

# PIAC Co-Chairs Report

*November 2021*

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

The PSSC meeting was held over Zoom on Wednesday, October 28, 2021. PIAC Co-Chairs (D. Williams and Felicia Seto-Lau) attended the PSSC meeting and presented the PIAC Reports for October 2021. The Board of Trustees thanked D Williams for her years of service and advocacy.

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.

Thank you to Cecile Farnum (W10) and Madelaine Hamilton (W16) for leading the work with the members of the Nominations WG in the co-chair election at the November 16, 2021 PIAC meeting.

## **PIAC READY. SET. ENGAGE! BRIDGING THE GAP**

Thank you to Sharon Grant (W4) and Nadia Judunath (W22), Fall Event WG co-leads and all the WG members who have been working hard to organize the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual PIAC Fall Conference. This parent education event will be held virtually on Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. Saturday's keynote speaker is Director of Education, Colleen Russell-Rawlins and Sunday's keynote is future of education strategist, Dwayne Matthews.

ALL PIAC members are strongly encouraged to attend and support the workshops as well as share the registration link. <https://bit.ly/PIACBridgingtheGap>

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

- On October 26th, 2021, the Ministry of Education (EDU) held the sixth 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
- PIAC Co-Chair (D. Williams) attended the spoke on behalf of PIAC at the virtual October Conversation with Parent Involvement Committee Chairs & School Board Leads held by the Ministry of Education on October 26th, 2021.

## **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).

As PIAC looks to continue building the relationship with the Ministry of Education and OPICA, the PIAC co-chairs present a motion.

- Be it resolved that a D Williams will continue as a PIAC representative on the OPICA group for the 2021-2022 school year in addition to the PIAC co-chairs.
  - Rationale is that D Williams has a wealth of knowledge and experience of PIAC to share with OPICA and has been instrumental in developing the relationship of PIAC with the Ministry of Education. It will be beneficial to PIAC and parent engagement to have D Williams continue to build the relationship with the Ministry of Education and OPICA for the remainder of this school year. Also, keeping the most recent co-chair on facilitates support and training of the current co-chairs.

### **CONSENT VOTING PROCEDURE AT PIAC MEETING**

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 follow 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.

### **PIAC POST NEWSLETTER**

The PIAC Communications and Outreach WG published the October 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 all the members who have completed the PIAC Google Drive User Agreement.

All members must complete the agreement to access this important member tool. Please complete the PIAC Google Drive User Agreement . Please email [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com) for link OR see the Zoom chat in this meeting.

All Working Groups are to be using this shared PIAC Google Drive 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!” and make piac.toronto the owner of the folder/documents.

### **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

Proposed for January. Please look out for an email from the PCEO. PCEO will be hosting a new member orientation about 2 hours in length.

### **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>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>

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