

### PIAC Spring Event Working Group Report

<b>Working Group</b>	Fall Event Working Group
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>December 9, 2021 @ 7 pm – 8:45 pm</b>
<b>Description/Objectives</b>	This PIAC working group consist of members, community volunteers and staff, who are responsible for assisting with successful delivery of PIAC led events such as Fall & Spring Event Working Groups. This school year due to covid, it allows for events to be held on a virtual platform which can provide more flexibility for attendees.
<b>Event Name</b>	Ready Set Engage – Bridging the Gap
<b>Event Date</b>	Saturday November 27, 2021 & Sunday November 28, 2021.
<b>Event Time</b>	Saturday 10:30 am – 3:30 pm, Sunday 10:30 am – 3:30 pm
<b>Event Platform &amp; Registration</b>	Event Platform – WHOVA/Zoom, Registration - Qualtrics
<b>Attendees</b>	About 520 attendees of Parents, guardians, caregivers, staff, school councils and community. Roughly 420 attendees were active.
<b>Budget:</b>	Had a budget of \$20k - Final numbers of what was actually used, to be reported in 2022
<b>Theme</b>	Helping to bridge the gaps for students returning from a virtual setting to bricks and mortars, and gaps from the pandemic, with a focus on mental health and well being.
<b>Event Objective</b>	<p>Bridging gaps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping virtual parents prepare their children, returning to bricks and mortar</li> <li>• Providing tips, tricks and support in filling in any academic gaps from the pandemic.</li> <li>• Providing guidance for mental help and well being</li> <li>• Providing ways to fulfill the gaps created by Covid</li> <li>• Bridging gaps with the Indigenous community</li> </ul>
<b>Workshops</b>	Had about 16 workshops over the 2-day span (2 sessions on day 1 and 1 session on day 2).
<b>Communication Plan</b>	The plan in partnership with Community and Outreach working group and TDSB Communications worked really well. It help get the word out in a short period of time.
<b>Keynote Speakers/Speakers:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday: Director of Education Colleen Russell-Rawlins</li> <li>• Sunday: Dwayne Matthews - Innovation Evangelist and future of education strategist.</li> <li>• Both days: Elder Joanne brought greetings, Chair Brown and Trustee Mammoliti brought greetings on behalf of TDSB.</li> </ul>
<b>Student Volunteers</b>	Had 8 Wonderful Secondary Student Volunteers
<b>Motions</b>	None
<b>Next Step</b>	Discuss plans for new events
<b>Working Group Leads</b>	1. Sharon Grant (Ward 4)

	2. Nadia Judunath (Ward 22)
<b>Working Group Members</b>	<p><b>Working Group Members</b>  Felicia Seto-Lau (W3)   Sharon Grant (W4)   Jessica Ruiz (W4)   Seema Mitchell (W18)   Mark Ramcharan (W18)   Shanti Chand (W19)   Christopher Levien (W20)   Anees Munshi (W21)   Azeem Mohammed(W21)    Nadia Judunath (W22)</p> <p><b>Community Members</b>   Sarah Marriott (W3)   Patricia Seedial (W4)  Lakshmi Nanga (W4)   Zena Shereck (W5)  </p>
<b>General Notes</b>	<p>Event was a huge success. Some glitches with the WHOVA platform, not everyone was able to register or join via WHOVA. Some had to attend through the Zoom platform and others were not able to attend at all. Beside the minor glitches, there was positive feedback regarding the platform. Some felt like it mimicked an in person event with the interaction. Attendees loved the keynote speakers along with the panel hosted by Michelle Munroe on Sunday.</p>