



Name of Committee: Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: September 21, 2021

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee convened on September 21, 2021 from 7: 00 p.m. to 9:21p.m. via Zoom with PIAC Co-chairs D.Williams & Felicia Lau

Attendance: Sharon Grant (W4 Rep), Jaimala (W5 Alt), Mirian Turcios (W6 Rep), Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8 Rep), Andrew Waters (W9 Rep), Cecile Farnum (W9 Alt), Denese Gascho (W10 Rep), Janice Barnett(W11 Alt), Susan Lee(W12 Rep), Aretha Phillip (W13 Rep), Jenny Gannon (W14 Rep), Nazerah Shaikh (W14 Alt), Sharleen Ahmed (W15 Rep), Kate Leuschen Millar (W16 Rep), Madelaine Hamilton(W16 Alt), Seema Mitchell(W18 Rep), Shanti Chand (W19 Alt),Chris Levien(W20 Rep), Abdul Azeem Mohammed(W21 Rep), Nicole Marshall (W22 Rep), Nadia Judunath(W22 Alt), Towhid Noman(CLG), D.Williams (PIAC Co-Chair), Felicia Lau(PIAC Co-Chair), Trustee Trixie Doyle,

Staff: Exec Superintendent Shirley Chan, Michelle Munroe (Central Coordinator, PCEO), Exec Superintendent Uton Robinson, Director Russell -Rawlins

Regrets Alice Romo (W7 Rep)

Absent: Sarira Somani (W3 Alt), Patricia Seedial (W4 Alt), Dean Gray (W6 Alt) , Glenna Wellington (W17 Alt), John Bakos (W8 Alt), Syed Sumar Alam(W13 Alt), Mark Ramcharan (W18 Alt), Abdullah Mamun (W19 Rep), Anees Munshi (W21 A), Zuojun Han(W 20 Alt)

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Welcome & Introductions • Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands • Code of Conduct	Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands was done by Chair Felicia Lau.		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Quorum 	<p>The committee was reminded of the code of conduct at meetings. Quorum was achieved as confirmed by Membership WG lead.</p>		
<p>Declarations of Membership</p>	<p>Members submitted declarations of membership via online form</p>		
<p>Declaration of Actual, Perceived, or Potential Conflict of interest</p>	<p>None</p>		
<p>Approval of Consent Agenda and June 15 Minutes</p>		<p>Motion for approval of the agenda by Kate L (W 16 R), 2nd by Jenny G (W14 R). All in Favour. Motion carried</p>	
<p>Co-Chairs Update</p>	<p>Program School Services Committee PSSC meeting is scheduled for October 6. PIAC's June and September report to be presented at the October PSSC meeting.</p> <p>Nominations Working Group</p> <p>PIAC POST September PIAC Post to be published in by the communications and outreach WG. All updates for the PIAC Post to be emailed to info@torontopiac.com.</p> <p>PIAC Google Drive User Agreement All PIAC members were requested to sign up for the Google Drive User Agreement.</p>	<p>Motion to Strike a Co-Chair Elections Nominations working group by Cecile F, 2nd by Sharon G All in Favour. Motion carried</p>	

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	<p>Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference The conference is scheduled for October 16 & 17th.</p>		
Trustee Update	<p>A written report was distributed to the committee and the following were highlighted.</p> <p>Mandatory Vaccination Policy The motion for a mandatory vaccination policy has gone forward at the Board meeting.</p> <p>PIAC motion for a survey for virtual parents on June 30. Research staff to connect with PIAC on survey questions for virtual parents.</p> <p>Pandemic funds A motion to advocate to the ministry for funds to cover costs of the pandemic and the recovery cost was put forth.</p> <p>Return to Semester Model The Board had advocated on behalf of the parents, families and students for the return to semester model, the request was not approved by the Ministry. The Board to continue with the modified semester for the first half of the year.</p> <p>Board meeting The next Board meeting is on September 22, 2021.</p> <p>Virtual Learning There is a link for exemptions from synchronous learning for virtual learners.</p>		

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<p>Director of Education Report</p>	<p>The new Director of Education Colleen Russell-Rawlins welcomed the committee to the new school year 2021-2022. Director Russell-Rawlins appreciated the important work of PIAC.</p> <p>Return to School Staff reported that the return to school has been a smooth start and a unique one. The board 's work is ongoing on the selection process for students who choose online learning.</p> <p>Vaccination Procedure The vaccination procedure PR 734 is in place as per the instructions from the Ministry of Education and Ontario chief medical officer of health.</p> <p>Simultaneous learning Hybrid Learning Secondary schools have adopted hybrid learning. Students from intensive support programs are supported in simultaneous learning to minimise the transitions and maintain the connections between student and their peers and teachers support staff, and professional support staff.</p> <p>Extra curricular Activities On recommendations from Toronto Public Health there was a pause on rolling out the extracurricular activities on the first day of school. Staff have begun to roll out the extracurricular activities gradually in a safe manner as per the guidelines of TPH.</p>		

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	<p>Permits Evening permits will begin to start based on the Toronto Public Health recommendations</p> <p>Secondary Lunch Schools are working at routines and reduced lunch time to 45 minutes. Staff are implementing guidelines on lunch times , physical distancing and masking. Cafeteria services will be returning.</p> <p>Accident insurance coverage Parents or caregivers are responsible for deciding to purchase accident insurance. TDSB is not responsible for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school sponsored activities.</p>		
PCEO Update	<p>School council operations School council elections have been extended to the end of October. Fundraising maybe convened in November adhering to all school and public health guidelines</p> <p>All school council meetings to be virtual until further guidelines on the operating procedures.</p> <p>Revising By-Law School Council Template Board has collaborated with the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee and parents/caregivers in revising the Boards Bylaws template. This template will be shared with all schools and</p>		

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	<p>Councils for adoption at Council in November 2021.</p> <p>2021-2022 PPF-PRO Grant Staff thanked PIAC for the advocacy along with trustees, TDSB has received an allocation of \$253,125.14 an increase of over \$119,000.00 from 2020-2021.</p> <p>PO23-Parent and Community Involvement Policy Review The consultation was at pause due to COVID 19 Staff to resume consultations soon and the communication to follow.</p> <p>School Improvement Process The Board is looking to engage parents and caregivers particularly racialized parents and caregivers in the School Improvement Process.</p>		
Q& A	<p>Extracurricular How is the Board supporting outdoor extracurricular activities for gifted athletic students? Staff Program coordinator will work with Phys Ed teachers on the extra curricular sports activity in a safe manner. Safety training have to implemented prior to games. Extracurricular activities that could be done by virtually are being done.</p> <p>Request to staff for an Information Night on extracurricular activity for parents.</p> <p>Cafeteria time</p>		

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	<p>45 mins is not enough time for students to have their lunches.</p> <p>Feedback/ comment Continuation of interim operational guidelines for school councils for parent engagement to be effective.</p> <p>Community hours For high school students due to the pandemic the community hours are 20 hrs for this academic year and will resume to 40 hrs in future.</p> <p>Board device Supporting parent engagement by providing devices for families. The board’s business and partnership services are seeking strategic partnerships with Rogers, Telus and other s to support families and to close the digital gap.</p> <p>Board language/ terminology - ‘parents and caregivers’ The equity policy of the board outlines to be inclusive in the terminologies that are used, parents and caregivers is inclusive to many families in the system. Staff to get parent feedback on the terminology in the upcoming parent engagement policy consultation.</p>		
Working Group (WG) Reports			
Budget WG	Nothing to report as the WG has not met in September.		

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Virtual Engagement WG	The WG to continue and there would be need a representation		
Communications and Outreach WG	Nothing to report as the WG has not met in September.		
By- Laws WG	Nothing to report as the WG has not met in September.		
Consultations WG	<p>A written report was distributed to the committee.</p> <p>The WG is looking forward on the roll out of the PO23 policy working with the PCEO.</p> <p>WG members to meet staff for the outreach on the public consultation for specialized schools and programs policy.</p>		
Membership WG	A written report was distributed to the committee. No further discussion was done.		
PIAC Event WG	<p>A written report was distributed to the committee.</p> <p>The WG meets on Thursdays to plan for the Fall Parent conference.</p> <p>The conference dates are Saturday November 27 and Sunday November 28.</p>		
Strategic planning next	Working group leads were requested to provide the update in the strategic workplan document on the priorities as identified which were advocacy, working group organization, academic achievement, council engagement.		
PVP Event WG	<p>Fall Vice Principal Interview process.</p> <p>TDSB to contact previously trained parents to take part in the fall Vice Principal Interview process.</p>		

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Virtual Engagement WG	The WG to continue the work as many families continue to be in virtual schools and need engagement and representation in school councils. The WG to report back at the October meeting.		
Ward update	<p>W13 – Trustee Lee has an active WhatsApp group with parents, the tool has been a great success among parents to connect in ward13.</p> <p>Project Orange hearts Students Trustees initiative- TDSB students made clay orange hearts for sale to support orange shirt day on September 30. The proceeds to support a registered charity founded by five grandmothers in 1973 to respond to the needs of Toronto’s Indigenous women.</p> <p>W4 – Drive through Barbeque was successfully held with a lot of participation from students and staff. Many schools in W4 had their Superintendent visit on the first day of school.</p> <p>Rapid testing program W18 school is also trying to do the DIY rapid testing program.</p>		
New Business Ward 9 Motions	<p>Motion #1 Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were concerned that there could be a disconnect among members and the lack of awareness among PIAC membership on ward vacancies. 	Motion#1 by Andrew to move PIAC voting members must make a declaration that they are a parent/guardian of a student in the TDSB and their employment stat	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The declaration of membership and declaration of conflict of interest takes time away from important discussions and efficacy of PIAC meetings. <p>Motion #2</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>with the TDSB at the first meeting they attend and only be required to make an additional declaration at a future meeting if their status as parent of TDSB student or employment with TDSB changes. To accomplish this the Chair will include the following in the declaration at the start of each meeting: "Does any PIAC member have a conflict of interest either actual, perceived or potential? Does any PIAC member need to declare a change in their status as a parent/guardian of a student in the TDSB or their employment status with the TDSB?"</p> <p>The Motion was seconded by Kate L</p> <p>In Favor :16 Abstain:0 Opposed: 2</p> <p>The motion was carried.</p> <p>Motion#2 by Andrew that PIAC strike a non-governance working group titled School Council Operations with the purpose of</p>	

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	<p>After much discussion, it was decided to table the motion for October.</p>	<p>communicating with and supporting School Councils of schools of the board. Areas of focus will include but not limited to Regulation 612, inactive School Councils, effective School Councils and issues surrounding School Councils.</p> <p>The motion was 2nd by Kate L</p> <p>The motion was tabled for October.</p>	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 9:21pm.		