

# PIAC Co-Chairs Report

*September – October 2021*

## **PROGRAM AND SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE (PSSC)**

The PSSC meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2021 was cancelled and the next one is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. PIAC Co-Chairs (D. Williams and Felicia Seto-Lau) attended the PSSC meeting On October 6, presented the PIAC Report June 15, 2021 and the PIAC Report of September 21, 2021

Minutes and agendas for all Board Committee meetings can be found on the TDSB website on the agenda and minutes page. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes>

## **PIAC CO-CHAIR NOMINATIONS WORKING GROUP**

D Williams' current PIAC Co-Chair 2-year term is coming to an end this November 2021. In preparation, the PIAC Nominations Working Group was struck at the September 2021 PIAC meeting to prepare for the upcoming PIAC co-chair election at the November 16, 2021 PIAC meeting.

## **PILOT VOTING PROCEDURE AT PIAC MEETING**

The co-chairs did not receive any negative feedback on the pilot voting procedure trialed at the May and June 2021 PIAC meetings. As such, PIAC will continue with the consent agenda and voting procedure. A reminder of the following voting procedure:

- **For PIAC motions that do not involve amending bylaws, change to meeting procedures, or budget allocation, which are moved and seconded, the following steps will occur:**
  - i. PIAC Co-Chair will ask if there are any PIAC members that wish a recorded vote.
  - ii. If three (3) or more PIAC members request a recorded vote, then a recorded vote will occur (i.e., following the current roll-call voting procedure of calling on Wards one at a time for their vote).
  - iii. If less than three (3) PIAC members request a recorded vote, the motion is considered passed by consensus.

## **ONTARIO PIC ASSOCIATION (OPICA)**

The Co-Chairs of the Ontario PIC Association group are D. Williams (PIAC Co-Chair, Toronto District School Board) and Crystal Bevens-Leblanc (PIC Co-Chair, Limestone District School Board). The PIAC Co-Chairs continue to collaborate with fellow Ontario PIC chairs of the Ontario Parent Involvement Committees (PICs)

## **ONTARIO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION MEETINGS WITH PIC CHAIRS**

- On June 8, 2021, the Ministry of Education (EDU) held the fifth in a series of virtual meetings with Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) chairs and co-chairs and School Board Leads responsible for parent engagement since the start of the pandemic. For each session, a summary of participant discussion has been summarized and shared with participants.
- PIAC Co-Chair (D. Williams) attended the spoke on behalf of PIAC at the virtual June Conversation with Parent Involvement Committee Chairs & School Board Leads help by the Ministry of Education on June 8, 2021.
- **Link to summary of participant discussion “Ministry of Education June Conversation with Parent Involvement Committee Chairs & School Board Leads on June 8, 2021 by Inclusive Education, Priorities and Engagement Branch”>**  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MIm3TodAO8iV0INbVNuPEzo5VvaaFKrE/view?usp=sharing>
- The next meeting held by the Ministry of Education for PIC Chairs is scheduled to take place on October 26, 2021 at 6:30pm

## **PIAC POST**

The PIAC Communications and Outreach WG published the September 2021 PIAC POST. Please look out for this monthly newsletter in your email and share it with those in your communities (ensure your email accounts are updated with our Committee Assistant, Latha John). Please send any updates or ideas for future PIAC POST editions to the co-chairs at [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com)

## **PIAC GOOGLE DRIVE**

Thanks to those of you who attended the PIAC Google Drive Orientation on June 23, 2021.

If you haven't already, please complete the PIAC Google Drive User Agreement so you can access this important member tool. PIAC members should check their emails for the link to the agreement or email [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com) to be sent a copy.

Going forward, all Working Groups will be using this PIAC Google Drive section for their work. If you are a PIAC Working Group lead, please move your work into the WG Google folders created in the “!Start Here – PIAC Main Folder!” Please review the PIAC Google Drive norms document for directions.

## CAREGIVERS/PARENTS AS PARTNERS PLANNING 2021

Thank you to all who attended **Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17, 2021** for the Parents and Caregivers as Partners 2021 Virtual Conference. Please note the date change due to the previously planned weekend being a date of significance for members of the school community. Prior to event, the [www.parentsaspartners.ca](http://www.parentsaspartners.ca) website included a link for submission of workshop proposals by presenters wishing to present. The thematic areas are:

- Anti-Oppression & Inclusion,
- Mental Health, Well-Being & Social/Emotional Learning,
- Resilience through Transitions,
- Learning & Literacy,
- Parent/Caregiver Engagement & Leadership

Thank you to everyone who submitted your ideas/proposals for parent and school council workshops for consideration by the planning committee by the deadline of September 27 at 4 pm. We particularly seek PIAC members wishing to present workshops highlighting positive Parent/Caregiver Engagement & Leadership.

## PIAC WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2021-2022

Please note the following dates for PIAC monthly meetings. Along with the noted TDSB calendar dates of significance.

<b>September 21</b> *Sukkot	<b>2021</b>
<b>October 19</b> *Mawlid-al-Nabi	<b>2021</b>
<b>November 16</b> *Louis Riel Day	<b>2021</b>
<b>December 14</b> *Yule - Winter Solstice	<b>2021</b>
<b>January 18</b> *Mahayana New Year	<b>2022</b>
<b>February 15</b> *Parinirvana Day	<b>2022</b>
<b>March 8</b> *International Women's Day	<b>2022</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>June 21</b> *National Indigenous Persons Day in Canada	<b>2022</b>

## Welcome back!

See the **PIAC Calendar** for links to meetings and events > <http://www.torontopiac.com>