

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	Consultations
Date	May 5, 2022
Description/Objective	<p>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 & Outreach Working Group.</p> <p>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 21/22:</p> <p>Re-organize meeting structure and align needs to strategic plan, communicate with PIAC and the parent community around policies undergoing review, according to the TDSB Policy Review Schedule, and address emerging issues as needed.</p>
Update	<p>Meeting On May 5, 2022</p> <p>The May meeting for the Consultations Working Group was focussed on drafting and developing a common expectation around consulting with PIAC.</p> <p>Expectations around consultation with PIAC will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The TDSB defines consultation as “ a two-way communication process between the Board and external participants, including students and their parents/guardians, school councils, advisory committees, community members, different levels of government, service agencies, professional organizations and union partners. The objective of consultation is to gather public input regarding options, alternative courses of action and/or directions to help inform decision-making.” ● when a request to present to PIAC is received, determine whether the request is for information only, or for consultation ● When receiving these requests, Co-Chairs should ask for materials in advance to allow enough time for reading ● Helpful to understand the style and scope of the consultation, ● e.g. will there be public consultations? focus groups? draft policy posted to website? ● Tracking sheet to determine when consultation requests come in, their current status, responsibility, etc. ● Consultation with PIAC occurs when there is an opportunity for the entire committee to participate, respond, and provide feedback. ● If PIAC representatives are asked to participate on their own, they should inform the committee as a whole of the consultation, provide an opportunity for others to provide their input, and feed that back into the consultation ● TDSB staff to report back on the results of the consultation process - what did they hear from parents and other stakeholders?
Motion(s)	none
Question(s)	none

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Next Steps and Action items	draft of expectations to be completed and finalized for the June meeting
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