



Minutes
 April 08, 2014
 Time: 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Present: CoChair Jerako Biaje-Wendt (); CoChair John Trafananko (); Chris Glover (Trustee);
 Ward 4 (Norman Perry); Ward 6 (Ricardo Francis); Ward 7 (Ceyrina Craig); Ward 8 (Dagmar Grasser);
 Ward 10 (D. Williams); Ward 11 (Allen Schacht); Ward 12 (Eva Rosenstock); Ward 13 (Wilmar Kortleever);
 Ward 16 (Kate Wallis); Ward 17 (Gary Lochhead); Ward 18 (Steve Chatzibasile); Ward 21 (Sharon Kerr);
 Ward 2 (alt) (Sarah Ali); Ward 20 (alt) (Cathie Noble); Ward 21 (alt) (Ward Davis); Ward 4 (alt) (Michelle Minott);
 Ward 7 (alt) (Rosalee Richards);
 CLG Somali Parents Liaison Coalition (Saida Sabrie);
 CLG Spanish Speaking Education Network (Mirian Turcios);

Present on Tele-Conference: Ward 1 (Vivek Rao); Ward 3 (Tina Chan Kim); Ward 19 (James Rycman); Ward 20 (Sudershan Singh); Ward 22 (Jasmine Ibrahim)

Staff Present:
 Jim Spyropoulos (TDSB), Michelle Munroe (TDSB)

Regrets: Ward 14 (Kainani Dana); Ward 13 (Julie Dasoo);

Visitors: Mitchell Curci (Learning Disabilities Association, Toronto District); Peter Holleley (Ward 17 and 20); Charmaine Merchant (Ward 9), Mona R.; Said Sheikh, Howard Goodman (Trustee) ; TBPAC (Towhid Noman);

Recorder: John Manalo (Committee Assistant)
Creative Services: Mun Hsu (Communications Support)

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| 1. | <p>Welcome and Introductions (Co-Chairs) Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIAC expressed condolences with flowers to Maritza G. for her loss. • Round table introductions were done. | |


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| 2. | Approval of Quorum (Co-Chairs) Quorum achieved. | |
| 3. | Conflict of Interest None declared | |
| 4. | Approval of Agenda (Co-Chairs) ***MOTION: That the agenda be approved with the following amendments. First move by Alan; second move by Norm; 14 in favour; None opposed. Motion carried. <u>Amendments to Agenda:</u> Request for PRC discussion to Item 6.5 | Committee assistant will look into the accuracy of the distribution email list for TDSB access. wards 1, 3,18, 19 |
| 5. | Approval of Mar 18, 2014 Draft Minutes (Co-Chairs) ***MOTION: To approve the draft March 18, 2013 Minutes First moved by Gary; second move by Steve; All (16) in favour; None opposed. Motion carried. | Recorder will make amendments as approved to the March 18, 2014 minutes and post them on the website. |
| 6. | Working Group Updates <i>Curriculum & Library (Saida & Michelle led the update)</i> Members of Curriculum & Library working Group: Saida, Said, D. Williams, Sharon, Mirian, Jerako, Ceyrina, John T, Vivek Rao, Dev, Michelle Minott. 1. To approve the C&L Working Group Motion dated Tuesday April 1, 2014. ***MOTION: To hold a consultation event for students achievement by inviting parents across the TDSB to attend a consultation hosted by PIAC on the topic of school curriculum and library resources. First move by Steve; second move by Wilmar; All (16) in favour, none opposed. Amendment was struck down. Motion without the amendment was voted all in favour (16). None opposed. Motion carried. Discussion on Motion: -It was commented that the money to cover cost of permit and refreshment be fund-raised. -Communication brochures will be distributed at low-cost. -Translations required at the sessions. 2. To approve C&L W/G Motion for conference support: | PCEO to provide translations services at the C&L consultation event. |

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| | <p>***MOTION: To support conference, a proposal for a CLG W/G and Curriculum and Library W/G to help. Both groups are Parent Involvement/Engagement & Student empowerment Through Culture & Heritage and Curriculum & Library. First move by Steve; second move by D. Williams Amendment to Motion to support conference: If a budget request is put forward to PIAC and none or little budget is available from PIAC, then the motion to hold the conference will not be brought back to PIAC. Amendment was Eva moved, Allan seconded. All in favour (10) of the amendment. 4 opposed. 2 abstain. The amendment of the motion passes.</p> <p>Vote on the <u>motion with the amendment</u>: all in favour (9), 6 opposed, 2 abstain. Motion with the amendment is carried.</p> <p>NOTE: Co-chair requested a 5 minute recess until 8:29 p.m. to review PIACs definition for “passing a motion to ascertain whether the motion was carried. Review of PIACs By-laws defined a passed motion as follows: “when approved by a simple majority (50%+1) of voting members present”.</p> <p>Discussion on Motion: The C&L program is to promote involvement of parent, community workers and students around the heritage of the students. Budget to promote will be done in collaboration with TDSB, CLG, PIAC and will be determined at a later date after April 22, 2014 and is flexible.</p> <p>Discussion on Amendment to Motion: -Fundraising or funds from other sources may be required.</p> <hr/> <p>SEAC/PIAC (Ricardo led the update):</p> <p>***MOTION 1: The increased interest in Special Education is seen as very positive and meeting a need, but expansion of these kinds of events in all wards could over-extend after-hour staff and PIAC/SEAC volunteer resources. First move by Gary; second move by Dagmar; All in favour (16), none opposed, 2 abstentions, Motion 1 carried.</p> <p><u>Discussion of Motion 1:</u> -Why is there limited staff time to support PIAC and SEAC? The TDSB mandate is to support PIAC and SEAC, but the resources are limited. -PIAC is not representation for all schools in Toronto, yet School Councils and PIAC need to be in consultation. -At PIAC/SEAC conferences, the same staff and volunteers are representatives at other meetings and this may</p> | |

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| | <p>not be representative of the community. It would be good to get others attending the conferences, to advise.</p> <p>***MOTION 2: On Streamlining PIAC/SEAC Special Education Efforts. That PIAC and/or SEAC representatives (as it applies):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Seek continued Trustee support for the annual Special Education Parent Conference and for them to communicate/broadcast information to parents about it in their communications b) Investigate if the agenda of each ward forum can include an opportunity to seek general feedback from Parents regarding Special education related successes and areas of concern c) Investigate the willingness of SEAC community reps to attend Ward meetings to assist in collecting community feedback on special education topics. d) Invite SEAC and staff from spec education department to suggest targeted discussion topics for ward meetings, related to improving delivery of special education supports and services. e) Provide SEAC's data collection tool to PIAC reps and/or Trustees for use at Ward meeting. <p>First move by Dagmar; second move by Gary; All in favour (17); none opposed; 2 abstentions. Motion 2 carried.</p> | |
| | <p>Communications (D. Williams led the update): At last meeting on March 26, it was decided to distribute a newsletter and the content needs approval before sending to schools. Help is required to gather information for each ward. All are welcome to attend the next communications WG meeting.</p> <p>Recommendations from the Communication WD is around sending emails within the PIAC email list: To create a blind-copy list when sending email to PIAC email list. D. Williams welcomes feedback on this recommendation.</p> | <p>Members to give feedback to D. WILLIAMS in Communication WG</p> |
| | <p>Budget (Tina/Eva led the update): Handout of 2013-2014 PIAC Financial Report at February 28, 2014. All budget requests for this year have been set, any other budget request will be considered for next year's budget.</p> | <p>Email Tina Chan Kim to make a request to the budget committee, at tchankim@graconsult.com</p> |

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| | <p>P/VP Update (Eva led the update): The HRPLC meeting in February approved PIACs recommendation that the new policy clearly states that parents are to be involved in the process and that the procedure is not drafted, implemented or changed as it relates to parental involvement without consultation with PIAC. Policy will move to Board. Eva can forward the Policy to PIAC members.</p> <hr/> <p>By-Laws (Ricardo led the update): Concerned on conflict of interest within By-Laws of PIAC. Not to rectify the issues occurring at PIAC meetings, but for individual members to resolve their issues between each other. Jerako recommended a working group to get feedback. The rights and responsibilities are set out in the by-laws to guide the conflicts of interest. What are the responsibilities of CLGs? The final draft of the by-laws is being worked out and will be forwarded to the PIAC members at a later date.</p> <hr/> <p>Outreach WG (Mirian led the update): In planning the annual Parent conference on May 31, 2014, it is encouraged that this information is shared with others to attend, volunteer and participate.</p> <p>We the members of Outreach working Group have decided to use these funds to be able to meet our pressing objectives for this School year in that we want this PIAC Posters to go to every school and the Annual Parent Conference that will take place on May 31st. Funds that will have to be spend by the end of this School year. We acknowledge the need for professional development but we would like to offer that Training ourselves. Therefore I have decided that we will be providing the SC411 Training Sessions once again in May two and two in June. We will be looking at Tuesdays and Wednesdays to do this training for I know some of you have mentioned that these are the most likely days that you are able to attend Meetings.</p> <p>***MOTION: That the Funds allocated in the PIAC Budget for the year 2013-2014 for the SC411 Training be used for the PIAC posters, and the remaining funds be used for the Annual Parent Conference. The amount that was allocated was that \$4000 which will serve to bring awareness of PIAC and promote Parent Engagement.</p> <p>All in favour (13). 2 Opposed, 1 abstentions. Motion from Outreach WG is carried.</p> <p>The incomplete motion was received February, 2014 and the complete motion was received yesterday April 7, 2014. Did this motion go to the Executive Committee within 48 hours?</p> <p>According to PIAC by-laws, the vote could happen now. According to Roberts' Rules of Order, the rules could be suspended.</p> | <p>Eva to forward Policy to PIAC members</p> |

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| | <p>Motion to suspend the rules section 9.8 of PIAC by-laws in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. First move by Alan, second move by D. Williams All in favour (14). Motion to suspend the rules is carried.</p> <p><u>Discussion of Motion:</u> In planning the event, the funds need to be allocated from outreach budget so it needs to be vetted. It is time-sensitive issue. Some misunderstanding with surplus funds as to availability for S-C411 training (School Council training) project. Need training for conflict of interest from TDSB. Out of the available \$4000, \$2500 goes to printing the poster and \$1500 goes to the parent conference.</p> <hr/> <p>Police Reference Check (Ad hoc) (D. WILLIAMS. led the update): A PRC presentation was given at the last PIAC meeting and its consequences to parent engagement. As a result of an email, another policy P045 on Abuse and Neglect of Students was being revised and going to Board meeting tomorrow. D. WILLIAMS was rep at the meeting.</p> <p>PIAC recommends to board to vote against the revision of Policy P045 as per email with Subject: Policy P045: Dealing with Abuse and Neglect of Student adopted October 27, 1999 and revised March 28, 2014. D. WILLIAMS will send out the recommendation that went to the Trustees.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Ward/CLG Updates/Reports and Questions Arising Co-chair Jerako Biaje-Wendt submitted the PIAC 2012/2013 Annual Report Tuesday, April 8, 2014</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Superintendent's Report <u>Jim Spyropoulos commended</u> the work of the following community members: - Sharon Kerr was acknowledged for her work on the Concussion Policy. On April 8, PSSC is receiving the Concussion Policy for a vote. -Parent Conference in Etobicoke was the first to be created and initiated by Michelle Minott, Sara Ali and Vivek Rao. -PIAC member ward 1, Mr. Mohammad initiated the work for Somali community. -Mr. Noman for the Bangladeshi group in Oakridge school began a free tutoring group and it is successful.</p> <p><u>Significant Date:</u> April 9 is the day of Pink to remember anti-bullying. You are encouraged to wear something pink.</p> <p><u>PRC feedback:</u> PIAC's work on PRC is important and to connect it with another context, the recommendations of the Baldwin inquest is not law, but to the TDSB, it is mandatory for implementation. Reminded PIAC of recommendation #79</p> | |

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| | <p>and as a result Policy P045 is created. Parent engagement will continue during consultations. On April 23, HRPLC is meeting and PIAC is encouraged to attend to give feedback on the definition of volunteer.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>Trustee Report</p> <p>Trustee Glover: <u>P/VP Motion</u> There is a motion to change to the wording of the policy. Laurie G. & Eva R. will depute tomorrow at Human Resource Committee on that issue. Parent involvement will become part of the policy.</p> <p><u>Pride Parade:</u> Sam Sotiropoulos will ask mayor if the City Policy on public nudity is being enforced at the parade. And TDSB commitment to Parade is strong.</p> <p><u>Active Transportation Charter:</u> 85 new bike racks installed at the end of next year to start the implementation phase.</p> | |
| 10. | <p>PCEO Update (Michelle Munroe): Please look at the powerpoint slides for information of PCEO role to PIAC.</p> |  PCEO Service to PIAC |
| 11. | <p>Adjournment ***MOTION: D. Williams and James moved to adjourned meeting at 10:30pm. Motion carried.</p> | |
| 12. | <p>Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 8, 2014, 7pm.</p> | Notice of Meeting to be circulated by e-mail. |