

Name of Committee: Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)

Meeting Date: 20 April 2021

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee convened on 20 April 2021, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:48 p.m. via ZOOM platform with PIAC Co-Chairs D. Williams and Felicia Seto-Lau.

Attendance John Bakos (W8 Alt), Janice Barnett(W11 Alt), Cecile Farnum (W9 Alt), Jenny Gannon (W14 Rep), Sharon Grant (W4 Rep), Jess Hungate(W5 Rep), Madelaine Hamilton(W 16 Alt), Zuojun Han (W 20 Alt), Jaimala(W5 Alt), Nadia Judunath(W22 Alt), Wilmar Kortleever(W11 Rep), Felicia Lau (PIAC Co-Chair), Susan Lee(W 12 Rep) , Chris Levien(Ward 20 Rep), , Kate Leuschen Millar (W16 Rep), Seema Mitchell(W18 Rep), Abdul Azeem Mohammed (W21 Rep), Anees Munshi (W21 Alt), Aretha Phillip (W13 Rep), Mark Ramcharan (W18 Alt), Alice Romo (W7 Rep), Patricia Seedial (W4 Alt), Nazerah Shaikh (W14 Alt), Mirian Turcios (W6 Rep), Andrew Waters (W9 Rep), D.Williams (PIAC Co-Chair), Albert Wong(W 12 Alt),

Exec Sup Shirley Chan, Trustee Trixie Doyle, Associate Director Curtis Ennis, Michelle Munroe (CTRL Coord, PCEO), Exec Supt Uton Robinson

Regrets Sharleen Ahmed (W15 Rep), Syed Sumar Alam (W13 Alt), Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8 Rep), Shanti Chand (W19 Alt),Neil Faba (W15 Alt); Denese Gascho (W10 Rep), Dean Gray (W6 Alt), Abdullah Mamun (W19 Rep), Nicole Marshall (W22 Rep), , Towhid Noman (CLG)Vivek Rao (W2 Alt), Saira Somani (W3 A), Charlotte Schwartz (W 10 Alt), Glenna Wellington (W17 Alt)

Part A: Recommendations

None

Part B: For Information Only

Staff Update

Impact on learning

The impact on grade averages across North America, student mental health and well-being could be a main factor for the grade averages during the pandemic

- 84% of TDSB students have indicated in-person learning was preferred.
- Active participation has gone down by 37%.

Graduation

A staff team has been convened to assist schools with graduation planning whether virtual or in person.

Extracurricular activities

Staff are looking at partnerships for e-sports extracurricular activities for students in a safe and supportive platform.

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

190 applications were received and 80 applications were approved of which 6 were high schools, 11 Middle Schools, and 63 elementary schools. Of the 80 approved, 61 were supported by the PPF Grant for a total of \$76,563.00 and 19 by PIAC allocated funds for a total of \$25,000.

School Council Townhall

The townhall was well attended and it was noted that many school councils had issues of equity and are exploring strategies for building more equitable and inclusive school councils.

The conversation series to continue in April, May, and June.

PO23-Policy Review

A revised PO23 policy Work Plan was approved by the Board. The first roll out of the review will be the CAC review. Approved consultation Critical Path will be shared with the PIAC Consultation Working Group

Part C: Ongoing Matters

PIAC Co-Chairs update

Priority Programs Fund (PPF)

PIAC's consultation WG's letter to the Ministry of Education was presented at PSSC stating the support of PIAC on the importance of the Priority Programs Fund (PPF) [formerly known as the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants] to school councils and regional parent engagement initiatives. The committee will explore next steps for further advocacy.

TDSB Human Rights Policy P031 Consultation

A consultation session organized by PIAC and the TDSB Human Rights Office will be held on Wednesday April 21, 2021.

Spring Event WG – Breaking Barriers by Changing Biases May 1 & 2, 2021

Kevin Carrington is the Keynote for the event and Staff will take part in facilitating the conversation.

Ontario Parent Involvement Connection (PIC)

The PIC Connection is a gathering of Ontario PIC chairs. The Connection meets regularly and is now exploring terms of reference and draft bylaws for PIC's, and the challenges, opportunities and the best practices of PICs.

New PIAC Members Welcomed

1. Abdul Azeem Mohammed (W21 Rep),
2. Anees Munshi (W21 Alt), 2

Returning PIAC members

1. Jenny Gannon (W14 Rep),
2. Nazerah Shaikh (W14 Alt)

Annual Strategic Planning Session

PIAC 's Annual Strategic planning session to be held on June 5, 2021.

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