

Name of Committee: Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 19 January, 2021

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee convened on 19 January, 2021, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:41 p.m. via Zoom platform with PIAC Co-Chairs D. Williams and Felicia Lau.

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), Dean Gray (W6 Alt); Zuojun Han (W20 Alt), Jess Hungate (W5 Rep); Jaimala (W5 Alt), Nadia Judunath (W22 Alt), Wilmar Kortleeve (W11 Rep), Felicia Lau (PIAC Co-Chair), 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), Haniya Sheikh (W12 Rep), Syed Sumar Alam (Ward 13 Alt) Mirian Turcios (W6 Rep) Andrew Waters (W9 Rep), Glenna Wellington (W17 Alt), D. Williams (Co-Chair),

Trustee Trixie Doyle, Associate Director Curtis Ennis, Interim Director Karen Falconer, Latha John (Committee Assistant); Michelle Munroe (Central Coordinator, PCEO), Vitaliy Plotnikov (Policy Coordinator), Exec Superintendent Uton Robinson,

Regrets Neil Faba (W15 Alt); Shafoli Kapur (W2 Rep), Pargat Mudher (W17) Faduma Qaline (W1 Alt),

Part A: Recommendations

To increase access to, and visibility of, PIAC Representatives, PIAC requests that the names of the Ward's PIAC Representatives be added to school TDSB websites, adjacent or below the existing PIAC logo and link. For now, the names will link to the PIAC Membership list that is regularly updated on the TDSB website, which will eventually have clickable links to e-mail addresses.

Part B: For Information Only

Staff provided updates on the following:

TDSB Governance and Policy Committee update

Update on the upcoming policy review schedule and the role of parents and members of the public in the policy review and development process.

Mental Health and Well being Resources for families.

- Webinars with expert panelist
- Open forum for families and students.
- Bell Let's Talk day

Physical education for students

Staff are committed and working on providing physical education in virtual schools with consideration for safety and liability.

Switching models

A working group of staff is looking at the possibilities and proposed models for the switching models.

School Messenger Update

Staff & School council chairs will be able to send direct messages to parents using the tool. Rollout to begin on January 25, 2021.

Vice-Principal Interview Process

150 parents have responded. The training is scheduled on February 9, 2021.

Program Priorities Funding (PPF) –Parent Reaching Out Grant (PROG)

Funds will be allocated to support the following initiatives:

School Council Anti-Black Racism, anti-Indigenous and anti-oppression application initiatives
(\$52,500@1,500/Council)

- i. Virtual Parent/Caregiver engagement tools and supports (\$20,000)
- ii. Conversation Series 2.0-Going Deeper (\$35,000)
- iii. Enhanced Multi-lingual Supports (\$24,063)

PIAC Orientation

Orientation is scheduled on February 9 2021

PIAC committee update

PIAC Co-Chair reported on the following

- Ministry of Education PIC meeting
- Ontario PIC Connection
- PIAC Post

Virtual Engagement WG

- Parents have requested to increase the parent engagement level in virtual schools.
- Thought Exchange -Parents to share ideas of community engagement ideas or share activities that have worked in their school communities

Membership WG

The role of PIAC Representative and Alternate to be clarified for parents at ward forums by Trustees

Part C: Ongoing Matters

Report Submitted by: Associate Director Curtis Ennis and
Michelle Munroe Central Coordinator PCEO