



Name of Committee: Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: **November 29, 2022**

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee convened on November 29, 2022, from 7:03 p.m. to 9:10 p. m. via Zoom with PIAC Co-chairs Felicia Lau & Andrew Waters

Attendance:	Erin Clarke (W1), Saira Somani (W3), Sharon Grant (W4), Jessica Ruiz(W4), Crystal Stewart (W6), Alice Romo (W7), Cecile Farnum (W9), Denese Gascho (W10), Janice Barnett(W11), Liesha Earle(W12), Susan Lee(W12), Aretha Phillip (W13), Jenny Zeng(W13), Janet Zheng(W13), Nazerah Shaikh (W14), Jenny Gannon (W14), Madelaine Hamilton(W16), Seema Mitchell(W18), Chris Levien(W20), Zuojun Han(W20), Abdul Azeem Mohammed(W21), Nadia Judunath (W22), Nicole Marshall (W22), Towhid Noman (CLG) Felicia Lau (PIAC Co-Chair), Andrew Waters (PIAC Co-Chair), Trustee Debbie King
Staff:	Exec Superintendent Shirley Chan, Latha John (Committee Assistant), Michelle Munroe (Central Coordinator, PCEO), Exec Superintendent Uton Robinson, Associate Director Audley Salmon
Regrets:	Shanti Chand (W19), Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8)
Absent:	Frances Shawera (W2), Sarah Ali (W2), Anshu Grover (W8), Charles Zhu(W11), Mark Ramcharan (W18)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & Introductions • Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands • Code of Conduct • Approval of Quorum 	<p>Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands was done by Chair Felicia Lau. Members were reminded of the code of conduct.</p> <p>Quorum was achieved.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in Membership Status • Declaration of Actual, Perceived, or 	<p>No change in membership status was declared at the meeting.</p> <p>New Co-Reps to Ward 13- Jenny Zeng and Janet Zheng were introduced and welcomed by the</p>		

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Potential Conflict of interest	outgoing W13 Co-Rep Aretha Philip.		
Approval of Consent Agenda and October 18, 2022, Minutes	Agenda to be amended -Agenda item #4 -Election of PIAC Co-Chair will not be held as there has been an acclamation to the PIAC Co-Chair position.	Motion to approve the agenda as amended and October 18 minutes by Janice (W11) and seconded by Chris L(W20). Motion was carried unanimously.	
Co-Chairs Update	<p>A written report was distributed to PIAC members.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Membership WG to lead on the work to incorporate the motion as proposed by Chair Waters into the bylaws eventually.</p> <p>Strategic Plan 2022-2023</p>	<p>Motion by Chair Waters that at the conclusion of Chair Seto Lau’s term to allows for the continual work on the OPICA(Ontario Parent Involvement Committee Association) term as well as to support the incoming and current co-chair and any initiatives that she has worked on. The motion was seconded by Chris L (W20).</p> <p>Motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Motion by Chair Lau that PIAC adopts the strategic plan 2022-2023 as discussed in September and formulated at the strategic plan meeting in June 2022. The motion was seconded by</p>	

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	<p>Program and School Services (PSSC) Update Committees of the board can present or report to PSSC only if there are recommendations to the Board from the committee.</p> <p>New Board of Trustees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee King was welcomed as Trustee liaison to PIAC. • 11 new and 11 returning Trustees to the Board. • The new Board Chair is Trustee Chernos Lin. <p>PIAC Social PIAC Social is on December 15, members were reminded to RSVP to the social. Childcare will be made available on request.</p> <p>PIAC’s Conference Postponed Due to uncertain and challenging times and labor negotiations the conference is postponed to spring 2023.</p>	<p>Nazerah S (W14). Motion was carried unanimously.</p>	
<p>Election of Co-Chair</p>	<p>Membership WG lead presented that one nomination was received for PIAC Co-Chair 2022-2024 position and hence election was not required to be held.</p> <p>Sharon Grant (W4) was acclaimed as the new PIAC Co-Chair for 2022- 2024.</p> <p>Outgoing PIAC Chair Felicia Seto Lau PIAC Chair Lau has finished her two-year term and the work done by Chair Lau was appreciated by the committee.</p>		

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	<p>W13 Rep Outgoing W13 Co-Rep Aretha Philip was thanked for her work with PIAC for the last 6 yrs.</p>		
Trustee Update	<p>Trustee King provided the following update:</p> <p>New Board The New Board term began on November 15. 11 new Trustees and 11 re-elected Trustees. Trustee Chernos Lin is the Board Chair and Trustee Shan as Vice- Chair.</p> <p>School safety and Youth Violence Joint statement of Chair and Director was posted on TDSB website following the meeting with Mayor Tory. The Board is working to address and plan initiatives on the issue.</p> <p>Upcoming Committee meetings Program and School Services (PSSC) Update</p> <p>PSSC meeting is scheduled November 30, 2022. Early years advisory committee and environmental sustainability advisory committee, special education advisory committee are presenting reports at PSSC. Staff to report on pandemic impact on youngest learners and tutoring supports in TDSB.</p> <p>Notice of motion to the Ministry of Education to expand and extend tutoring support programs.</p> <p>Planning and Priorities Committee The committee meeting is On December 1 and special meetings on December 5, 2023.</p>		

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	<p>Board Regular Meeting The meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2022.</p>		
<p>Senior Staff Update</p>	<p>Board Update -New Board & Senior Staff New Board started on November 15, 2022. Associate Director Gold has retired, and Associate Director Linda Curtis will be doing the role in the interim. Two new Execs- Lynn Strangway is the Executive Superintendent of Learning Center 3 & Jack Nigro is the Executive Superintendent of Learning Center 4.</p> <p>Contingency job action update</p> <p>Staff are committed to inform parents, guardians, caregivers during strike action and were able to provide a clearer direction to families and as much advance notice as possible.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees motion to reconsider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A previous decision of the Board cannot be reconsidered for at least twelve months after the decision was made unless two thirds majority of all members decide otherwise. • A previous decision of the Board cannot be reconsidered unless a notice of motion to reconsider the decision has been included in an agenda. • A decision of the board made earlier in an ongoing or current meeting may be reconsidered on a motion without notice. <p>Impact on virtual schools and in-person learning during job action</p>		

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	<p>Virtual school learning is separate learning within TDSB and students in the virtual school model already have computers and are taught by teachers who only teach virtual classes. Classes are set based on the number of students who registered for virtual school at the beginning of the school year.</p> <p>The board has several contingency plans in place to support the learning for students who are in- person. Students learn in different ways, and educators will help support student who experiences challenges. Asynchronous learning was provided by their teachers to help catch up with missed lessons and due to the disruption caused by job action.</p> <p>Staff reported that the PA days were not affected due to job action One of the two interview dates for vice principal interviews with parent volunteers were postponed due to job action. and staff are working to reschedule the interview date.</p>		
PCEO Update	<p>A written report was distributed to the committee.</p> <p>School Council training Parent and Community engagement office has been rolling out School Council training since September. PCEO You tube page has a variety of training videos are posted for independent learning opportunities.</p> <p>School Council Chairs /Co-Chairs Email Contact Information The information as collected by PCEO will be shared with PIAC. PIAC members was requested to follow PIAC’s communication guidelines to contact school councils. Not all school council chairs agreed to</p>		

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	<p>share their personal contacts and some school councils have activated their TDSB email accounts. PCEO is trying to generate a report on the schools who have activated their TDSB account. PIAC members who have activated TDSB accounts have access to school councils TDSB account.</p> <p>Grants The Parent Reaching Out Grants previously known as Priorities Partnership Fund are now embedded in grants for student needs. \$264000 were received for 2022-2023. \$170000 was allocated for the school council innovation grant and school councils are now able to apply for the grant starting November 21st and December 9th is the deadline. The focus on areas of priority this year for school council will be on equity, anti-oppression, anti-black racism, human rights, and food sovereignty.</p> <p>PCEO held two information session on the application process and the following concerns were received: Allocation of \$25000 for administrative purposes. The allocation enables administrative supports for the PCEO office to roll out the innovation grants and the process.</p> <p>Parents Concerns Concerns on the language used in the grants process as inequitable and need to be simplified.</p> <p>Concerns on the language on the thematic areas of anti-oppression and equity and food sovereignty.</p> <p><i>Staff used the language for council to</i></p>		

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	<p><i>engage in equity work and in anti-oppression work.</i> <i>Staff have created FAQ to provide some basic information to councils on some questions such as -</i> <i>what is anti-oppression?</i> <i>what is food, sovereignty?</i></p> <p>The concerns on the short period of application with the deadline on December 9th. <i>Staff will be considering if extension is required and will be based on the availability of funding.</i></p>		
Q& A	<p>Learning disruptions due to job actions Virtual schools continued learning whereas all other in -person learning was closed by the initial job action disruption. Why is there a big difference in the supports? When there was a second notice of job disruption the board pivoted immediately to live virtual learning. There is a need for the Board be able to pivot to live virtual learning immediately if there is another disruption.</p> <p><i>Contingency planning is challenging for staff and staff did their best to move to asynchronous learning.</i> <i>Staff were able to set up the platform and be better prepared with second notice.</i> <i>With equity perspective of giving the very best it wouldn't have been right to hold the learning from three thousand virtual learning students who already know that the learning was set up.</i></p> <p><i>The primary equity issue was the distribution of technology, staff worked on the technology distribution as the</i></p>		

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	<p><i>expectation was to move towards synchronous learning as per the direction from Ministry of Education.</i></p> <p>Concerns on the Board of Trustees motion to reconsider on Central student interest program.</p> <p>Will the Board look at the concerns again? Can another motion be brought to consider if there's enough people to support reconsidering it? Is the Board looking to support the new students who come into the programs next year as there might be some issues of conflict as new students got in with lottery when previous students came with auditions or tests? <i>The reconsideration motion was part of the previous term of trustees. The programs are in place and are moving forward.</i> <i>The application processes have already begun so staff will be working on supporting all students, staff will take the feedback on supporting students transition to grade nine programs and is a great priority for the Board.</i></p> <p>Due to overwhelming demand for the programs PIAC is requesting a report on the spaces and expansion on the number of programs have been expanding for more students to have access. <i>Vast majority of the programs at the secondary level are not done through lottery. The lottery system is used in situations where the actual demand for programs exceeds the number of available spaces, and it is for a very limited number of programs.</i> <i>Staff are working with specialized teaching groups to construct the entry</i></p>		

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	<p><i>process to the programs.</i></p> <p>PIAC to request Superintendent Diana Panagiotopoulos and CAP Reiko Fuentes for more information and data.</p> <p>Support to PIAC shared ward email updates</p> <p>John Manalo will be scheduling support sessions for PIAC members for the email accounts.</p>		
Working Group (WG) Reports			
Event planning WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIAC's Parent conference had to be postponed to Spring 2023. • The new date is May 6, 2023 and will be an in person event at Earl Haig. • The planning for event is ongoing with outdoor session in the morning. Childminding, bussing and refreshment to be provided. • A play is being proposed as written by event wg member Zena S and have students to perform • Language based workshop were suggested for the event. • Staff will consult on exploring the idea as proposed by the event wg and will bring back information. 		
Communication WG	<p>The WG met in November and the following were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website updates • School councils Content • Event WG work • Coordinating with TDSB Communications • Slack Communication tool is open for PIAC members to join • Training on Social Media accounts • Events that needs to be shared on 		

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	social media to be shred with the Communication lead		
Strategic Planning WG	There is no one leading the Strategic planning WG.		
Operational effectiveness WG	There is nothing to report as the lead Shanti has send her regrets.		
Membership WG	<p>A written report was distributed.</p> <p>Vacancies There are 16 vacancies.</p> <p>Upcoming ward elections Ward 9 Ward 5 Ward 15</p> <p>Working group leads PIAC members were encouraged to step up and lead WGs, there are tools to support the work.</p> <p>PIAC Social We have received 30 RSVP's and PIAC members were encouraged to RSVP and attend the PIAC social.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This motion should be embedded in the bylaws for continuity and building capacity of the new PIAC 	<p>Motion by Nazerah S (W14) to allocate \$1500 to the Membership WG for the PIAC Winter Social on December 15, 2022. Seconded by Erin C(W1) Roll call voting was done for the motion on budget allocation. All in favour and motion was carried.</p> <p>Motion by Nazerah To declare the current outgoing PIAC Co-Chair, Felicia Seto-Lau, as an ex officio member. Upon completion of her</p>	

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	<p>Co-Chairs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the outgoing PIAC chair may not a parent in the system, can they still be an ex officio member. • It should be a courtesy request that PIAC Chair is welcome to stay on for another year rather than saying you are required to. 	<p>term(s) as Co-Chair, the parent member may become a non-voting member in the following year for a one-year duration. The outgoing Co-Chair is an advisory position assisting the elected current Co-Chairs and maintaining continuity for initiatives.</p> <p>Seconded by Susan L (W12)</p> <p>Motion passes for Membership and Operational WG to explore an item in the by-laws that would include an option for a Co-Chair to continue as a Ex officio member.</p>	
Consultation WG	There is nothing from the WG.		
School Councils Support WG	The WG did not meet this month.		
Ward & CLG update	<p>Ward 4-The new Trustee has confirmed to support PIAC's event and to do a workshop for PIAC conference.</p> <p>W16- Mental Health & wellness committee to do a wellness event in February.</p>		
New Business	<p>Training session for new PIAC members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The orientation will be done in February. • PIAC orientation will be shared with new members in the interim until the orientation. 		

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	<p>New Members Email access The new members information was shared to staff for support on email access.</p>		
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 9:10pm by Janice B (W11) and 2 nd by Jenny G (W14)		