

PIAC Co-Chairs Report

October and November 2019

PROGRAM AND SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE (PSSC)

On Tuesday, October 3, co-chair Zena Shereck of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee attended the PSSC meeting. On Wednesday, November 6, 2019, co-chair D. Williams of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee attended the PSSC meeting.

Highlights of the October PSSC were reports presented on the school council's email access, the implementation of academic pathways and the 2019 summer programmes.

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>

PSSC MOTIONS CARRIED:

The Program and School Services Committee had recommend that the PIAC's September and October report be received in the November PSSC meeting.

TDSB POLICY REVIEWS

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

Secondary Program Review, this review is currently taking place and the following public consultations will be taking place:

November 20, 7 p.m. at East Education Office, 140 Borough Drive, Committee Room 3/4

November 26, 7 p.m. at C W Jefferys Collegiate Institute, 340 Sentinel Road, Cafeteria

November 28, 7 p.m. at John Polanyi Collegiate Institute, 640 Lawrence Avenue West, Cafeteria

For more information about this policy and its background as well as access to an online survey to provide feedback please follow the link

https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Secondary-Program-Review?fbclid=IwAR0NWtboJoiH_eOm8NBXJYUctw7yuAmT7_JzjpWhP6GXn45Mjoc0NXHGPIk

Review of the Attendance at Schools Outside of Designated Attendance Area (formerly Optional Attendance) (P013) is currently taking place. A survey is available online to receive feedback from the community. Please follow the link for more information <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>

PIAC has also been invited to attend a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) consultation meeting of both policy reviews of the Secondary Program Review and Optional Attendance Policy Review on January 20th.

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 UPDATE

The PIAC Co-Chairs presented a recommendation at the November PSSC meeting that the PIAC co-chairs to draft a letter to the Ministry of Education on the concern of PRO Grant and the disappointment on the reduced amount.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS CONFERENCE

The Parents as Partners planning committee met on Monday November 18th at 5050 Yonge Street from 6pm to 8pm. PIAC will have the opportunity to present six workshops at the conference which will take place on Saturday, March 28th. If a PIAC member is intended in presenting a workshop with a family engagement topic please contact PIAC co-chair Zena Shereck at info@torontopiac.com by Monday December 16th.

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, lookout 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).