

Statutory Committee

Name of Committee: Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 21 April, 2020

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee convened on 21 April 2020 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:35 p.m. via Zoom platform with PIAC Co-Chairs D. Williams and Zena Shereck.

Attendance Sharleen Ahmed (W15 Rep), John Bakous (W8 Alt), Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8 Rep), Janice Barnett(W11 Alt), Shanti Chand(W19 Alt), Cecile Farnum (W9 Alt), Jenny Gannon (W14 Alt), Sharon Grant (W4 Rep),); Zuojun Han(W 20 Alt), Jess Hungate(W5 Rep); Kathleen Hyatt (W7 Alt), Nadia Judunath(W22 Alt), Wilmar Kortleever(W11 Rep), Felicia Lau (W3 Rep), Kate Leuschen Millar (W16 Rep), Christopher Levien (W20 Rep), Abdullah Mamun(W19 Rep),Nicole Marshall(W22 Rep); Seema Mitchell (W18 Rep), Rep), Aretha Phillip (W13 Rep), Rebekah Quach(W16 Alt), Mark Ramcharan(W18 Alt), Kajani Ravindradas(W21 Rep), Alice Romo (W7 Rep), Eva Rosenstock (W12 Alt), Patricia Seedial (W4 Alt) Nazerah Shaikh (W14 Rep), Zena Shereck (PIAC Co-Chair, Saira Somani (EP W3 alt), Mirian Turcios (W6 Rep), Andrew Waters (W9 Rep), D. Williams (Co-Chair Glenna Wellington (W17 Alt),

Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin, Latha John Committee Assistant), Michelle Munroe (Central Coordinator, PCEO), Associate Director Colleen Russell-Rawlins,

Regrets Neil Faba (W15 Alt); Dean Gray (W6 Alt), Jaimala (W5 Alt), Shafoli Kapur (W2 Alt), Kabirul Mollah (CLG). Pargat Mudher (W17 Faduma Qaline(W1 Alt) Vivek Rao (W2 Rep), Haniya Sheikh (W12 Rep), Syed Sumar Alam (Ward 13 Alt), Sylvester Witter (W10 Rep)

Part A: Recommendations

None

Part B: For Information Only

PIC Conference call

The Ministry has reached out to all PIC Co-Chairs of all the school boards across the province for a conference call on April 23 to get feedback on the online learning and challenges.

Staff provided the following update

- Remote learning
- Summer School
- Distribution of devices
- Printed packages
- Technical support for parents on remote learning

COVID-19 Family Caregiver Concerns.

Members had an important conversation on the impact of school closure and distance learning. The following was highlighted:

- Families are in crisis with their health, finances, food and children's education.
- Remote learning and the time commitments required to support remote learning needs are challenging
- Varying concerns on the online teaching methodology and inconsistency across the Board.
- Special Education, particularly children with IEPs and French students do feel supported in remote learning

School Council Meetings

- Staff explored with PIAC a May or June meeting for school council meetings. Meetings need to be publicized to the school community and messaging needs to acknowledge and recognize the reality of families and equity of access
- Committee recommends that school councils meet and support be provided around virtual meeting
- Councils are seeking information/direction on work and activities
- Staff to send out communication to all school councils around meetings
- PIAC to explore ways to provide support to school councils

Translation and Interpretations Services

- PCEO coordinates and ensures interpreters and translators are made available for multilingual families.

Community Resource Link

- The Board's webpage has a community resource page. Students, family caregivers may access supports or call 211.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

Report Submitted by: Associate Director, Colleen Russell-Rawlins and
Michelle Munroe Central Coordinator PCEO