

# PIAC Co-chairs Report

*June 19, 2018*

## PROGRAM & SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE DEPUTATION MAY

No recommendations made by PIAC. PIAC co-chairs were unable to attend this meeting, but reports for the April and May PIAC meetings were presented to the committee.

See the report to the board for the April 2018 PIAC Meeting [here](#) and the May 2018 meeting [here](#).

## STATUS OF PREVIOUS PIAC MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

### Fundraising Guide

**Motion:** After PIAC made a recommendation to PSSC in April, the Board decided at their May 23, 2018 meeting:

- (a) That school councils be consulted on the Board's 2017-18 Fundraising Resource Guide;
- (b) That consultations be done for any future updates to the Fundraising Guide and any related guidelines, in accordance with O. Reg. 612/00, s.19 (1.1.iv).

**Update:** Consultation will be done in the fall on both the fundraising policy and the fundraising guidelines. Staff are currently working on developing the revised policy and process for consultation. PIAC stressed that any changes to the policy or guidelines i.e. changes that are proposed before the revised fundraising policy consultations occur, still need to go through a consultation process before being implemented. Further, that any guidelines that are not included in the fundraising policy review consultation still need to go through a consultation process as per Reg. 612.

### Board Website: Parent Tab

**Motion:** After PIAC made a recommendation to PSSC in April, the Board decided at their May 23, 2018 meeting:

- (a) That access to key parent resources be increased by adding a permanent tab named Parents to the landing page and headers on the Board's website, [tdsb.on.ca](http://tdsb.on.ca);
- (b) That, as a body legislated to advise the Board on matters of parent engagement and communication, the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee be consulted on the creation of a tab for parents, as referenced at Part (a), and the navigations links selected for the drop down menu.

**Update:** Staff indicated that Ross Parry (TDSB Communications) will work with PIAC to

update the website. PIAC Communications working group will connect with Mr. Parry and report back on the progress of the parent tab.

### Permits for School Councils

**Motion:** After PIAC made a recommendation to PSSC in April, the Board decided at their May 23, 2018 meeting that the following be referred to staff:

(a) That school councils be granted access to school facilities during non-school and after-school hours for school related activities and meetings, provided:

- (i) That all activities adhere to the mandate of the school council as outlined in Regulation 612/00;
- (ii) That appropriate insurance for events outside of the Board's scope has been purchased;
- (iii) That custodians are regularly scheduled or can be rescheduled to work;

(b) That the policy P011, Community Use of Board Facilities (Permits) be amended to waive permit fees for school council related meeting and activities.

**Update:** Staff working on the revised Community Use of Schools Policy will incorporate feedback received from PIAC. Draft policy should come to the Governance & Policy Committee in the fall.

### School Generated Funds Guidelines

**Action Item:** PIAC was presented with the revised (February 2017) School Generated Funds Guidelines at their March 21, 2017 meeting and provided feedback on the document. PIAC requested that the final draft of the guidelines be brought back to PIAC for feedback and was informed that the document would come back to us once our suggestions were incorporated. PIAC was also informed that the board is working on a process to finalize the procedure through consultations with school councils.

**Update:** The Board is presently preparing the fundraising policy for consultation in the fall. The policy is to include clear guidelines for School Generated funds. PIAC will be provided with the opportunity for consultation.

### TDSB School Profile pages

**Motion:** that the 'parent' and 'school council' tabs of all TDSB school profile pages include a reference link to PIAC's website

**Update:** Planned update of all TDSB school web pages during the summer was not completed. Communications/Outreach working group will follow up with TDSB communications in the spring of 2018.

### SAC Survey Snapshot Report

**Update:** Survey results have not yet gone to the Program and School Services Committee (PSSC) for discussion. PIAC's response document was included in the September report to PSSC. Co-chairs will follow up with PSSC when the survey comes to the committee.

## **OTHER UPDATES**

### 2017-2018 Year-end PIAC Member Survey

Each year the board asks all Community Advisory Committees to send out a year-end survey to their members in order to enhance the effectiveness of their meetings.

**So far only 5 PIAC members have completed the survey.**

**We are asking all PIAC members to fill out the survey asap** to help us identify which aspects of our PIAC meetings we should keep, which areas need improvement, and new ideas for the upcoming school year.

Note: your name/email will not be recorded in your response.

[2017-2018 PIAC Year-end Survey](#)

### PIAC meeting schedule 2018-2019

The schedule for PIAC meetings for the 2018-2019 school year have been emailed to all members. Please contact the co-chairs at [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com) if you have any comments about the schedule.

Please also note that due to upgrades to the boardroom at 5050 the September and October PIAC meetings will be held in a different location. Information will be forwarded to all PIAC members via our committee assistant.

### CAC Co-chairs Meeting

Both PIAC Co-chair participated in the CAC Co-chair meeting put on by the PCEO (thank you!) on Wednesday, June 6th. We were able to make connections with various CACs:

- The Community Use of Schools Advisory Committee was able to learn about the PIAC recommendation to the board around school council permits and will be supporting it as the policy is updated.
- CAC co-chairs mentioned a need for CACs to keep in touch with regular communications including CAC agendas, recommendations to board, etc.
  - The PIAC communication working group already had this as a potential action item and the co-chairs will connect with the working group to help develop this idea using feedback from the CAC co-chairs.
- CAC co-chairs mentioned a need for chair training, orientation., and succession planning. PIAC will share their Co-chair resources document folder to other CACs for reference.
- Senior staff reorganization may mean changes to the way CACs are supported. More info will be provided from PCEO and PIAC's Director Designate as information becomes available.
- CACs were generally unaware of the availability of @tdsb.on.ca email addresses for their members. Looking forward to the new Google access and request training once the new system is set up for CACs.

### Parents as Partners Conference 2019

If any PIAC members are interested in joining the Parents as Partners Conference committee to help plan the 2019 conference, **please inform the co-chairs by emailing [info@torontopiacc.com](mailto:info@torontopiacc.com)**. The first meeting will take place in the fall and we will supply the dates of the meetings once the schedule has been set.

## **WORK PLAN ACTION ITEMS**

OBJECTIVE	INITIATIVE	UPDATE
<p><b>Ongoing review of current TDSB policies and procedures and make recommendations on policy and process improvement</b></p>	<p>PIAC Chairs to have regular monthly meetings with TDSB Director or designate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meetings have occurred before all 2017-2018 PIAC meetings from September to April.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Continue to build and maintain relationships with TDSB Director, designates, Trustees and other advisory committees</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Foster opportunities for partnership with TDSB advisory committees and PICs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co-chairs attended CAC chair meeting (set up by PCEO) in October and June.</li> <li>● Co-chairs invited other CACs to present at PIAC meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EPAC attended the February meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Co-chairs have attended other CAC meetings for information (SEAC) and have begun reading minutes/reports from other CAC meetings. Any relevant info will be shared with PIAC and/or PIAC working groups on an ongoing basis.</li> <li>● CUSAC will support PIAC's recommendations regarding school council permits.</li> <li>● Communications WG to look at creating updates that can be shared with other CACs.</li> <li>● PIAC will share Co-chair resources folder with other CACs to help with succession planning.</li> <li>● Future meeting planned for fall 2018.</li> </ul>