



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

**Meeting Date:** **November 07, 2023**

A Parent Involvement Advisory Committee meeting convened at 5050 Yonge Street in the Board Room and via Zoom on November 07, 2023, from 7 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. with PIAC Co-Chairs Andrew Waters & Sharon Grant

<b>Attendance:</b>	Erin Clarke (W1), Sarah Ali (W2), Tamasha Grant (W4), Jessica Ruiz (W4), Zena Shereck (W5), Sandreen Porter (W5), Crystal Stewart (W6), Alice Romo (W7), Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8), Karin Trajcevski (W9), Melanie Medeiros-Sims (W9), Bruce Oyelowo (W10), Janice Barnett (W11), Jenny Zeng (W13), Jenny Gannon (W14), Bahira Abdulsalam (W14), Jennifer Volk (W15), Mohammad Yousuf (W15) Nicole Williams (W17), Tanya Ono (W17), Seema Mitchell (W18), Shanti Chand (W19), Chris Levien (W20), Abdul Azeem Mohammed (W21), Nadia Judunath (W22), Sharon Grant (PIAC Co-Chair), Andrew Waters (PIAC Co-Chair),
<b>Trustee:</b>	Trustee Debbie King
<b>Staff:</b>	Associate Director, Audley Salmon, Exec Superintendent Shirley Chan, Exec Superintendent Uton Robinson, Central Coordinator, PCCEO Michelle Munroe, Office Administrator, PCEO Xiu Zhen Chen, Melanie (parent member)
<b>Guests:</b>	Singh, Peter, Executive Officer, Information Technology, and Info Mgmt, Trustee D. Williams, & Chair of the Board Rachel-Chernos-Lynn  Elizabeth Addo, System Superintendent, Leadership Development • Employee Engagement • Continuous Improvement

<p><b>Regrets:</b></p> <p><b>Absent:</b></p>	<p>Susan Lee (W12), Liesha Earle (W12)-Regrets due to late notice of meeting reports.</p> <p>Frances Shawera (W2), Saira Somani (W3), Ayan Kaillie (W7), Anshu Grover (W8), Manna Begum (W10), Charles Zhu (W11), (W15), Zuojun Han (W20), Nicole Marshall (W22), Towhid Noman (Community Liaison Group (CLG)</p>
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ITEM	DISCUSSION	MOTION	RECOMM
<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Quorum</li> <li>• Land Acknowledgment:</li> <li>• Code of Conduct</li> </ul> <p><b>Meeting Administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conflict of interest</li> <li>• Change in Membership status</li> <li>• Approval of Consent Agenda (Agenda and Oct 03 Minutes)</li> </ul>	<p>The quorum was confirmed.</p> <p>The Land Acknowledgement was read. The code of conduct expectation was reviewed.</p> <p>No conflict of interest or change in membership status was declared.</p>	<p>The Consent Agenda and minutes of Oct 03, 2023, were approved</p> <p>.</p>	

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<p><b>Co-Chairs Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Organizational Committee Membership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members are encouraged to sign up for working groups</li> <li>• At the October 18, 2023, meeting of the Board the School Council recommendations put forth by PIAC were discussed and supported by Trustees.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Trustee Report</b></p>	<p><i>Israel Hamas War</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledgment of the profound devastation and grief that many parents, guardians, and caregivers have been experiencing and navigating since October 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Trustees have been sharing communications reiterating steps to address incidents of hate, bias, and racism, and providing culturally responsive resources like the affinity wellness videos.</li> </ul> <p><i>November Heritage Month</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November is recognized as Hindu Heritage Month and Indigenous Education Month at the TDSB.</li> </ul> <p><i>TDSB Policy Review Cycle</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The policy review schedule has been changed from four to five years. The discussion at the committee included suggestions for providing the public with a clear overview of the review schedule and status</li> </ul> <p><i>Accelerated Apprenticeship Pathway</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustees are concerned about the Ministry of Education proposal that may result in students leaving school before graduation (grade 12) to pursue apprenticeship. For further information visit <a href="https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postid=45747&amp;language=en">https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postid=45747&amp;language=en</a></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See the written report for further details</li> </ul>		

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<p><b>Senior Staff Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Council and Advisory Committee email access update</li> </ul> <p>Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) Update</p>	<p>Peter Singh and the team presented the following revised process for School Council e-mail activation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principals will submit the name, school, and e-mail address of the elected member to the Superintendent of Education Administration Liaison</li> <li>The Liaison will collect and share with IT staff who will activate accounts and notify the Council of the activation</li> <li>I/T will also follow up with the Council co/vice-chair to ensure the activation</li> <li>The process surrounding account deletion/extension will remain unchanged. The school needs to notify I/T if a Council account is to be deleted or extended.</li> <li>If P/VP/OA needs assistance with supporting their Chair / Co-Chair members, they can contact the Client Service Desk at 416-395-4357, Option 5</li> <li>The SVL (Student Virtual Learning) Line for the Chair / Co-Chair to contact for additional support during TDSB business hours. Our SVL number is <b>416-396-9100 during</b> the hours of 9 am and 4 pm</li> </ul> <p>The team will report back on the new process results</p> <p>Elizabeth Addo, System Superintendent Leadership, etc. provided the following update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultations have been ongoing since Spring 2023 using an array of mediums including the parents and Partners and PIAC conference. PIAC has the option of participating in a final session on November 13<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>. Members should follow up if interested.</li> </ul>		

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<p><b>PCCEO Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Council Election</li> <li>School Council Innovation Grant</li> </ul>	<p>Elections continue across the district. We are collecting e-mails and will be sharing information collected with PIAC Co-Chairs for sharing with co-representatives.</p> <p>The School Council Innovation Grant went live on September 20, 2023 and closed on November 3, 2023. There were 296 applications submitted, requesting a total of \$474,693.14. Decisions will be released on November 24, 2023.</p> <p>Please view the written report for further reported items.</p>		
<p><i>Q&amp;A for Trustee, Senior Staff, &amp; PCEO</i></p>	<p>Q. Outline the self-service portals for students.</p> <p>A. The portal is a self-service portal for students and can be reset by teachers</p> <p>Q. What is the existing apprentice model?</p> <p>A. It supports pathways that may include, dual credits, and apprenticeships and encourages graduation diplomas with an apprenticeship. The government's proposed Accelerated Apprenticeship Pathway offers the option of students leaving school to enter an apprenticeship program without a diploma.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PIAC Co-Chair Elections</li> </ul>	<p>The election process was facilitated by the nomination committee. Zena Shereck was elected as the PIAC co-chair for a two-year term.</p>		

<p><b>Working Group (WG) Reports</b></p> <p>1. Membership WG</p> <p>2. Events WG</p> <p>3. Consultation WG</p> <p>4. School Council Support WG</p>	<p><i>PIAC Membership Status</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total number of sitting members - 38 (37+1)</li> <li>• Quorum for meetings - 40% of sitting members rounded up = 16</li> <li>• Number of members signed up for a working group = 14</li> <li>• Current PIAC Vacancies – 7</li> <li>• Members with Expired Terms – 8</li> <li>• Members with Upcoming Expiring Terms in 2023-2024 - 4</li> </ul> <p><i>Newly Elected PIAC Members (May 16th Ward Elections) - 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Aarts, Eden Hagos Ward 16- Welcome!</li> <li>• Trustee Aarts, Shelley Kulperger Ward 16 - Welcome!</li> </ul> <p>Planning continues for the Saturday, February 03, 2024, event which will be a one-day versus a two-day event</p> <p>Regrets from the co-chair who requested an extended absence. An interim lead will be explored with the committee</p> <p>Members are encouraged to join the working group.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about Councils not receiving adequate support from principals who are not aware of the operating rules of Councils. In-person training is also required for treasurers. PIAC should explore local activity for Councils. It was suggested that PIAC may want to explore creating a new PIAC membership election process that does not include trustee-supported ward elections.</p> <p>The PIAC website traffic increased to 1.5k in the past 30 days compared to last year's 1.3k. September saw a record high of clicks on the homepage.</p> <p>Reminder PIAC has a revised logo that is to be used for all communications</p>	<p>Motion to extend the meeting by 15</p>
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5. Communicati ons WG	Members are encouraged to explore the Slack tool as a possible tool for PIAC communications. The committee is also seeking membership. The committee wants to hear about the experience of new members. Please connect with Seema M.	moved by Janice B. & second by Kaydeen B. Motion carried	
Ward Updates	Ward 20 hosting provincial by-elections on November 23, 2023. The current trustee is running.		
New Business	W14 member shared information on the One Million March for children that occurred on September 20, 2023, that called for an opt-out option for parents/caregivers on the new Human Development and Sexual Health curriculum. Some members expressed concerns about this item being discussed at PIAC as they found it offensive and transphobic. The Co-Chairs requested a follow-up meeting with the members to further discuss the members' views and reminded PIAC members that PIAC must provide the space for all parents/caregivers to speak within the parameters of the TDSBs Equity and Human Rights Policy and Board Code of Conduct.		
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Janice B; Second Kaydeen B. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm		