PIC) on November 26, 2020 to continue dialogue on the successes, promising practices, and challenges related to supporting parents and students since the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

Ministry of Education presentation November 2020
https://drive.google.com/file/d/11kS5A95fM0Pv5VDaMB5wKFto8Xf_aXTh/view?usp=sharing

Ministry of Education summary November 2020
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wD59HZ3gT0PUVod72-jYhFaiBFFCwkaE/view?usp=sharing>

ONTARIO PIC CONNECTION

PIAC Co-Chair D. Williams hosted Ontario PIC Connection meetings via Zoom on August 27, 2020 at 9:00am and on January 15, 2021 at 6:30pm to continue the discussion about common challenges, best practices and the possibility of forming an “Ontario PIC Association”.

Action Items:

- Create an “Ontario PIC Connection” closed Facebook group for Ontario PIC Chairs to connect and share best practices.
- Research the possibility of forming an “Ontario PIC Association” with the goal of being recognized by the Ministry of Education:
 - by asking the Ministry of Education regional office for advice and resources; and
 - looking at examples from the Catholic Boards, French Language Boards, and Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations.
- Follow-up meeting on February 12, 2021 to continue sharing best practices.
- Follow-up meeting on February 26, 2021 to continue discussion regarding forming an “Ontario PIC Association”.

PIAC POST

Our PIAC Communications and Outreach Working Group has worked very hard on the January 2021 PIAC POST. 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).

PIAC WORKING GROUPS

This is a gentle 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 <http://bit.ly/WGsignup2020> as soon as possible. Also, for any community members who wish to sign up for non-governance PIAC working groups, please also use this link. If you have any questions about the working groups, please contact the PIAC Co-Chairs at info@torontopiac.com.

PIAC AND SCHOOL COUNCIL TDSB EMAILS

Some PIAC members and school councils continue to experience technical issues and are not able to access their TDSB email accounts.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE

The Government of Ontario has announced that TDSB schools will remain closed to students and staff until at least Wednesday, February 10, 2021. During this extended closure, remote learning will continue. Ontario declared a second Provincial emergency effective January 14, 2021 at 12:01am.