

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	Consultations Working Group
Date	November 16, 2021
Description/Objective	<p>The Consultations Working Group was formed to prioritize, summarize, and disseminate information to PIAC, and where applicable the TDSB parent community, regarding Policies and Procedures under review by the TDSB. Dissemination of information will be coordinated with PIAC Ward Representatives and the Communications & Outreach Working Group.</p> <p>Where applicable the Consultations WG, along with all PIAC members, will coordinate review and/or provide feedback and/or make recommendations regarding review and revision of TDSB Policies and Procedures to the PIAC Co-chairs.</p> <p>Priority Areas of the Consultations Working Group 21/22: Re-organize meeting structure and align needs to strategic plan, communicate with PIAC and the parent community around policies undergoing review, according to the TDSB Policy Review Schedule, and address emerging issues as needed.</p>
Update	<p>The committee met on Tuesday, November 2, discussing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Better scheduling and notice of meeting times provided to PIAC members, as prioritized in a recent Strategic Planning meeting ● Reviewed the policy schedule to determine upcoming policies that may be relevant to the parent community ● Discussed P023 Parent and Community Involvement policy review, and the Specialized Schools Policy review – both policies are important ones for PIAC members to review and share with their communities ● The delay to the review of the TDSB’s Fundraising Policy, which had already previously been delayed – important policy with respect to equity and parent engagement
Motion(s)	<p>“Due to the importance of fundraising as a core school council and parent engagement activity and its historic role in perpetuating inequity among schools within the board, we move that PAIC write a letter to the Trustees and the Director of Education to request that the TDSB commit to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) a full review of the Fundraising Policy in 2022/23 within this time frame, and

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	b) the commitment of the appropriate staffing and resources to ensure that the policy review process proceeds without any more delays.”
Question(s)	
Next Steps and Action items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drafting and approval of letter by PIAC ● Email to PIAC reps to encourage them to review P023 Parent and Community Involvement Policy and the Specialized Schools Policy, understand their implications, and share consultation opportunities with the broader parent community – for the Specialized Schools Policy, live consultation sessions are available, as well as an online survey. ● Policy reviews at the consultation stage are posted on the TDSB website: https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations
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