



**Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)**

**Minutes**

May 7, 2013  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Present:** Jerako Biaje-Wendt (Co-Chair – Ward 10), Vivek Rao (Ward 1); Virginia Ludy (Ward 2); Laurie Green (Ward 3); Gurcharan Singh (Ward 4 Alt); Norman Perry (Ward 4); Suban Abdullahi (Ward 5); Devon Forbes (Ward 5 Alt); Ricardo Francis (Ward 6); Jane Withey (Ward 7); Dagmar Grasser (Ward 8); D. Williams (Ward 10); Allen Schacht (Ward 11); John Trafananko (Ward 15); Kate Wallis (Ward 16); Catherine Dorton (Ward 16); Lalit Pasricha(Ward 17 Alt); Gary Lochhead (Ward 17); Steve Chatzibasile (Ward 18); James Rycman (Ward 19); Sudershan Singh (Ward 20); Mirian Turcios (SEN); Saida Sabrie ( SPLC); Michelle Munroe (TDSB – PCIO Central Coordinator); Cathy McCulloch (PIAC Coordinator); Sharon Kerr (Ward 21); Hilary Wollis (Ward 22); Jim Spyropoulos (TDSB – Coordinating Superintendent); Trustee Shaun Chen

**Regrets:** Eva Rosenstock (Co-Chair – Ward 12); Diane Enhorning (Ward 13); Trustee Chris Glover

**Visitors:** Conrad Rattray; Mona Rosenblum

**Tele-conference:** Tina Chan Kim (Ward 3 Alt)

**Recorder:** Linda Mendonca, Committee Assistant

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<b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions (Co-Chairs)</b>	Jerako called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone. Jerako introduced Trustee Shaun Chen who attended the meeting in place of Trustee Glover.  Eva sent her regrets for the meeting today. John asked if he could Co-Chair the meeting today. Approved by consensus.	
<b>2. Approval of Quorum (Co-Chairs)</b>	Vivek confirmed quorum for the committee.	
<b>3. Approval of Agenda (Co-Chairs)</b>	The agenda was reviewed and approved, with the following amendments. Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Gary; Seconded by Suban All in favour. Motion Carried. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Move “Trustee Report” as Item #8</li> <li>▪ Add: “Elections” under Item #5, under Best Practices WG, as item #c.</li> <li>▪ Move “Co-Chairs Report” to Item #9</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>4. Approval of April 11 Draft Minutes (Co-Chairs)</b></p>	<p>The minutes were reviewed and approved with the following amendments. Motion to approve the minutes, Moved by Sharon; Seconded by Norm. All in favor. Motion Carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Add: Kate Wallis (Ward 16) to the attendance.</li> </ul>	<p>Linda will revise the minutes and post them on the website.</p>
<p><b>5. Best Practices WG:</b></p> <p><b>a.) PIAC Budget Update (Tina K.)</b></p> <p><b>b.) Overall BPWG (Vivek R.)</b></p>	<p><b>a.) PIAC Budget Update – April</b></p> <p>Tina reported that in comparison to March, the budget went up \$4000 in expenditures. All expenses for the conference and appreciation dinner have almost been accounted for, with the exception for busing, printing, and speakers. We are currently standing at \$10,000 surplus. Tina she said she requires some volunteers to go over the budget for 2013/2014 for planning and allocation of the \$45,161.</p> <p><b>***Motion:</b> to accept PIAC’s budget report. Moved by Gary; Seconded by Suban; All in favor. Motion carried.</p> <p>Members discussed the cost to engage last year’s annual planning Facilitator to assist with the full day planning session. The costing for last year was under \$5000; for 2 hour prep and actual report. Members expressed concerns around the cost and it was suggested the session be held without a Facilitator.</p> <p><b>***Motion:</b> that PIAC charge the executive committee to find a facilitator at no cost. Moved by Sharon; Seconded by Virginia; Motion carried. (14 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstension)</p> <p><b>***Motion:</b> that PIAC discuss engaging a facilitator at the June 6<sup>th</sup> planning meeting. Moved by Virginia; Seonded by Sud; All in favor. Motion carried.</p> <p>Jerako urged everyone to attend the planning meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm reminding all that Eva sent out the details.</p> <p><b>b.) Overall Best Practices Working Group</b></p> <p>Vivek circulated a sheet listing PIAC working groups, including Nominations) for members to sign up. There are 6 new members who are not on any working groups. This will give them the opportunity to sign up.</p> <p><b>***Motion #1:</b> that we establish the following as working groups (By-Laws, Budget, Membership, Nominations, Calendar, Communications(Including Branding &amp; Website, Outreach SC411/PIAC Branding, Special Education, Pools, Full Day Kindergarten (FDK), P/VP, Pics &amp; Hubs, Fundraising (Dormant) Parent Conference, Chair Appreciation Event, Special Education Event) and refer to the</p>	<p>Discussion regarding engaging a Facilitator for the full day Planning Session to resume at the June 6<sup>th</sup> planning meeting.</p> <p>Further discussion of working groups to resume at Planning meeting.</p> <p>Vivek will compile the list of names and working groups.</p>

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	<p>current working groups as sub-committees, for which the working groups will fall under, until we decide a new format. Motion tabled.</p> <p><b>***Motion #2: to encourage that we establish the Nominations Working Group.</b> It was noted that the Nominations Working Group is a standing committee of PIAC and does not need to be established. BPWG was given the go ahead to activate the Nominations Working Group to commence planning for Fall Co-Chair Elections.</p>	<p>The Nominations Working Group will follow up on Co-Chair Elections Process.</p>
<p><b>6. CLG Update (Saida S./Mirian T.)</b></p>	<p>Saida reminded everyone about the SPLC event on May 17<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>CAC Review Motion</b>  <b>***Motion:</b> that PIAC establish a working group with EPAC (Equity Policy Advisory Committee). Moved by Saida, Seconded by Ricardo, 14 in favor, 1abstention, 1 opposed. Motion carried.</p> <p><b>EPAC Forum on Equity &amp; Inclusive Education</b>  Information was provided regarding the recent EPAC Forum on Equity &amp; Inclusive Education and the benefits of PIAC and EPAC working together. Members were reminded that decisions around CAC's should be put on hold due to the CAC review process. The format of CAC's may change.</p>	<p>Further discussion about establishing a working relationship with EPAC will resume at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.</p>
<p><b>7.Outreach/Communications(Saida S./Mirian T.</b></p>	<p><b>Outreach/Communications Motions</b>  <b>***Motion #1:</b> that we invite all the other advisory committees to attend a meeting as part of an Outreach initiative. Moved by Miriam; Seconded by Saida  <b>***Motion #2:</b> that we separate Outreach and Communications making them two separate working groups. Moved by John; Motion Tabled/Deferred.  Discussions ensued; It was decided that these motions be deferred for discussion at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Planning meeting.</p>	<p>Discussion regarding what working with other CAC's and what Outreach/Communications will look like will resume at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.</p>
<p><b>8. Trustee Report</b></p>	<p>Trustee Shaun Chen, Vice Chair reported on the following items:</p> <p><b>TDSB Budget Update</b>  The budget was made up of two parts. The second part, the \$28M operational budget is required by June. In March, after we reduced staffing by \$27M (to adhere to Collective Agreements and to meet contractual obligations) to make \$55M in cuts as required by the province. We re-aligned Secondary teachers to ministry standards, and hired ECE teachers for FDK programs. By June we need to find the remaining \$28M. We are looking at reduction in discretionary budgets by 4%. Further info on budget discussions can be found on-line at <a href="http://www.tdsb.on.ca">www.tdsb.on.ca</a>.</p>	

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	<p><b>Contentious Issues</b> Contentious issues entail the reduction of IMI's (Itinerant Music Instructors). Senior staff want to look at providing IMI's in different ways.</p> <p>A member commented that parents rely on IMI's for music instruction, and asked what the plan is after the cuts, and asked how music instruction will be delivered. It was recommended that parents submit a letter to Maria Mavroyannis in support of IMI's.</p> <p><b>Full Day Kindergarten (FDK)</b> The province approved a series of FDK projects. They've given us approval for Keele, Swansea, and Earl Haig. Phase 4 of the FDK will include modular buildings which are more cost effective. Specific questions regarding IMI's or FDK can be e-mailed to Trustees.</p> <p><b>Severance of School Property</b> The Severance list was forwarded to the TLC (Toronto Lands Corporation) to make recommendations. No decisions have been made yet. TLC has made a report to the Board. The Severance Report is confidential and Trustees have not seen it yet.</p> <p><b>Director Search</b> Director Quan is currently in an Acting position. The Board struck a committee to hire the new Director. The Committee consists of Trustee Harout Manougian, Chris Bolton, and Trustee Gerry Gershon. Recommendations will come forward this week. Director Quan has cut Administration, and reduced the # of Family of School Superintendents resulting in Central staffing savings of 1.5M.</p> <p>It was noted that PIAC members requested to be part of the Director search selection process. It was recommended that PIAC members follow up with Trustee Glover on the issue.</p> <p><b>Extra-Curricular Activities</b> Extra-curricular activities should be up and running. The Board amended the Community Use of Schools Policy to enable parents to apply for permits. Members are encouraged to speak to their Trustee.</p> <p><b>Mary Shadd Public School Update</b> Trustee Chen reported on the playground equipment that was burned down at Mary Shadd Public School in the Malvern community. The Board insurance policy deductible is \$100,000 before insurance will pay out. In the Malvern. We will rebuild by doing some fundraising.</p>	

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<b>9. PCIO Report</b>	Michelle suggested that PIAC have joint EPAC/PIAC meeting with Budget Staff on May 28 <sup>th</sup> . EPAC is open to have PIAC join them. If PIAC wants to put recommendations forward for budget considerations, Michelle suggested that PIAC may want to add another meeting to hear budget information, and then make recommendations.	Cathy will put a Doodle Poll out to check if people want to add another meeting.
<b>10. Update on TDSB Committees</b> a.) CAC Review/Update (Saida S.) b.) Participatory Budget (Virginia L.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deferred to next meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>11. Special Events Working Group</b> (Eva R.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deferred to next meeting.</li> </ul>	Submit Budget Proposal
<b>12. Advocacy Working Group</b> a.) Pools (Alan S./Kate W./John T.) b.) Special Ed. Forum (Ricardo F. /Dagmar G.) c.) P/VP (Laurie G.)	<p><b>Advocacy Motion:</b></p> <p>***Motion: that he and a member of the Advocacy Working Group make a deputation to the Board of Trustees to change the current ratio from 1 Lunchroom Supervisor to 99 Students to 1 Lunchroom Supervisor to 25 Students and to make clear distinctions about the role of the volunteer during this time so as not to breach or infringe on any Bargaining Unit agreements.</p> <p>Moved by Allen; Seconded by Norm; Tabled to next meeting.</p> <p>Members discussed there would be budget implications involved with this decision, and suggested this item be deferred to the next meeting, and also that volunteers roles be clarified. Allen agreed to table this motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tabled items a, b, and c to the next meeting.</li> </ul>	Motion tabled to next meeting.
<b>13. Superintendent's Report</b> (Jim Spyropoulos)	Superintendent Spyropoulos reported on the following items:  <p><b>Participatory Budget Process</b></p> <p>The Next Participatory Budget Process meeting is scheduled for <b>Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm</b>. Business Services will be streaming the meeting live. Participants will be able to submit e-mails in real time to <a href="mailto:jim.spyropoulos@tdsb.on.ca">jim.spyropoulos@tdsb.on.ca</a>, and on Twitter at #tdsb. There are a lot of decisions that still remain to be made. PIAC members that are part of that group can prepare questions to ask.</p> <p><b>Community Liaison Groups (CLG's)</b></p> <p>As part of their mandate, CLG's are required to share their meeting minutes ,by posting them on the website .</p>	

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	<p><b>Full Day Kindergarten(FDK's)</b>  For those of you who have not visited the website on FDK, please do so with respect to the biggest consideration of before and after school programs affecting providers, ECE's (i.e. Parkdale), including a full update of the costs and benefits about providing before and after school programs.</p> <p><b>Director Search Update</b>  For an update and process of getting involved in the Director Search, check with Trustee Glover.</p> <p><b>Parent Reaching Out Grant(PROG)</b>  Jerako asked everyone please remind your Ward members that the Parent Reaching Out Grant is due on <b>Tuesday, May 21, 2013.</b></p>	
<p><b>14. Co-Chairs Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PIC Symposium</li> <li>▪ EPAC Event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deferred to next meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>15. Announcements</b></p>	<p>None noted.</p>	
<p><b>16. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>***Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm. Moved by Allen; Seconded by Virginia; Motion carried.</p>	