



Statutory Committees

**Parent Involvement Advisory
Committee (PIAC)
2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT**



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Co-Chair's Message

The 2023-2024 school year for the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee has been one challenges as we pivoted back to in person hybrid meetings and and hosted our parent and caregiver conference in person again only this year was at Woburn Collegiate Institute. We continued the conversation with the Board about better communicating with each other and school councils via the TDSB email accounts and know that the conversation continues. We continued to work with and develop positive relationships with staff and trustees and welcomed the opportunity to be part of feedback and consultation sessions for policies at the Board. With new policies that have come from the Board and the provence to include the policy that now includes the restriction on use of personal devices as well as the revision of Board policies PIAC values its ability to communicate with the Board and the trustees.

We continued to look for ways to support the school councils in our wards with more PIAC representatives reaching out to school councils, inviting the parents and caregivers in the community to join and participate in our School Council Support Working Group and strengthen PIAC's relationship with school councils and become more visible to the community.

PIAC looks forward to continuing its important working in supporting school councils, parents, caregiver and student achievement and well-being.

About PIAC

Education is a partnership involving students, parents, teachers, principals, staff, trustees, school boards, government, and the community. The Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) is committed to strengthening this partnership and is committed to assisting parents, and school councils.

Vision

Supporting parents as partners in education.

Mission

To aid access to information and resources for parents, especially that of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and Ontario Ministry of Education, in support of more effective parent engagement in their child's learning to improve student achievement and well-being, and enhance accountability of the education system.

Membership

PIAC Members are elected parent volunteers who form an Advisory Committee of the TDSB. Each TDSB Ward has two PIAC Members, a Representative and an Alternate. A current list of PIAC members can be found [here](#). Ward Representatives and Alternates are advocates who

- provide information and advice on parent engagement to the TDSB;
- communicate with and support school councils of schools; and
- undertake activities to help parents of pupils of the board support their children's learning at home and at school.

Historical Perspective

In 2010, Parent Involvement Committees (PICs) within school boards such as the TDSB were formally established under the Ontario [Education Act R.S.O 1990](#) "to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement in order to improve student achievement and well-being" [R.330/10, s.27 (1)]. Ontario [Regulation 612/00](#) outlines how PICs are to be structured and operated.

Governance

PIAC is governed by a series of [bylaws](#) based on guidelines set out in the Ontario Education [Act R.S.O 1990](#), [Regulation 612/00](#) .

Member Roles and Responsibilities

PIAC's mission as described above is fulfilled through the following roles and responsibilities:

- Acquire the skills and knowledge needed to fulfill PIAC's mission;
- Communicate information from the Ontario Ministry of Education and/or the TDSB, to school councils and parents of TDSB students;
- Share best practices with school councils and support partnerships between school councils to share effective practices with each other;
- Identify and reduce barriers to parent engagement;
- Develop strategies and initiatives that effectively communicate and engage parents in improving student achievement and well-being; and
- *Recommend how funding for parent involvement, provided under the Education Act as described in [Ontario Education Act R.S.O 1990](#), [Regulation 612/00](#), is to be used.*

Advisory Committee Activities

PIAC Annual Conference, February 3, 2024

Ready Set Engage: Empowering School Councils (in person at Earl Haig Secondary School)

Additional Activities of PIAC

PIAC Post Newsletter produced January 2023, February 2023 March 2023, April 2023, April 2023, May 2023, June 2023 September 2023, October 2023, November 2023, December 2023, January 2024, February 2024, March 2024 April 2024, May 2024 and June 2024

PIAC sent a letter to the Minister of Education in December 2024 requesting to have the school council handbook updated to reflect the current needs and landscape school councils are engaging in at this time.

Conversation Series joint with the Parent and Caregiver Community Engagement Office with support from the Parent Reaching out Grant from the Ministry of Education.

Motions Passed by PIAC and Recommendations made to the Board and to Staff of the Toronto District Board of Education in the 2023/2024 school year

Whereas, pursuant to the Education Act, Ontario Regulation 612/00 (O. Reg. 612/00), “The purpose of a parent involvement committee is to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. O. Reg. 330/10, s. 6.” By supporting school councils of the schools of the board;

Whereas, pursuant to O. Reg. 612/00 , “The purpose of school councils is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. O. Reg. 612/00, s. 2 (1);

Whereas the TDSB requires [Principals to consult](#) with School Councils on the school budget; Whereas [School Generated Funds](#) (SGF) are not clearly defined by TDSB as including both School Council raised funds (non-board SGF) **and** school staff raised funds (non-board SGF), the latter of which are not tracked by TDSB, resulting in a lack of accountability;

Whereas School Councils have protocols around [financial reporting](#) and those councils who use School CashOnline are reliant on office staff to provide the necessary School CashOnline report data;

Whereas Model Schools for Inner Cities funding allocation is part of the school budget but is not clearly communicated with School Councils;

Whereas school Nutrition Programs are school partners and often receive fundraised money from the parent/caregiver community and these programs’ financial records should be shared with School Council for greater transparency;

Whereas School Councils receive annual Operational Funds for council administration (\$1.25 per

pupil: min. \$300 - max. \$1000) and for Parent Engagement (\$500 per school), found on GL 41500 of the school budget that many schools are unaware of, the spending of which is a School Council decision in consultation with the Principal;

Whereas there is a need for transparency and accountability of school funds, for system accountability;

Therefore, be it resolved that PIAC recommends that:

1. The Director provide a report on School Generated Funds (non-board funds) of schools which includes:

a. non-board funds raised by School Councils; and

b. non-board funds raised by the schools (not including funds raised by School Councils)

2. PIAC be provided with a definition and the reporting criteria of School Generated Funds (non-board) that specifies:

a. School Councils’ fundraising (non-board funds), and

b. schools’ fundraising (non-board funds)

3. Principals regularly report to their School Councils on the school’s fundraising of non-board funds.

4. Principals regularly report to their School Councils on the school’s budget, including, but not limited to, Model School funding and school Nutrition Program funding.

5. That each fall information and training regarding the reporting of school budgets, including all fundraising of non-board funds be provided to:
- a. Principals,
 - b. Office Administrators, and
 - c. School Councils/treasurer role and function

Meetings

Meetings for 2023-2024 took place the third Tuesday of the month virtually with a few exceptions in person in the Boardroom at 5050 Yonge Street. Members were also able to call into the meetings to participate if needed.

Meeting dates for 2023-2024

January 24, 2023 (virtual)

February 28, 2023 (virtual)

April 25, 2023 (virtual)

May 23, 2023 (virtual)

June 19, 2023 (hybrid)

October 3, 2023 (hybrid)

November 7, 2023 (hybrid)

December 12, 2023 (online)

January 16, 2024 (online)

February 20, 2024 (online)

March 26, 2024 (cancelled)

April 30, 2024 (hybrid)

June 4, 2024 (hybrid)

Committee Members 2023-2024

Ward PIAC Member

Ward 1 Co- Representative Erin Clarke

Ward 2 Co- Representative Sarah Ali

Ward 2 Co- Representative Frances
Shawera

Ward 3 Co- Representative Gordon Harvey

Ward 3 Co- Representative Andrew Waters

Ward 4 Co- Representative Jessica Ruiz

Ward 4 Co- Representative Tamasha Grant

Ward 5 Co- Representative Vacant

Ward 5 Co- Representative Vacant

Ward 6 Co- Representative Crystal Stewart

Ward 7 Co- Representative Alice Romo

Ward 7 Co- Representative Ayan Kaillie

Ward 8 Co- Representative Kaydeen
Bankasingh

Ward 8 Co- Representative Anshu Grover

Ward 9 Co- Representative Melanie
Medeiros-Sims

Ward 9 Co- Representative Karin Trajcevski

Ward 10 Co- Representative Manna Begum

Ward 10 Co- Representative Bruce
Oyelowo

Ward 11 Co- Representative Janice Barnett

Ward 11 Co- Representative Charles Zhu

Ward 12 Co- Representative Susan Lee

Ward 12 Co- Representative Liesha Earle

Ward 13 Co- Representative Janet Zheng

Ward 13 Co- Representative Jenny Zeng

Ward 14 Co- Representative Jenny Gannon

Ward 14 Co- Representative

Ward 15 Co- Vacant

Ward 15 Co- Representative Mohammad
Yousuf

Ward 16 Co- Representative Madelaine
Hamilton

Ward 17 Co- Representative Nicole
Williams

Ward 17 Co- Representative Tanya Ono

Ward 18 Co- Representative Seema
Mitchell

Ward 19 Co- Representative Shabnam
Shekh

Ward 20 Co- Representative Christopher
Levien

Ward 20 Co- Representative Zuojun Han

Ward 21 Co- Representative Abdul Azeem
Mohammed

Ward 22 Co- Representative Nicole
Marshall

Ward 22 Co- Representative Nadia
Judunath

Toronto Bangladeshi CLG Towhid Noman

PIAC Co-Chair Zena Shereck

PIAC Co-Chair Sharon Grant

PIAC Budget 2023-2024 School Year (September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024)

<u>Category/ Budget Item</u>	<u>Commitment Item</u>	<u>Actual/Commitment Item Description</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>				<u>Projection</u>	<u>Year-end Projection</u>
				<u>Actual</u>	<u>Commitments*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Variance Favourable/ (Unfavourable)</u>		
<u>Revenue</u>									
<u>Allocation (Ministry)</u>		<u>Allocation (Ministry)</u>	<u>45,139</u>	<u>45,139</u>		<u>45,139</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>45,139</u>
<u>Total Revenue</u>			<u>45,139</u>	<u>45,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,139</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>45,139</u>
<u>Expenses</u>									
	<u>41000</u>	<u>Supplies</u>		<u>(199)</u>		<u>(199)</u>	<u>(199)</u>		<u>(199)</u>
	<u>41003</u>	<u>Meeting</u>		<u>(1,405)</u>		<u>(1,405)</u>	<u>(1,405)</u>		<u>(1,405)</u>
<u>Recurring Communication Expenses</u>	<u>33600</u>	<u>Web Computer Supplies</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>(1,272)</u>		<u>(1,272)</u>	<u>728</u>		<u>(1,272)</u>
<u>ZOOMPro Subscriptions</u>	<u>41010</u>	<u>Zoom</u>	<u>(400)</u>	<u>(1,786)</u>		<u>(1,786)</u>	<u>(1,386)</u>		<u>(1,786)</u>
<u>Ward Level PIAC Co-rep Engagement</u>						<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
<u>School Council Communications</u>			<u>(5,000)</u>			<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>		<u>-</u>
<u>PIAC Website Improvements</u>			<u>(5,000)</u>			<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>
<u>PIAC Strategic Planning</u>			<u>(5,000)</u>			<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>		<u>-</u>
<u>PIAC Event (Jan 2024)</u>	<u>Parent Event</u>		<u>(30,000)</u>			<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>		<u>-</u>
	<u>33050</u>	<u>Tech Support</u>		<u>(772)</u>		<u>(772)</u>	<u>(772)</u>		<u>(772)</u>
	<u>33050</u>	<u>Conference</u>		<u>(20,081)</u>		<u>(20,081)</u>	<u>(20,081)</u>		<u>(20,081)</u>
	<u>33050</u>	<u>Special Events - Bombay Food Inc</u>		<u>(556)</u>		<u>(556)</u>	<u>(556)</u>		<u>(556)</u>
	<u>45000</u>	<u>Conference Bussing</u>		<u>(1,849)</u>		<u>(1,849)</u>	<u>(1,849)</u>		<u>(1,849)</u>
	<u>43000/60100</u>	<u>Table /Table cloth/Chairs Rental and Delivery</u>		<u>(2,384)</u>		<u>(2,384)</u>	<u>(2,384)</u>		<u>(2,384)</u>
	<u>66100</u>	<u>Google Canva Mail C</u>		<u>(1,965)</u>		<u>(1,965)</u>	<u>(1,965)</u>		<u>(1,965)</u>
	<u>11601</u>	<u>OT - Permit Cost</u>		<u>(1,230)</u>		<u>(1,230)</u>	<u>(1,230)</u>		<u>(1,230)</u>
	<u>33050</u>	<u>Clayton Shirt/Food Services</u>		<u>(409)</u>		<u>(409)</u>	<u>(409)</u>		<u>(409)</u>
		<u>Subtotal: PIAC Event (Jan 2024)</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(29,246)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,246)</u>	<u>754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,246)</u>
<u>Total Expenditures</u>			<u>(47,400)</u>	<u>(33,907)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(33,907)</u>	<u>13,493</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(38,907)</u>
<u>Net Position</u>			<u>(2,261)</u>	<u>11,232</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,232</u>	<u>13,493</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>6,232</u>

