PIAC Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

Toronto District School Board

WORKING GROUP REPORT

Membership

Date: **January 21, 2025**
Co-leads: **Frances Shawera & Andrew Waters**

DESCRIPTION/OBJECTIVES

To support PIAC representatives and parent/caregiver members to encourage active participation in PIAC purpose "to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being."

Scope of work for Membership WG from PIAC 2024-2025 Work-plan and STATUS

1) Refresh Membership WG work-plan. → **COMPLETE**
2) Update and manage PIAC Member List; WG Descriptions and WG Sign up Forms. → **ONGOING**
3) Create and develop a PIAC peer to peer support system to assist new members. → **ONGOING**
4) Provide professional development and training opportunities for PIAC members → **IN PROGRESS**
5) Develop a Volunteer Recognition program. → **ONGOING**
6) Work with Trustees to support their ward elections and provide information on the election procedure. → **ONGOING**
7) Develop a pipeline to PIAC by engaging parents/caregivers (non-PIAC representative members) to participate in working groups → **ONGOING**
8) Support the Nominations Sub-Working Group and Returning Officers in the development of the PIAC Co-chair Election Procedures and the running of the election. → **COMPLETE**

UPDATE

PIAC Membership WG Meeting – January 14, 2024 @8 pm via Zoom

Present: Andrew Waters, Moosa Anwar Alloo, and Zena Shereck; Regrets: Frances Shawera; Absent: *N/A*

- Discussion about minimum standards for PIAC Ward Representative Elections to support the report back to the committee related to below motion approved at the PIAC Special Meeting on November 14, 2025:
    - *Membership Working Group work together with PCCEO staff to follow existing process to hold PIAC Co-representative position elections in collaboration with Trustees where possible but where necessary that elections be held without the Trustee involvement to ensure PIAC Co-representative positions are not vacant. The membership WG will undertake to review and revise the election procedures for PIAC election and report back to PIAC as a motion to a general meeting no*

later than January 2025.

- Key points of the discussion
  - Elections meet the standards in Reg 612 for PIC Elections and School Councils.
  - Kick-off session is conducted by PIAC on day 1 to kick-off the election (could be connected to Trustee Ward Forum)
  - Possible schedule
    - Nominations/register to vote period be 14 days (1 day – 14 day of election cycle).
    - Validate voters period of 7 days (15 day – 21 day of election cycle).
    - Ward Forum/Polling stations 22 day to kick off election.
    - Election period 22 days – 28 days.
    - Election be held on an electronic election platform with in-person option with a minimum 7-day period for voting including with notice being provided to possible electors at start of election period and reminder communication sent on day 4 and day 6.
    - Nominees meeting the requirements to be PIAC Members for the appropriate Ward be affordable the ability to make a candidate statement of up to 300 words/3 min video that would be shared as part of the election ballot/communication.
    - PIAC must motion to accept the elected candidate onto PIAC.
    - Election on email dedicated to PIAC election.
    - Drive parents to WG activities.

<u>PIAC Executive Meeting – January 21, 2025 @7 pm via Zoom</u>

A. **Number of sitting members (Maximum members possible is 47 (44 Ward Co-representatives (WCR), 1 Community Liaison Group Representative (CLGR) and 2 Co-chairs)): 34 (31+1+2)**

B. **Maximum number of votes available per motion (i.e. one vote per Ward, one vote for CLGR, and one tie breaking vote for Chair): 21 (19+1+1)**

C. **Quorum for meetings**

   - **Total members: 40% of sitting members +1 (round down) = 14**

D. **Newly Elected or Re-elected PIAC Members (Ward Elections): 0**

E. **Current PIAC Vacancies: 13**

F. **Upcoming Ward Elections: 1**

   - **Virtual Ward 7 Forum – Thursday January 23 (6pm-8:30pm)**

G. Sign Ups:

- **G-Drive Sign-up Form:** All PIAC members must sign the PIAC "G-drive User Agreement". This drive houses files for working groups. https://bit.ly/PIACGOOGLE2021
- **PIAC WG Sign-up for 2024-2025**: All current PIAC and community members can register their interest in joining specific Working Groups using the PIAC WG Sign-up Google Form (2024-25 Working Group Sign-up Form). One must re-register every fall for continuing or new WGs.
- **PIAC Working Group Descriptions**: Working Group Descriptions
- **PIAC Whatsapp group chat**: Email andrew.waters.piac@gmail.com for access.

H. Working Group Co-Leads

- **Governance Working Groups**
  - Membership: Frances Shawera & Andrew Waters
  - Operational Effectiveness: Kaydeen Bankasingh & Erin Clarke
  - Strategic Planning: Mercy Charles & **VACANT**

- **Non-Governance Working Groups**
  - Communications: Seema Mitchell & **VACANT**
  - Consultations: Susan Lee & Nicole Wu
  - Events: Nadia Judunath & Tanya Ono
  - School Council Support: Gordon Harvey & Melanie Medeiros-Sims

RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

QUESTION(S)

N/A

NEXT STEPS & ACTION ITEMS

N/A

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – PIAC Membership 2024-2025 (January 21, 2025)

Ward/ Position Type	PIAC Member	Term End Date (Month)	Email
Co-Chair	Zena Shereck	November 2025	PIAC.Chair@tdsb.on.ca
Co-Chair	Sarah Ali	November 2026	

1	Erin Clarke	November 2026	PIAC.Ward01@tdsb.on.ca
1	Nabil Hadbun	November 2026	
2	Frances Shawera	November 2025	PIAC.Ward02@tdsb.on.ca
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3	Andrew Waters	May 2026	andrew.waters.piac@gmail.com
3	Gordon Harvey	May 2026	PIAC.Ward03@tdsb.on.ca
4	Tamasha Grant	February 2025	PIAC.Ward04@tdsb.on.ca
4	Johnson Jayelola	November 2026	PIAC.Ward04@tdsb.on.ca
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6	Crystal Stewart	November 2025*	PIAC.Ward06@tdsb.on.ca
6	Mercy Charles	November 2025*	PIAC.Ward06@tdsb.on.ca
7	Alice Romo	November 2025*	PIAC.Ward07@tdsb.on.ca
7			PIAC.Ward07@tdsb.on.ca
8	Kaydeen Bankasingh	February 2026	PIAC.Ward08@tdsb.on.ca
8	Anshu Grover	February 2026	PIAC.Ward08@tdsb.on.ca
9	Melanie Medeiros-Sims	January 2025	PIAC.Ward09@tdsb.on.ca
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10	Bruce Oyelowo	February 2025	PIAC.Ward10@tdsb.on.ca
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11	Charles Zhu	January 2024*	PIAC.Ward11@tdsb.on.ca
11	Janice Barnett	January 2024*	PIAC.Ward11@tdsb.on.ca
12	Susan Lee	October 2026	PIAC.Ward12@tdsb.on.ca
12	Nicole Di Wu	October 2026	PIAC.Ward12@tdsb.on.ca
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14	Jenny Gannon	March 2025	PIAC.Ward14@tdsb.on.ca
14	Mohammad Saleem Khan	November 2026	PIAC.Ward14@tdsb.on.ca
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16	Shelley Kulperger	May 2025	PIAC.Ward16@tdsb.on.ca
16	Eden Hagos	May 2025	PIAC.Ward16@tdsb.on.ca
17	Tanya Ono	February 2025	PIAC.Ward17@tdsb.on.ca
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18	Seema Mitchell	February 2025	PIAC.Ward18@tdsb.on.ca
18	Hasiba Anna Esmatyar	April 2026	PIAC.Ward18@tdsb.on.ca
19	Prasanna Jagannathan	December 2026	PIAC.Ward19@tdsb.on.ca
19	Moosa Anwar Alloo	December 2026	PIAC.Ward19@tdsb.on.ca
20	Christopher Levien	January 2025	PIAC.Ward20@tdsb.on.ca
20	Geetika Bhardwaj	January 2025	PIAC.Ward20@tdsb.on.ca
21	Abdul Azeem Mohammed	April 2023*	PIAC.Ward21@tdsb.on.ca
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22	Nadia Judunath	February 2022*	PIAC.Ward22@tdsb.on.ca
Community Liaison Group	Towhid Noman	Toronto Bangladeshi Parents Advisory Council Representative	nomantowhid@gmail.com

*PIAC Bylaws amended on November 14, 2024, at a Special Meeting with clause 3.1.10 Appointment Process: "(b) This is a one-time measure occurring on November 14, 2024. This amendment will not be considered to

prevent other amendments of the bylaws in the 2024-2025 school year. Where PIAC terms have ended in the past two years and elections have not occurred, the incumbent will be appointed to PIAC as a Co-representative from November 14, 2024, to March 31, 2025, or when an election to fill the vacancy is conducted, whichever occurs first.”