



Name of Committee: Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: March 8, 2022

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee convened on March 8, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:32 p.m. via Zoom with PIAC Co-chairs Felicia Lau & Andrew Waters

Attendance:	Erin Clarke (W1), Sarah Ali (W2), Frances Shawera (W2), Saira Somani (W3), Sharon Grant (W4), Jessica Ruiz(W4), Crystal Stewart (W6), Lenni Jabour (W7), Alice Romo (W7), Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8), Anshu Grover (W8), Cecile Farnum (W9), Janice Barnett(W11), Susan Lee(W12), Liesha Earle(W12), Aretha Phillip (W13), Jenny Gannon (W14), Nazerah Shaikh (W14), Sharleen Ahmed (W15), Madelaine Hamilton(W16), Mark Ramcharan (W18), Chris Levien(W20), Zuojun Han(W20),Abdul Azeem Mohammed(W21), Nicole Marshall (W22), Towhid Noman(CLG), D.Williams (PIAC Co-Chair), Felicia Lau(PIAC Co-Chair), Andrew Waters (PIAC Co-Chair), PIAC OPICA Liaison D.Williams, Trustee Christopher Mammoliti, Trustee David Smith
Staff:	Ryan Bird Exec Officer, Exec Superintendent Shirley Chan, Latha John (Committee Assistant),Michelle Munroe (Central Coordinator, PCEO), Superintendent Diana Panagiotopoulos, Peter Singh Exec Officer
Regrets:	Kate Leuschen Millar (W16), Seema Mitchell(W18), Shanti Chand (W19), Nadia Judunath (W22)
Absent:	Lauren Tedesco (W3), Denese Gascho (W10), Charles Zhu(W11), Anees Munshi(W21)

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Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands • Code of Conduct • Approval of Quorum 	The meeting started with Chair Andrew wishing a Happy International Women’s day. Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands was done by Chair Andrew Waters. Members were reminded of the code of conduct. Quorum was achieved.		

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Declarations of Membership	Members declared membership via online form		
Change in Membership Status Declaration of Actual, Perceived, or Potential Conflict of interest	None was declared.		
Approval of Consent Agenda and February 15, 2022 Minutes		Motion to approve the Agenda and February 15 Minutes by Janice B (W11) and 2nd by Abdul Azeem(W21)	
Co-Chairs Update	<p>Program Services Support Committee (PSSC) PIAC Co-Chair attended PSSC meeting on February 23 and presented the three recommendations from PIAC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The suspension of the TDSB school council’s by-laws • IT support for school councils • Simplified elementary school schedule <p>The recommendations were discussed and referred to staff to resolve.</p> <p>PIAC participation at SEAC PIAC member Cecile F (W9) member to represent PIAC at SEAC to participate and build strong partnership to further provide support parents in special education needs.</p>		

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Trustee Update	<p>Board agenda and minutes</p> <p>https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes</p> <p>PSSC</p> <p>kapapamahchakwew - Wandering Spirit School.</p> <p>Capital priorities proposal submission for funding for a standalone Indigenous education initiative.</p> <p>Report on combating hate and racism and student learning strategy.</p> <p>https://pub.tdsb.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=10475</p> <p>Budget drivers and resource allocation report</p> <p>https://pub.tdsb.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=10299</p> <p>Pandemic recovery plan for March</p> <p>https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes/Type/A?Folder=Agenda%2f20220302&Filename=7.4.pdf</p> <p>Governance and Policy Committee Meeting</p> <p>The meeting is scheduled for March 23rd.</p>		
Director of Education Report	<p>Navigating the TDSB website</p> <p>Ryan Bird Communications officer</p>		

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	<p>presented on navigating the parent and community resources that are available on the TDSB website.</p> <p>Discussion Do all schools have website? All schools can have access to a website and the Board’s web team can support schools for setting their school website. Some schools don’t have website and the decision not to was made by the staff or school council.</p> <p>Does the board track active and non-active school websites? It varies from school to school and depends on the staff who update the websites. Which staff are supposed to support the school website? Principal or Vice principal or other staff assigned by the principal support the website and it differs from school to school.</p> <p>IT Update Staff reported on the status as per PIAC’s recommendations to the Board</p> <p>Active and inactive school council account</p> <p>Staff reported on the activation of shared email accounts for school councils 2020-2021- Elementary 104 Secondary - 19 2021-2022 Elementary 138 Secondary 29</p>		

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	<p>Inactive accounts for 2020-2022 Elementary -173 and Secondary - 32</p> <p>IT backlog issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of staff in IT to support school council chair with account issues. • PCE office to continue support for community advisory committee accounts. • A fulltime staff to be hired to support school council chair & co-chair with IT issues, email, outlook, zoom and school messenger issues. • The intake process of issuing ticket in the IT portal will be directly done by the principal or vice principal to resolve the issues quickly. • A communication outlining the process change to be sent out in April. • IT is having systems in place to proactively support school councils every school year. • IT to report back to PIAC for feedback. <p>Discussion</p> <p>Concerns on the IT service level support to school councils were raised. Staff expressed that Board takes service levels seriously and is rated at 89% compliance level to service response in schools. IT staff at the request of PCEO is working by changing the flow</p>		

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	<p>of intake to provide support and service to school councils.</p> <p>COVID update</p> <p>The Board is waiting for ministry direction on the COVID protocols in schools. The Board will share all information and report back to the committee on all operational decisions at the next meeting.</p> <p>Virtual Education</p> <p>Ministry has announced on Feb 17 that all Boards must offer virtual learning for all grades K-12. Virtual learning is now a model of instruction offered as an option for parents to choose and is not a pandemic response. Switching during the school year is not available for continuity of learning. Classes will be hosted in schools where there is a higher number of kids who have chosen virtual and is based on registration. Secondary virtual school to continue as a central model with courses offered in a central virtual school, which include all the compulsory classes and optional credits.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Can families switch mid-year? No families can choose to go virtual the whole school year.</p> <p>Why is the timeline so tight? is there consideration to give families at least another week given March break in between</p>		

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	<p>and families may want to ask more questions? The timeline is set for March 21 for staffing, to negotiate with our union partners around staffing dates and not delay staffing.</p> <p>Can the families who may need to leave the country can the students continue the course? Staff haven't made those final decisions, yet, but we will be able to share that with families once those decisions are confirmed. Short term accommodations are always done for students in schools pre pandemic or post pandemic.</p> <p>How can parents who choose to be virtual school participate in school councils and graduations?</p> <p>Is there a plan put together to support newcomers and refugees from Ukraine?</p> <p>Staff will continue to support newcomers, refugees by providing specific technical aspects like internet, chrome books integrate them into our learning as quickly as possible to make sure that they are welcomed with open arms.</p> <p>When students can login virtually, do they have to notify the school if they are not in the country? The different time zones could make it difficult for students to</p>		

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	<p>participate in virtual classes. The virtual school choice next year is a choice of model of instruction unlike last year which was a pandemic response. There won't be any exemptions in terms of attending classes in virtual learning.</p> <p>How will the Board manage the attendance for families in virtual school where students are attending classes outside the country and for families in brick and mortar that may need to travel will have attendance issues?</p> <p>Attendance is monitored in virtual classes, the expectation is that students are attending classes like students who were attending in bricks and mortar. Staff have accommodated family emergencies that require families to travel.</p> <p>The timelines on virtual school is very short and PIAC requested to staff for multiple reminder communications be sent to parents.</p> <p>Staff Update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The motion on anti-racism will be reported under the Director's report in April • Ontario Human Rights commission's right to read report will be presented in April • School year Calendar -Staff response to September 6 PA day was to support and align with the co-terminus TCDSB board has been passed at this time. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Colleen Russel Rawlins will be attending the April PIAC meeting. 		
PCEO Update	A written report was distributed to the committee.		
Q& A	<p>School Council Outreach Why are there 24 schools with no active school councils? Staff reported that the reasons for inactive schools vary, some schools have no parents/caregivers to form a school council, some schools have very few parents/caregivers who are willing but not sufficient to form a full school council. Staff are working on engaging strategies to track and monitor and provide support to schools to form school councils.</p> <p>Request to staff to provide the list of schools by ward. PIAC ward co-reps can provide support schools to have school councils. Can Superintendents be involved to work with schools that don't have councils?</p>		
Working Group (WG) Reports			
Operational effectiveness WG	A written report was distributed. PIAC Co-Chair reported that the PIAC budget needs to be spend and requested working groups to send budget requests to the Operational Effectiveness WG.		

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Strategic planning WG	<p>A written report was distributed</p> <p>PIAC’s Annual Strategic Planning Session</p> <p>The WG to distribute a survey to PIAC membership on the themes, timing options, the number of sessions and the content for the strategic planning session and will report back to the committee at the next meeting.</p>		
Membership WG	<p>A written report was distributed: the following were highlighted:</p> <p>.</p> <p>PIAC representation in W17</p> <p>Membership WG is working on reaching out to parents in W17. Trustee Smith responded to the discussion on looking forward to working with PCEO and PIAC for ward 17 parent community to provide the supports and representation.</p> <p>Ward 5</p> <p>No representation from ward 5 at PIAC and PIAC should reach out to Ward 5 Trustee to support and have representation.</p>	<p>Motion to declare the following vacancy, due to absences, effective immediately:</p> <p>Dean Gray (W 6)</p> <p>Motion moved by Janice B(W11) 2nd by Erin C(W1)</p> <p>The Motion was passed unanimously</p>	
Consultation WG	<p>The meeting time for Consultation WG to be moved to Thursday 6-7pm.</p> <p>Consultation guidelines</p> <p>The WG is currently working on the guidelines/ summary statement regarding consultation with PIAC.</p>		

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School Councils Support WG	<p>A written report was distributed to the committee.</p> <p>Joint consultation by the Consultation WG and School Councils Support WG on the TDSB school council By-laws template with the PCEO.</p> <p>The suggestions were provided to staff to update the By-laws template. Members requested staff to share the updated by-laws template.</p>		
Event WG	Nothing to update.		
Communication and Outreach WG	Nothing to report.		
Ward update	<p>Ward 21- Following Islamophobia incidents at the two W21 schools in February a local clergy Imam was permitted to speak to school community of one school which was an elementary school. It was also reported that the Imam was not permitted by staff to speak at the high school.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>PIAC members should involve the school superintendent and ward trustees at all school meetings held in their ward.</p> <p>Ward 4- Student committee with high school reps are being guided by the trustee on delegating to the board.</p> <p>Ward 10- Ward 10 Forum Minutes 2021-2022 https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward10/Ward-10/Ward-Forum-Minutes</p>		

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	<p>Celebrating African heritage month acknowledging Chinese heritage month. The next Ward 10 Forum is on Thursday March 24, 2022 at 6pm via Zoom. Click Here to Register Online > https://www.chrismoise.ca/wardforums</p> <p>Parent participation in Vice-Principal Process PIAC members expressed appreciation to staff on the PVP process in place. This process was initiated by PIAC and PIAC members were encouraged to participate in this important process.</p> <p>CLG -Community Liaisons Groups work in building relationships between parents from different communities and staff.</p> <p>Ward 8-Forum on March 7th on “Anti-Hate and Anti-Oppression” was appreciated by all, it was well attended by staff, educators and parents in the community.</p> <p>Mental health and wellbeing parent partnership Committee An interactive webinar on mindful parenting to be hosted by the committee on Thursday March 10th 7-8:30 pm, more information on the TDSB website.</p>		
New Business	<i>School year Calendar</i>		Motion by Andrew W (Co-Chair) and

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDSB revised the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar on February 24, 2022 so that September 6, 2022, the Tuesday after Labor Day is now a Professional Development (PD) Day and students' first day of classes is Wednesday, September 7, 2022. • The change was made without consultation through the School Year Calendar Committee where stakeholders including PIAC members sit representing parents/caregivers. <p>Staff responded that historically PD day would be allocated between the Tuesday of the Labor Day weekend and the end of June when there are up to 194 days available for the school year. This practice aligns with the Toronto Catholic District School Board school year and for busing purposes.</p> <p><i>The motion was discussed by PIAC members, staff and trustee and the decision was to take a recorded vote on the motion.</i></p>		<p>2nd by Janice B (W11)</p> <p>Therefore, be it resolved that the PIAC recommends the following actions to Director of Education and the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The School Year Calendar Committee re-convene to consider the concerns raised regarding the impact of the scheduled PD Day on parents and families, and to consider viable alternatives. • Ensure that the School Year Calendar Committee address the placement of PD Days on the calendar going forward; and • If the PD Day on Tuesday, September 6 is to remain, that immediate, transparent, and clear communication be sent out to parents/caregivers, so they have as much time as

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			<p>possible to find childcare where necessary. Abstain:11 In Favor:-7 Opposed: 0 Motion carried.</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 9: 32pm by Janice B (W11) 2 nd by Cecile F(W9).		