

PIAC Chair Report

January 16, 2024

Happy New Year and welcome back to the PIAC Membership

Happy New Year and welcome back to all PIAC members, Trustee de Dovitiis, Associate Director Audley Salmon, Executive Superintendents Uton Robinson & Shirley Chan and the PCCEO team. We're looking forward to continue working and collaborating with each of you during the 2023-2024 school year.

TDSB 2024-2025 School Year Calendar Committee

On Tuesday January 9, 2024 PIAC Co-Chairs Zena Shereck and Sharon Grant attending our first School Year Calendar Committee meeting to discuss and review the proposed Elementary & Secondary 2024-2025 School Year Calendar. A sequent meeting was held on Monday January 15, 2024 to further discuss and review the calendar before presenting to the Board on January 31, 2024 for approval. We will provide an update on the February 2024 PIAC committee meeting.

PIAC Co-Representatives Orientation & Strategic Planning Conversation Reschedule Session – Jan 20, 2024 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm being hosted by the PIAC Co-Chairs at Earl Haig Secondary School 100 Princess Ave., North York, ON M2N 3R7

PIAC Orientation

In order to bridge the gap and better understand the PIAC Co-representatives role and responsibilities, it's very important that all new and current members participate in an orientation being hosted by the PIAC Co-Chairs and supported by the PCCEO. We're looking for 100% participation, if possible at this orientation which will be held on January 20, 2024 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We're hoping to use this forum as a networking session to better acquaint ourselves within this committee as well as.

PIAC Strategic Planning Conversation

We will need to have a Strategic Planning Session before our upcoming PIAC conference on Feb 3, 2024. Best time to do this would be in conjunction with our orientation session to being held on January 20, 2024 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. It's important that we as a committee review our 5 year vision and to see if we have met these goals and objectives. We will also need to set our next 5 year vision which should be in alignment with the board's Multiyear Strategic Plan. The board have started theirs so now we need to start

ours to ensure that as a committee we can continue to provide effective advice to the board on behalf our TDSB parents/guardians/caregivers in order to improve student achievement and well-being.

PIAC School Council Empowerment Conference – Registration is live!

All PIAC members, CLG representative, Parents/Caregivers and Community members, Trustees & TDSB Staff, register is now open for our annual conference to be held for the 2023-2024 School Year on Saturday February 3, 2024 at Earl Haig Secondary School 100 Princess Ave., North York ON M2N 3R7.

PIAC School Council Empowerment Conference – Call for Volunteers

We will need all PIAC members to be available to help support this conference & school council celebration because this is a conference for parents by parents in partnership with the TDSB.

It's important that we support our own events, and this conference is an opportunity to let our TDSB school councils and school communities know about us and the work that we do to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being.

Program and School Services Meeting

There wasn't a Program and School Services Meeting in November, the next meeting will take place on January 24, 2024 at 4:30 pm. The process for PSSC meetings will be that CAC co-chairs will only present recommendations to the committee. Prior 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 Working Groups Meeting Schedule

The expected revised working group (WG) meeting schedule dates will be provided by the WG co-leads before the end of January 2024 to the co-chairs and copy PCCEO which will then be sent out to the general membership.

PIAC Working Groups

The important work of PIAC happens as we support our school councils and school communities in person and direct communication as well in our PIAC working groups. As per our PIAC by-laws each PIAC member is required to sign up and participate in at least one PIAC working group. There are two types of PIAC working groups, the governance and

non-governance working groups. The current governance working groups are; Membership, By-laws, Strategic Planning and Operational Effectiveness which includes Budget and operational matters and are open to all PIAC co-representatives and the CLG representative to PIAC. Our non-governance working groups are; Communications, Special Events, School Council Support and Consultations which are open to all PIAC co-representatives, members, TDSB Parents and Caregivers as well as persons from the community. Please look out for the link from the PCCE Office to sign up for a working group and read the working group descriptions. All of our working groups are support by the TDSB PCCEO team (Parent Caregiver and Community Engagement Office).

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 Parent Caregiver and Community Engagement Office). 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>. Thanks to all the members who have completed the PIAC Google Drive User Agreement.

To facilitate the important work which members are doing to be in compliance with security protocol, all Working Groups are to be using this shared PIAC Google Drive. If you are a PIAC Working Group lead/co-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 folders/documents.

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

Sharon Grant & Zena Shereck
Co-Chairs, Parent Involvement Advisory Committee, TDSB