

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	Consultations
Date	17 November 2020
Description/Objective	<p>Description: 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 7 Outreach Working Group. 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 20/21: TBD</p>
Update	<p><u>November 6, 2020 Meeting:</u> 12:30 - 1:30 by Zoom</p> <p>Attendees: Shanti Chand Alice Romo Felicia Lau Kate Leuschen Millar</p> <p>Agenda: 1. Where is the policy consultation process now? As of the meeting, no update from Michelle Munroe. May request Vitaly Plotnikov, Policy Coordinator, to speak to the WG regarding the status of policies this year. 2. How can we support the other PIAC Working Groups? Felicia requested involvement in the November conference, perhaps by asking for feedback, a poll, PIAC Post, or other creative way to engage parents. We would need to work with Comm & Outreach if there needs to be a request/ poll of families on the website or by special link. 3. How can we support engagement generally? Can we work on earlier access to policy consultations. How can we advocate for a parent advisor to participate at the strategy level with staff rather than only in the designated committee phase.</p> <p>Take Aways 1. Reach out to Vitaly , perhaps through Co-Chairs 2. Work with the Event group on ways to engage the attendees</p>

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	<p data-bbox="578 268 1279 302"><u>Update from Ron Felsen on Secondary School Review (SSR)</u></p> <p data-bbox="578 323 1292 390"><i>As discussed with Kate Leuschen Millar, Co-lead by phone on November 10th.</i></p> <p data-bbox="578 424 1409 869">The SSR is a review, and as such it asked for feedback but was not under consultations in the same way as a policy. It is being given to the Trustees this week, recommending the Trustees go into phase 1, the planning process to determine basic re-org of schools to level attendance numbers and programs to increase equity of access. It does not include the associated Specialized Schools and Programs Policy or Optional Attendance Policy. The next phase for engagement on the SSR would be at the individual school level when determining closure, consolidation, etc. Technically, the Optional Attendance Policy is complete. But it was severed from the original Specialized Schools and Programs Policy so it will wait for submission to Trustees as a pair. [see Update from Vitaly Plotnikov]</p> <p data-bbox="578 957 1344 1024"><u>Update on policy consultations from Vitaly Plotnikov, Policy Coordinator</u></p> <p data-bbox="578 1054 1292 1087"><i>As sent by email on November 9th to Michelle Munroe, PCEO</i></p> <p data-bbox="578 1125 1409 1369">“At the last GPC meeting trustees recommended that staff should complete public consultations on policies that essentially were at the final stages of consultations prior to the shut down in March. These policies, posted on the Policy Consultations webpage, are the Records and Information Management Policy and the Advertising and Distribution of Materials Policy. For all other polices, staff made a commitment to devise a process for virtual policy consultations.</p> <p data-bbox="578 1411 1409 1759">I’ve spoken with Manon this morning and we are planning to update our Policy Consultation webpage and advise the public and the stakeholders that the feedback on the two policies can be provided until December 31, 2020 (this date is to be confirmed with Executive owners). In early 2021, we hope to have a process developed for virtual policy consultations on other current/upcoming policies, particularly those that would require broad, town-hall type public engagement. This process could be applied to the Specialized Schools and Programs Policy and I assume to the Parent and Community Involvement Policy.”</p>

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	<p><u>Ready, Set, Engage Conference Update</u> Kate Leuschen Millar to present a workshop on the role of parents in Policy Consultations. PIAC members are welcome to attend and co-lead the workshop on either Saturday or Sunday.</p>
Motion(s)	None
Question(s)	None
Next Steps and Action items	<p>Actions: 1. Request Vitaly Plotnikov, Policy Coordinator to attend the WG for an informal discussion on policy consultations this school year.</p>
Co-lead(s)	<p>Co-Lead: Kate Leuschen Millar, Ward 16 Rep Shanti Chand, Ward 19 Alt Rep</p>
Working Group Members	<p>Kate Leuschen Millar (W16 Rep) (Co-Lead) Shanti Chand (W19 Alt Rep) Jess Hungate (W5 Rep) Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8 Rep) Cecile Farnum (W9 Alt) Sylvester Witter (W10 Rep) Wilmar Kortleever (W11 Rep) Aretha Phillip (W13 Rep) Christopher Levien (W20 Rep) Steven Cheung (Community Member) Ken Ng (Parent, Community Member) Nicole Herbert (Community Member) Zena Shereck (PIAC Co-chair) D Williams (PIAC Co-chair)</p>