

# PIAC Co-Chairs Report

*December 2021*

## **PROGRAM AND SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE (PSSC)**

The next PSSC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2021. The PIAC reports for November and December will be presented at that meeting.

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>

## **PIAC CO-CHAIR NOMINATIONS WORKING GROUP**

Andrew Waters was acclaimed Co-Chair for a 2-year term at PIAC's November 2021 meeting. Much appreciation to Cecile Farnum (W09) and Madelaine Hamilton (W16) for leading the work with the members of the Nominations WG.

## **PIAC READY. SET. ENGAGE! BRIDGING THE GAP**

A big shout of appreciation all the Fall Event Working Group members, PIAC members, Trustees, staff and students who volunteered their time to make the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual PIAC Fall Conference successful! <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conferences/PIAC-Conference>

Sharon Grant (W04) and Nadia Judunath (W22) as co-leads of the working group deserve extra recognition for their leadership, time and effort. Also note the appreciation of the co-chairs to all the staff of the Parent and Community Engagement Office staff, in particular, Latha John, PIAC and Community Assistant whose dedication and many extra hours made this event possible.

Thank you also to Director Colleen Russell-Rawlins for her time as a keynote speaker on Saturday morning.

There were over 400 registrants and the platform is still available for participants to connect and engage on.

Congratulations PIAC!

## **ONTARIO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION MEETINGS WITH PIC CHAIRS**

Next meeting is to be determined.

## **ONTARIO PIC ASSOCIATION (OPICA)**

The Co-Chairs of the Ontario PIC Association group are D. Williams (PIAC Liaison Rep) Toronto District School Board) and Crystal Bevens-Leblanc (PIC Co-Chair, Limestone District School Board). The PIAC Co-Chairs continue to collaborate with fellow Ontario PIC chairs of the Ontario Parent Involvement Committees (PICs).

The OPICA Co-Chairs recent meeting with Ministry of Education (MOE) staff took place on November 17, 2021. While the MOE are putting together something more 'formal' the following link to **School Mental Health Ontario Mental health resources for parents and families** was shared: <https://smho-smsso.ca/parents-and-families>

The upcoming OPICA meeting are scheduled for January 5 and January 25, 2022.

Thanks to a motion passed at the November 2021 meeting, D Williams, is PIAC's Liaison Representative, and assists the PIAC co-chairs with duties at OPICA and the Ministry of Education communications. Thank you, D. Williams.

## **CONSENT VOTING PROCEDURE AT PIAC MEETING**

A reminder of the following voting procedure:

- **For PIAC motions that do not involve amending bylaws, change to meeting procedures, or budget allocation, which are moved and seconded, the follow steps will occur:**
  - i. PIAC Co-Chair will ask if there are any PIAC members that wish a recorded vote.
  - ii. If three (3) or more PIAC members request a recorded vote, then a recorded vote will occur (i.e., following the current roll-call voting procedure of calling on Wards one at a time for their vote).
  - iii. If less than three (3) PIAC members request a recorded vote, the motion is considered passed by consensus.

## **PIAC POST NEWSLETTER**

The PIAC Communications and Outreach WG published the November 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). Please send any updates or ideas for future PIAC POST editions to the co-chairs at [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com)

## PIAC GOOGLE DRIVE

Thanks to all the members who have completed the PIAC Google Drive User Agreement.

All members must complete the agreement to access this important member tool. Please complete the PIAC Google Drive User Agreement . Please email [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com) for link OR see the Zoom chat in this meeting.

All Working Groups are to be using this shared PIAC Google Drive for their work. If you are a PIAC Working Group lead, please move your work into the WG Google folders created in the “!Start Here – PIAC Main Folder!” and make piac.toronto the owner of the folder/documents.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Please check your email for a mandatory PIAC onboarding session. A Doodle poll was sent to determine the preferred dates and times for a 30 minute training session specific to PIAC’s Communications practices, Google drive use, members’ roles and responsibilities, working groups, and where to find info.

Please look out for an email from the PCEO. PCEO will be hosting a new member orientation about 2 hours in length to be scheduled for late January. This is an in-depth training on PIAC’s role in Ontario’s education system.

## PIAC Meeting & Working Group Schedule for the Next 3 Months

Meeting	Weekday	Time	January	February	March
PIAC Whole Committee	Tuesday	7pm-9pm	18-Jan	15-Feb	8-Mar
Executive WG	Tuesday	6pm-7pm	11-Jan	8-Feb	1-Mar
Strategic Planning WG	Monday	6pm-7pm	3-Jan	31-Jan	21-Feb
Communications WG	Monday	7pm-8:30pm	3-Jan	31-Jan	21-Feb
Consultation WG	Tuesday	6pm-7pm	4-Jan	1-Feb	22-Feb
Membership WG	Tuesday	7pm-8:30pm	4-Jan	1-Feb	22-Feb
Operational Effectiveness WG	Wednesday	6pm-7pm	5-Jan	2-Feb	23-Feb
School Council Support WG	Wednesday	7pm-8:30pm	5-Jan	2-Feb	23-Feb
Events WG	Thursday	7pm-8:30pm	6-Jan	3-Feb	24-Feb

**PIAC WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2021-2022**

Please note the following dates for PIAC monthly meetings. Along with the noted TDSB calendar dates of significance.

<b>January 18 *Mahayana New Year</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>February 15 *Parinirvana Day</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>March 8 *International Women’s Day</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>June 21 *National Indigenous Persons Day in Canada</b>	<b>2022</b>

See the **PIAC Calendar** for links to meetings and events > <http://www.torontopiac.com>

Happy holidays and see you in the new year!