



# Statutory Committee

**Name of Committee:** Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** September 24, 2019

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee convened on September 24 2019 from 7:07 p.m. to 9: 31 p.m. in the Board Room at 5050 Yonge Street, with PIAC Co-chairs Zena Shereck & D.Williams

**Attendance:** Jessica Ruiz (Ward 1 Rep); Vivek Rao (W2 Rep), Shafoli Kapur (W2 Alt), Felicia Lau (EP W3 Rep), Sharon Grant (W4 Rep), Jess Hungate(W5 Rep). Jaimala (EP W5 Alt), Mirian Turcios (W6 Rep), Dean Gray (W6 Alt), Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8 Rep) Sylvester Witter (W10 Rep); Haniya Sheikh (EP W12 Rep), Eva Rosenstock (W12 Alt), Aretha Phillip (W13 Rep), Syed Sumar Alam (Ward 13 Alt), Jenny Gannon (W14 Alt), Kate Leuschen Millar (W16 Rep), Pargat Mudher (W17 Rep), Glenna Wellington (W17 Alt), Seema Mitchell (W18 Rep), Mark Ramcharan (W18 Alt), Chris Levien(Ward 20 Rep), Kabirul Mollah (W21 Rep), Zena Shereck (PIAC Co-Chair); D.Williams (PIAC Co-Chair), Rachel Chernos Lin (Trustee) ;Trixie Doyle(Trustee)

**Staff:** Kevin Bradbeer (Senior Manager ); Latha John (Committee Assistant); Michelle Munroe (Central Coordinator, PCEO), Erin Pallett(Media Staff); Associate Director Colleen Russell-Rawlins; Peter Singh (Executive Officer)

**Regrets:** Saira Soimaini (W3 Alt), Loen Hansford (W7 Rep), John Bakos (W8 Alt); Wilmar Kortleever(W11 Rep); Nazerah Shaikh (W14 Rep),

**Absent:** Faduma Qalinle(Ward 1 Alt), Helena Matter(W7 Alt), Chetna Dickerson(W9 Alt), Hafsa Esmail (W11 Alt) Cori MacFarlane (W15 Rep), Zuojun Han(W 20 Alt),

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| Welcome & Introductions<br>Approval of Quorum |            | Quorum was achieved. |                |

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| Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands<br>Declarations of Membership<br>Code of Conduct | Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands was done by Chair Williams.<br><br>The committee was reminded of the code of conduct at meetings.   |   |                |
| Declaration of Actual, Perceived, or Potential Conflict of interest                   | None Declared  |   |                |
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| Approval of Agenda  |  | Motion for approval of the agenda by Kabirul M, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jess H.<br><br>All in favour, motion carried.  |                |
| Approval of Minutes<br>June 18, 2019  | The minutes to be amended under Trustee Report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportations to be made more efficient <i>scheduled for year two.</i></li> <li>• Reduction to lunch time supervisors <i>scheduled for year two.</i></li> </ul> | Motion to approve the June 18 minutes as amended by Jess H, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Aretha P<br><br>In Favor: 10, Abstain:2<br>Against :0<br><br>Motion carried. |                |
| Co-Chair Update   | Co-Chairs provided a written report to the Committee.  |   |                |

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|   | <p>The following were highlighted:</p> <p><b>PSSC</b></p> <p>The first PSSC meeting of the year was attended by the chairs.</p> <p><b>PIAC Event -School Council.Ready.Set.Engage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The event is on Saturday November 16, 2019 at Earl Haig.</li> <li>• PIAC Chairs had made an announcement regarding the event at the PSSC.</li> </ul> <p><b>PIAC Working Group signup</b></p> <p>PIAC members were reminded to sign up for working groups.</p> |        |                |
| <p>School Council<br/>Access to Parent<br/>Emails</p> | <p>Staff reported the following:</p> <p>School council chair TDSB accounts to have access to the school messenger which is an additional service tool. The tool can be used by school council chair to send out communication to parents.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The timeframe of the process to be in place in November.</li> <li>• As per the municipal of freedom of information act staff will update the</li> </ul>                          |        |                |

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|  | <p>collection of information notice to parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receiver removal process can specify the preferences for receiving messages and can be updated at any time by parents.</li> <li>• For parents who do not use computers print formats can be made available.</li> <li>• The process for vetting the information sent using messenger is done in partnership with school administrators.</li> <li>• The guidelines for the vetting process to be determined.</li> <li>• Staff to work with interested PIAC members on the interim guidelines and protocols.</li> <li>• A call out was done to all PIAC members who would like to work on the guidelines.</li> </ul> <p>The committee thanked staff for their presentation.</p> |  |                |
| Working Group (WG) Reports                                 |  |  |                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget</li> </ul> | The budget summary for 2018-2019 was presented to the committee.   | Motion to approve the 2018-2019 budget summary by Aretha P |                |

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|   | <p>Surplus was used for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PIAC Bags</li> <li>● Postcards printed in different languages</li> <li>● Zoom video conferencing account</li> </ul>   | <p>2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean G</p> <p>In favour: 15, Abstain: 1<br/>Against:0</p> <p>Motion carried</p>   |                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Event WG</li> </ul>              | <p>The working group report was distributed</p> <p>PIAC Event is on November 16 at Earl Haig Secondary School. This year the event is school council focussed</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Budget WG will present the Proposed 2019-2020. The proposed budget will include the PIAC event budget details.</li> <li>● PIAC is doing only one event this year and the committee needs to utilize the funds for the November event.</li> <li>● Event Leads encouraged for more participation from PIAC members to take part in planning this event.</li> <li>● Childcare for the event should be provided by TDSB staffs that have PRC status.</li> </ul> | <p>Motions by Vivek R to the committee for an estimated budget of \$30,600.</p> <p>Est 2019 are: Venue - \$1800; Printing - \$1000; Media</p> <p>Support - \$500;<br/>Supplies - \$500;<br/>Childcare - \$4000;<br/>Spec</p> <p>Ed EAs - \$3000;<br/>Childcare Coordinator - \$1300; Rental</p> <p>Equipment - \$1600;<br/>Buses - \$2000;<br/>Catering (for breakfast, lunch &amp; children's meals) - \$15000.</p> <p>The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shafoli K</p> <p>In favor: 15; Abstain: 1<br/>Against: 0</p> <p>Motion passes</p> |                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strategic Planning WG</li> </ul> | <p>The WG to present the work plan at the October meeting</p>   |  |                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Membership WG</li> </ul>         | <p>The WG to present an update at the October meeting</p>   |  |                |

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| Trustee Report-<br>Trustee Chernos<br>Lin | <p>A written report was distributed to the committee.</p> <p>The following were highlighted from the report :</p> <p><b>Class sizes averages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TDSB average class size is 23.6. Parents have questioned the difference in TDSB class sizes and the average class sizes as reported by the ministry of education to be 22.5.</li> <li>• There are different collective agreements and requirements for boards across the province that causes the difference.</li> </ul> <p><b>French Review Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phasing out FI in SK</li> <li>• Phasing out FI and extended French in grade 6, 7 &amp; 8</li> <li>• FI starting in JK and 2nd entry to FI in Grade 4.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class sizes need to be smaller in grade 9 which is a crucial year for students.</li> <li>• Concerns over lack of support, resources and teaching experience of teachers due to attrition.</li> </ul> <p><b>Staff Response</b></p> <p>The Board is focussed and direction to staff on</p> |        |                |

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|   | <p>counselling all students to academic pathways and class average for academic stream is the same as applied stream. TDSB is monitoring teacher student ratio.</p> <p>French review accommodation needs to be communicated to school council and parents.</p> <p>The Board always had challenges to get qualified French teachers, with the review how will the Board make those accommodations?</p> <p>There will be more outreach for French teachers outside Ontario.</p> |        |                |
| <p>Director of Education Report</p> <p>Revised Health and Physical education update</p> | <p>Ministry of Education released the revised Health and Physical curriculum for grades 1-8.</p> <p>TDSB Staff to follow specific guidelines and expectation on the curriculum topic of Human Development and Sexual Health.</p> <p>Staff to communicate the guidelines of expectation to parents. Parents may exempt their child from the entire component, not</p>  |        |                |

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| <p>Student Consent for Immunization</p> <p>TDSB's Expected Practices for Addressing Discrimination</p> <p>TDSB's Staffing Update</p> | <p>specific expectations.</p> <p>TPH have not identified the schools where clinics will be held.</p> <p>The only exception on communication will be in case of an outbreak there will be clinic in effect immediately at schools.</p> <p>Experience of students being marginalised by staff and peers. Staff are committed to eradicating discrimination. Staff to work on procedure and guidelines that staff needs to follow in a case of discrimination.</p> <p>Staffs are on contract negotiations and the contract ended in August 2019.</p> <p>Central bargaining is with the province on financial impact.</p> <p>Local bargaining is with the Board on working conditions.</p> <p>Five days' notice for strike</p> <p>Staffs have no information on any actions that may occur.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>School council to act in caution around school</p> |        |                |



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|             | council planned events that may need to be cancelled.  |        |                |
| PCEO Report | <p>A written report was distributed.</p> <p><b>Zoom</b><br/>The tool to get rolled out for PIAC's working groups.</p> <p><b>AODA - Accessibility training</b><br/>Training being explored for PIAC members</p> <p><b>Orientation dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 5, 2019</li> <li>• February 25, 2020</li> </ul> <p>New PIAC members are required to attend the orientation; the training is also open to all PIAC members. PIAC members can also join in facilitating the orientation session. PIAC members who are interested in mentoring new members to contact Michelle Munroe.</p> <p><b>School Council email</b><br/>School council chair emails to be provided to the committee in November, 2019 and again in February 2020.</p> <p><b>PO23 Policy review</b></p> <p>Staff is developing the policy review process. PIAC will be kept updated on the process.</p> |        |                |

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|             | <p><b>Parents and Partners conference</b><br/>           PIAC was invited to collaborate with the Board's PAP conference and send a representative to the planning table.</p> <p><b>PRO Grant information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No information from Ministry of Education for school council funds.</li> <li>• Staff to seek clarification on the funding from Ministry of Education.</li> </ul> <p><b>PIAC Outreach materials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIAC members contact Committee Assistant to get the materials for the Ward Forums.</li> <li>• Business cards are available for all PIAC members.</li> </ul> |        |                |
| Ward update | <p>Global climate action<br/>           September 27, 2019 at Queens park.</p> <p>Walk -in being planned for October 10 essentially for student voice to be heard.</p> <p>If the council is participating in the walk in the council to inform the school administrator.</p> <p>Ward 2&amp;3 -Joint forum on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> between 7-9pm. Director Malloy and Trustees to be at the ward</p>  |        |                |

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|              | <p>forum.</p> <p>Ward 4- Parent Engagement Night PEN on September 26.</p>  |        |                |
| New Business | <p>PIAC member expressed appreciation to the Board's Health and Physical Education department for launching championships program for children of every abilities.</p> |        |                |
| Adjournment  | <p>Motion to adjourn at 9:31pm by Vivek R, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jess H.</p> <p>All in favor, motion passed</p>  |        |                |