

Name of Committee: Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)

Meeting Date: 18 May 2021

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee convened on 18 May 2021, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:08 p.m. via ZOOM platform with PIAC Co-Chairs D. Williams and Felicia Seto-Lau.

Attendance Sharleen Ahmed (W15 Rep), Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8 Rep), John Bakos (W8 Alt), Janice Barnett(W11 Alt), Shanti Chand (W19 Alt),Cecile Farnum (W9 Alt), Jenny Gannon (W14 Rep), Denese Gascho (W10 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), Abdullah Mamun (W19 Rep), Nicole Marshall (W22 Rep), Towhid Noman (CLG), Kate Leuschen Millar (W16 Rep), Seema Mitchell(W18 Rep), 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), Andrew Waters (W9 Rep), D.Williams (PIAC Co-Chair), Glenna Wellington (W17 Alt),Albert Wong(W 12 Alt),

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

Regrets Syed Sumar Alam (W13 Alt), Neil Faba (W15 Alt); Dean Gray (W6 Alt), Vivek Rao (W2 Alt), Saira Somani (W3 A), Charlotte Schwartz (W 10 Alt), Mirian Turcios (W6 Rep),

Part A: Recommendations

PIAC Recommends that the Toronto District School Board organize a survey or other consultation to ask all parents & families in the Virtual School for their feedback on parent(/guardian/caregiver) engagement during the past school year, including but not limited to:

- general impression of the year
- parent/family engagement that supported them (best practices)
- parent/family engagement that was lacking (lessons/ideas to learn for next year)
- parent/family engagement to implement in the 2021/2022 school year.

Part B: For Information Only

PIAC may make recommendations to the Ministry of Education on issues of concern to parents and guardians at the TDSB, be it resolved that PIAC will adopt the letter regarding the potential of permanent remote learning in Ontario as drafted by the Consultations Working Group and send it to the Minister of Education at the earliest possible opportunity.

Staff Update

Virtual School 2021-22

Board is working on transitioning virtual students to their local school, staffing allocation has been allocated to local schools. Board communication to families to make more informed decision regarding the learning selection for the school year 2021-22.

Graduation

Staff is working on celebrating milestones of all students in an appropriate way.

For secure presentation of graduation the ceremony will be taped and not live streamed.

Safety Hazards of Underutilized Schools

Caretaking staff have been taking care of schools on a regular basis and were able to address many safety hazards in schools.

Water safety

Staff are mindful of the presence of lead in the water in some schools, staff have been instructed and are following the required water safety procedures.

Extracurricular

The Board is looking at e- sports to engage virtually and IT staff are working on providing the network support for e-sports in schools.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

PIAC Co-Chairs update

Ontario PIC connection

PIAC Co-Chairs continue to collaborate with Ontario PIC Connection and Ministry of Education and shared information/resources on the following:

- Future of de-streaming in Ontario's secondary schools
- Centralization/Privatization of E-Learning/Remote Learning
- Forming of the "Ontario PIC Association"
- Upcoming meeting with the Ministry of Education in June 2021 on parent engagement.

TDSB Human Rights webinar

The session was organised by PIAC's Consultations WG and TDSB's human rights office and was well attended on April 21, 2021.

PIAC's BREAKING BARRIERS BY CHANGING BIASES

PIAC Spring Event WG was a successful weekend virtual event on May 1 and May 2, 2021.

PIAC's Google Drive

The PIAC Google Drive Sub-Working group have worked on organizing and for PIAC members accessing documents in the PIAC Google Drive .

Join the conservation series

The final conversation of this school year by PIAC/PCEO is on June 3, 2021 - "The Future of Education".

Caregivers/Parents as Parents Partners 2021

The planning for the event has begun. The event to be held on Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25, 2021 tentatively.

PIAC Post

The post was published on April 27, 2021 and distributed.

Annual Strategic Planning Session

PIAC 's Annual Strategic planning session to be held on June 5, 2021. The session to have a guest speaker on Anti- Oppression and Equity followed by Q& A.

Report Submitted by Associate Director, Curtis Ennis and
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