

PIAC Co-Chairs Report

May 2023

PIAC BY-LAWS UPDATE

Proposed changes that Operational Effectiveness WG is considering:

- 1) Appointed PIAC Members
 - a) PIAC membership include appointed member with a 1-year term in the following situations:
 - i) Ward Vacancies – During a Ward vacancy prior to an election PIAC can appoint a parent/guardian to represent the Ward who is qualified to be a PIAC member
 - ii) At-large Appointments – PIAC can appoint up-to 10 members who have submitted application to PIAC (seek to include members from under represented groups)
- 2) Reorganize Governance Working Groups (WG) so there are 3 Governance WGs:
 - a) Coordinating WG (formerly Executive Working Group)
 - b) Governance WG (merging Strategic Planning WG and Operational Effectiveness WG)
 - c) Membership Working Group (no change)

PIAC Website Phase 2

- Building on the success from last summer where PIAC used PIAC funds (\$5,000) that would have been returned to the Ministry of Education to engage a vendor to refresh the PIAC website.
- It appears that there could be up-to \$17,000 that will go unspent this school year.
- There is enormous and continued frustration from PIAC Members and School Council Members with TDSBs current level of IT support to allow parents/caregivers to engage.
- PIAC should engage a vendor to explore additional functionalities to the website to enhance parent/caregiver engagement with their children's education, their school(s), school(s)l community(ies), PIAC, other Advisory Committees and Board.

Motion

I move that PIAC authorize the following budget requests as prioritized until all PIAC funds are depleted for 2022-2023 school year or the total allocation is \$17,000:

- 1) Any budget motion approved at a PIAC Meeting between Sept 2022 and May 2023.
- 2) Up to \$2,000 to Communication WG ongoing expenses (ex. Mailchip, etc.)
- 3) Engage a vendor through RFQ, similar to last year in an amount to deplete remaining PIAC funds.

The RFQ process and approval of vendor will be delegated to the Communications WG similar to last year.

PIAC POST NEWSLETTER

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

PIAC GOOGLE DRIVE

We are encouraging all PIAC members to use the PIAC Google Drive for member resources and Working Group activities. Please complete the User Agreement to gain access to the drive: <https://bit.ly/PIACGOOGLE2021>

For any members who seeking one-on-one support to familiarize themselves with using Google drive, Nicole Herbert has offered time to assist. Please email Nicole Herbert at nicole.herbert.work@gmail.com or message her in the Zoom chat to arrange a time to connect. Thanks to all the members who have completed the PIAC Google Drive User Agreement!

To facilitate the important work which members are performing, all Working Groups are to be using this shared PIAC Google Drive. 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.

Thank you to all engaged PIAC members for their efforts in advocating for the parent and caregiver voice and the continued push for student achieve and well being improvements. It may not appear that our work is important and immediately impactful though changes are happening.