

Statutory Committee

Name of Committee: Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 20 October, 2020

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee convened on 20 October, 2020, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:05 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); Nadia Judunath(W22 Alt), Wilmar Kortleeever(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), Towhid Noman(CLG), Aretha Phillip (W13 Rep), Vivek Rao (W2 Alt), Mark Ramcharan(W18 Alt), Alice Romo (W7 Rep), Patricia Seedial (W4 Alt) Nazerah Shaikh (W14 Rep), Zena Shereck (PIAC Co-Chair), Andrew Waters (W9 Rep), D. Williams (Co-Chair), Sylvester Witter (W10 Rep)

Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin, Associate Director Karen Falconer, Latha John Committee Assistant), Michelle Munroe (Central Coordinator, PCEO), Executive Officer Ross Parry;Executive Superintendent Uton Robinson

Regrets Syed Sumar Alam (Ward 13 Alt)Jaimala (W5 Alt), Dean Gray (W6 Alt), Neil Faba (W15 Alt);Shafoli Kapur (W2 Rep),Pargat Mudher (W17 Faduma Qaline(W1 Alt) Haniya Sheikh (W12 Rep), Mirian Turcios (W6 Rep), Glenna Wellington (W17 Alt)

Part A: Recommendations

None

Part B: For Information Only

Staff provided the following updates

Reorganisation

Staff Leadership Updates

- Associate director Manon Gardner is leaving in November 26th.
- Superintendents Jane Phillips-Long who leads virtual schools will retire in end of November.

Demographics of student representations in Virtual School.

- Black students are evenly divided between in person and virtual schools.
- South Asian and East Asian communities are overwhelmingly represented in virtual schools.
- Most students in virtual schools are from families whose second language is English or newcomer families and families with moderate income level.

HEPA units

The Ministry of Education are providing monies for HEPA units. Staff will be receiving a list of the schools that are getting the heavy units and the Board is looking to purchase approximately 6000 units to support all classrooms with no operable windows.

Communication Strategy of the Board

Staff provided PIAC a briefing on the Board's communication strategies, followed by feedback, discussion and Q&A with the committee.

Parents as Partners conference

The first virtual conference is scheduled for Saturday October the 24th and Sunday October the 25th.

PIAC committee update**PIAC November conference**

PIAC's virtual conference is scheduled for Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22, 2020.

Nomination WG

Election for the PIAC Co-Chair to be held at the November 17th PIAC meeting, the PIAC voting structure is one vote for each ward, each ward to indicate if the REP or ALT would vote

Virtual WG

Virtual School WG was struck by the committee for Parent Engagement in the virtual school, the committee discussed the need for an ADHOC WG. The WG recommendations can be shared with staff and the ministry.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

Report Submitted by: Associate Director, Karen Falconer and
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