

# PIAC TRUSTEE UPDATE

March 9, 2021

## BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 10th. The meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and will be [livestreamed](#) when the public session begins at 7:00pm.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### PROGRAM & STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (PSSC) - FEBRUARY 17

#### [Agenda](#)

The following motion was made based on the PIAC recommendation in the January 19th PIAC Meeting Report and will be sent to the March 10th Board Meeting for approval:

Be it resolved that the names of the Ward PIAC Representatives for each school be added to TDSB school websites, adjacent to or below the current PIAC logo and link, and that these names be linked to the representative's PIAC email address.

[Human Rights Annual Report, 2018-2020](#)

### SPECIAL COVID PLANNING & PRIORITIES MEETING - February 23

#### [Agenda](#)

#### [Staff COVID Update](#)

1. Elementary Switch Update
2. Asymptomatic Testing
3. Staff, Parent/Guardian, and Student Survey Overview

A notice of motion regarding a COVID Recovery Plan was also in the agenda and will be debated at the next Special Planning & Priorities meeting (TBD).

News release - Survey results: [TDSB Releases Results of Staff, Student and Parent/Guardian Surveys](#)

## **FINANCE, BUDGET, & ENROLMENT COMMITTEE (FBEC), - FEBRUARY 24**

### Agenda

This meeting included the following items, which will be sent to the March 10th Board Meeting for approval:

1. [Proposed Strategic Budget Drivers](#) - referred back to staff to update with more clear language around human rights (following information and proposed actions received in the Annual Human Rights report)
2. [2021-22 Financial Forecast](#) - this year's report includes a one-year projection rather than the usual three-year projection due to the uncertainties of the pandemic and its impact on our budget. See note below.
3. [2020-21 Pandemic Funding Update](#)  
Includes information on the Federal Safe Return to Class Fund. The total allocation to the TDSB is \$24.4M. This represents approximately 12.2% of the \$199.4M in total funding allocated to all Ontario school boards to date. Staff will continue to update Trustees as information becomes available regarding the remaining funding allocation. Details on the second half of the funding are included in the report and covers technology, air quality & ventilation, health & safety, and transportation.  
TDSB is still awaiting additional information regarding funding allocations relating to student nutrition programs, summer learning, online learning, equity initiatives, pandemic education needs and mental health supports. Funding for the Focus on Youth Program has been announced. More information will follow at a future FBEC meeting.
4. [Financial Facts: Revenue and Expenditure Trends February 2021](#)  
This document represents the Toronto District School Board (TDSB)'s financial information for the 5-year period from 2016-17 to 2020-21. It focuses on TDSB's key expenditure areas and identifies major operating costs. The data presented is taken from TDSB's audited financial statements for all years up to 2019-20 and projections for 2020-21.

Ministry Direction – Currently, the Ministry has not released any guidance to school boards regarding school opening in September 2021, or what financial supports may be available if the pandemic continues into the 2021-22 school year. The Ministry is expected to provide this guidance in the coming months. The only current guidance provided to school boards is to develop budgets based on a typical year with no pandemic funding and school boards are to meet their collective agreement timelines.

## **SPECIAL FINANCE, BUDGET, AND ENROLMENT COMMITTEE (FBEC) - MARCH 2**

### [Agenda](#)

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the [School-Based Staff Allocation 2021-2022](#)

School Based Staff Allocation 2021-22 is based on direction received from the Ministry of Education in January 2021. At that time all school boards were directed to proceed with their normal teacher and support staff allocation processes based on the existing Grants for Student Needs (GSN). This funding source is primarily based on student enrolment. The Ministry advised that funding that came to Boards, including TDSB for 2020-21 to address COVID-19 related costs should not be incorporated into these plans. The Ministry's directions and funding plans may change depending on the status of the pandemic.

**Staff continue to plan for contingencies to support our students to succeed during the pandemic.**

## **OTHER UPDATES**

### **DIRECTOR SEARCH**

the Toronto District School Board, has officially reconvened the search process for its next [Director of Education](#). Interested candidates are asked to apply by **Friday, March 19, 2021**. More information and timelines are available on the TDSB's Director Search [website](#).

### **TDSB NEWS**

- [Letter: Capital Projects and COVID-19](#)
- [TDSB Releases Results of Staff, Student and Parent/Guardian Surveys](#)
- [Important COVID-19 Update for Parents/Guardians](#) - letter from Toronto Public Health regarding variants of concern (VOC).
- [Greek Heritage Month](#)
- [Black Mental Health Day](#)
- [Ideas and Resources for Getting Outside](#) - NEW outdoor learning portal