

PIAC TRUSTEE UPDATE

September 21, 2021

BOARD MEETING - AUGUST 25

A summary of all decisions can be found [here](#).

Update on the Ministry of Education's COVID-19 Immunization Disclosure Policy and Testing Requirements

The Board decided:

(a) That the Director develop a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination procedure to cover all TDSB staff, trustees and visitors to disclose and provide proof of vaccination status so that TDSB workplaces remain as safe as possible for students and staff alike. This procedure should include, but is not limited to, the following criteria:

- i. Individuals covered by the procedure are expected to submit a formal attestation if they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and provide proof of vaccination (i.e. upload or provide vaccination receipt(s));
- ii. Individuals who have not been vaccinated will be required to attend mandatory education on the benefits of vaccination;
- iii. A schedule for dates by which point any unvaccinated individuals must disclose if they have received first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccines;
- iv. TDSB will comply with its human rights obligations and accommodate employees who are legally entitled to accommodation;
- v. The finalized procedure and strategy be implemented prior to school re-opening on September 9, 2021, if feasible, or as soon as practicable thereafter;
- vi. The procedure contemplate where regular COVID-19 testing would be required (e.g. where a medical exemption has been granted, while waiting for vaccinations, partial vaccinations, etc.);
- vii. The Director endeavor to work collaboratively on this procedure with Toronto Public Health, the Board's local health partners, employee groups and federations, as well as the Urban Indigenous Education Centre;
- viii. The Ontario Public School Boards' Association, all Ontario Public School Boards, and all TDSB employee groups be notified of this resolution;

(b) That the Chair write a letter to the Toronto Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Eileen de Villa, the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore, and the Minister of Education, Mr. Stephen Lecce, reiterating the Board's support of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association's statement advocating that COVID-19 vaccinations be added to the list of compulsory vaccinations for all eligible students;

(c) That the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and all Ontario Public School Boards be copied on the letter at Part (b).

BOARD MEETING - JUNE 30

A summary of all decisions can be found [here](#).

Parent Involvement Advisory Committee: Virtual School Feedback Survey

The Board decided that the following be referred back to the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee for further review with staff from the Research Department:

PIAC recommended that the Toronto District School Board organize a survey or other consultation to ask all parents & families in the Virtual School for their feedback on parent(/guardian/caregiver) engagement during the past school year, including but not limited to:

- general impression of the year
- parent/family engagement that supported them (best practices)
- parent/family engagement that was lacking (lessons/ideas to learn for next year)
- parent/family engagement to implement in the 2021/2022 school year.

2021-22 Operating Budget

The Board decided:

That the Chair to write the Minister of Education once again:

- i. to advocate for the ministry to fund the full cost of the pandemic and reimburse the Toronto District School Board for the use of its reserves;
- ii. to fully fund all costs necessary to implement the Board's COVID-19 recovery plan to mitigate the long-term impacts on student learning for all ages and grade levels, as well as the impacts on students' mental health and wellbeing

Return to Semesters

The Board decided:

That the Chair write a letter to the Minister of Education indicating:

- i. that if by mid-summer vaccination rates are strong and case counts low, that every consideration be given to moving to a traditional semester model;
- ii. that such decision be provided to Boards by August 2021 so that schools would be able to organize to safely receive students in this model in a timely manner.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 22. The meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and will be [livestreamed](#) when the public session begins at 7:00pm.

DIRECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

The Board was happy to welcome back Director Colleen Russell-Rawlins on August 5th, 2021.

Please read the Director's welcome message [here](#).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FINANCE, BUDGET, & ENROLMENT COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 13

[Agenda](#)

This meeting included discussion on the following items:

[2022-2023 Budget Schedule](#)

GOVERNANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 8

[Agenda](#)

This meeting included discussion on the following items:

[Enterprise Risk Management Policy: Phase 1](#)

The proposed development of the Enterprise Risk Management Policy is in response to a Provincial Government Directive that requires all ministries and government agencies to implement an Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) program.

[Implementation of a Mandatory Vaccination Plan: Update](#)

Updates on the Ministry of Education mandates for vaccination disclosure and testing as well as discussion of the Board's August 25 resolution re: Mandatory Vaccination Procedure.

SPECIAL PLANNING & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 14

[Staff Presentation Slides](#)

Staff presented information on:

- Enrolment
- Class size
- Reorganization

[Toronto Public Health Presentation Slides](#)

[Mandatory Vaccination Procedure](#) and [Media Release](#).

OTHER UPDATES

Back to School 2021

Please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22> for updates on the new school year including information on:

- [Elementary](#)
- [Secondary](#)
- [Virtual Learning](#)
 - [IT support](#)
 - [Exemptions from synchronous learning](#)
- [Health & Safety](#)
 - [Ventilation](#)
 - [Vaccines](#) (includes clinics in schools and staff vaccination status data)
 - [COVID-19 Testing](#)
 - [TDSB Mask Procedure](#)
- [Daily Health Screening](#)
- [Mental Health & Well-being](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [Questions & Answers](#)
 - Please forward your questions to your trustee so they can have it added to the list.
 - You can find the latest Q&A document from senior staff [here](#).
- [COVID-19 Advisories](#)

Toronto Public Health: Information for Parents & Caregivers

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-financial-social-support-for-people/covid-19-school-information-for-parents-caregivers>

Includes information on:

- What to do if your child has symptoms
- Know when to self-monitor, self-isolate, or send your child to school
- School screening tools
 - translations available
 - screening questionnaire includes decision tree for students/adults with symptoms

Extra Curriculars

Toronto Public Health (TPH) has released [updated guidance](#) on September 20 with regard to extra-curricular activities such as sports, clubs, bands, and fields trips. They are now recommending the gradual return of extra-curriculars as schools establish routines and cohorts, and are confident in health and safety protocols. This is very encouraging news as we know how important these activities are to students' mental and physical health and overall school experience.

More information: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1697/Toronto-Public-Health-Update-Extra-Curriculars>

Permits Restarting

Staff have planned a gradual, phased return to community use of our facilities for the 2021-22 school year. Final decisions on resuming permits for the fall will be guided by the directions from the province and Toronto Public Health (TPH), but our proposed resumption schedule is:

- Before & Afterschool programs including City ARC - Thursday, Sep 9, 2021
- All Swimming Pool Permits - Monday, September 13
- Weekend Community Permits (Saturday & Sunday) - Saturday, Oct 16, 2021
- Weekday Community Permits (Monday – Friday) - To be decided