

## PIAC Working Group REPORT

<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Consultations</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>June 12, 2017</b>
Description/Objective	<p><i>The Consultations Working Group was formed to promote and manage better consultation between PIAC and the education system, involving and on behalf of the parent community. This includes specifically prioritizing, summarizing and disseminating information regarding Policies and Procedures under review by the TDSB. Dissemination of information will be coordinated with PIAC Ward Representatives and the Communications WG. Where applicable the Consultations WG, along with all PIAC members, will coordinate review and/or provide feedback and/or make recommendations regarding review and revision of TDSB Policies and Procedures to the PIAC Co-chairs.</i></p>
Update	<p>Meeting June 5th, 2017</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Discussed content of deputation at July 6th Governance and Policy Meeting. PIAC to recommend that Board delay adopting the Equity Policy revisions. Revised policy has vague language, does not incorporate findings of the Equity Task Force, and requires further public consultation. PIAC to request involvement in consultation process. **Update - Nahum Mann delivered deputation, recommendation supported by Jim S., Board to delay adoption of Equity Policy.</li> <li>b. Cons WG will request meeting with Jim S., Vitaly P., Michelle Munroe, and additional policy staff in the fall of 2017 to discuss PIAC's consultation role on policy revision. Currently PIAC is included in some Phase 4 public consultations but revision of policies that fall under PIAC's mandate require we have more notice (pre-phase 1) and in some cases Phase 2 contact so that we can gather input from the parent community and advise the board in a timely and accurate manner.</li> <li>c. The Fundraising Policy P021 revisions have been delayed to the fall of 2017. We can expect public consultations after the start of the school year with posting of the draft policy for 45 days. While the Fundraising Policy itself is important many of the issues parents/school councils face are with the Fundraising Procedures. Cons WG is considering how to successfully advise the Board on development of the Fundraising Procedures (Procedural review is generally an internal/staff job that does not involve consultation). Note: This coming fall some Trustees are likely to push for a cap on fundraising or limits to school spending as part of their election campaign. The ConsWG will keep an eye on these proposals. Parent feedback indicates significant concern with caps or enforced sharing. Other, non-mandatory approaches need exploration, including structured funds sharing programs and improved communication among schools and their related parent communities, that would encourage and make easier</li> </ol>

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	<p>the sharing of funds raised.</p> <p>d. The Cons WG has not yet formally launched a Fundraising Survey to collect feedback and opinions from parents or school councils. We have a small data set from the SC appreciation dinner. We will use that data to rewrite the fundraising survey with more questions and specific topics. The revised survey (online) will then be shared with all PIAC members for distribution in their Wards. The survey will allow PIAC to make informed recommendations to the Board regarding the revised Fundraising Policy. (Survey revision document can be found in the Consultations folder of the PIAC Google Drive)</p>
Motion(s)	
Question(s)	<i>[This section is for less formal questions to pose to the PIAC group.]</i>
Next Steps and Action items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fall meeting with Jim S., Vitaly P. (and policy staff), and Michelle Munroe.</li> <li>2. Revise Fundraising Survey for distribution to PIAC members and School Councils.</li> </ol>
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