



Minutes
 December 17, 2013
 Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Present: John Trafananko (Co-Chair); Jerako Biaje-Wendt (Co-Chair); Howard Kaplan (Trustee); Vivek Rao (Ward 1); Virginia Ludy (Ward 2); Tina Chan Kim (Ward 3) Norman Perry (Ward 4); Suban Abdullahi (Ward 5); Ricardo Francis (Ward 6); Dagmar Grasser (Ward 8); D. Williams (Ward 10); Darlene Giroux (Ward 10, Alt); Eva Rosenstock (Ward 12); Lakshmi Kygo (Ward 15, Alt); Kate Wallis (Ward 16); Gary Lochhead (Ward 17); Steve Chatzibasile (Ward 18); Sudershan Singh (Ward 20); Sharon Kerr (Ward 21); Ward Davis (Ward 21, Alt); Saida Sabrie (SPLC); Mirian Turcios (SSEN);

Regrets: Chris Glover (Trustee); Sarah Ali (Ward 2, Alt); Devon Forbes (Ward 5, Alt); Ceyrina Craig (Ward 7); Allan Schacht (Ward 11); Amy Goffin (Ward 15, Alt); Cathie Noble (Ward 20, Alt); James Rycman (Ward 19)

Visitors: Ali Mohamed (Ward 1); Conrad Rattray (Ward 21); Towid Noman (TBPAC); Chris Usih (Superintendent, TDSB); Pam Rigney (Ward 21); Dwayne (Ward 21)

Tele-Conference: Michelle Munroe (Central Co-ordinator, TDSB); Kainani Dana (Ward 14 Rep)

Recorder: Linda Mendonca (Committee Assistant)

Creative Services: Erin Pallett

#	Information/Discussion	Action/Recommendation
1.	Welcome and Introductions (Co-Chairs) Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.	
2.	Approval of Quorum (Co-Chairs) Quorum achieved.	
3.	Conflict of Interest Conflict of Interest was added as a new item. Members were asked to declare a Conflict of Interest if they are	Add Conflict of Interest as future agenda item info in new orientation

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	TDSB Employees, and also Ward Reps. It was suggested that PIAC further explore the topic of Conflict of Interest as it beyond being Board employees.	package.
4.	<p>Approval of Agenda (Co-Chairs) ***MOTION: Gary, seconded by Norm moved that the agenda be approved with the following amendments. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add: PIAC Membership & Working Group Update (Vivek R.), following approval of Minutes ▪ Add: Draft letters regarding Reg 274 & Impact of Budget Cuts at Individual School (Virginia L.) – letters confirmed circulated Nov 9th via e-mail. ▪ Add: Somali Conference Update & Motion re: SPLC Conference (Saida S.) –under CLG Updates ▪ Add: Summary of Meeting (Steve Chatzibasile) - end of meeting 	
5.	<p>Approval of Nov 19 Draft Minutes (Co-Chairs) Co-Chairs reported that minutes were amended to provide summaries of discussions and action items only. Members requested that the minutes be amended to accurately capture what transpired at the meeting.</p> <p>***MOTION: Eva, seconded by D. Williams moved to defer the approval of the draft minutes to the next meeting. All approved. Motion carried.</p>	Approval of Nov 19 th minutes deferred to the next meeting.
6.	<p>Membership (Vivek R.) PIAC Membership & Working Group Update Vivek R. & Gary L. reminded members to let them know the names of the Leads and Co-Leads of each of the working groups. If Leads/Co-Leads have not been confirmed, working groups are asked to select a Lead/Co-Lead and to provide an accurate reflection of working group members</p>	Working Groups to confirm Leads/Co-Leads and Leads/Co-Leads to provide accurate list of working group members to Vivek & Gary via e-mail. .
7.	<p>Improving Student Success in Mathematics (Chris U.) Superintendent Chris Usih presented on the motion passed by the Board to improve Student Success in Mathematics. A K – 12 Strategy Working Group has convened to look at strategies for improving mathematics skills. Chris requested feedback from PIAC members by January 9th. Feedback collected will be forwarded in a report to the PSSC meeting on January 22nd and then to Board on February 5th.</p>	Members to e-mail Jerako & John with feedback by January 6 to be forwarded to Chris by January 9 th . Chris will confirm if FSL Rep was part of K-12 Strategy WG.
8.	<p>PIAC Budget Update (Tina K.) ***MOTION: Eva, seconded by Kate, moved that \$400 be set aside for business cards for PIAC Wards Reps/Alts to outreach to parents. 9 in favour; 1 opposed; 1 abstention, Motion carried.</p>	Eva will send a couple of budget information items by e-mail.
9.	<p>Communications Update D. Williams reported that the Communications WG does not have sufficient info to update the PIAC website and unable to access anything other than the front page and requested information from the PCEO office (including the contract for services). The Communications Working Group will meet on January 9th, 6-7pm.</p>	Michelle to report back to Communication WG. Irene to send contract for services to D. by Friday. D. to contact Irene to request space.

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10.	<p>Outreach Update (Mirian T.) Annual Parent Conference & School Council Appreciation Dinner. The Annual Parent Conference and the School Council Appreciation Dinner planning meeting was held on December 12th. The Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thurs, Feb 20, 6-9pm, at Montecassino Hotel. Volunteers are welcome.</p> <p>Outreach Poster The outreach working group continues to work on the Outreach Poster.</p>	<p>Contact Mirian to volunteer for the School Council Appreciation event and Annual Parent Conference.</p> <p>Mirian to provide draft of the Outreach Poster at the next meeting.</p>
11.	<p>Update on P/VP (Laurie G.)</p> <p>***MOTION: Eva, seconded by Ricardo moved that: Whereas, board staff would like to change the current policy (attached) so that it is in line with other Board policies with respect to format; Whereas, the current policy (passed April 4, 2012), contains points that should be more appropriately dealt with as a procedure; Whereas, it contemplates having community involvement, but does not specifically state parental involvement; the new proposed procedures references the current policy and the intention at this stage is that the current system will not change;</p> <p><i>And</i> therefore, be it resolved that the Principal/Vice Principal Working Group request that the new policy clearly states that parents are to be involved in the process and that the procedure not be drafted implemented or changed as it relates to parental involvement without consultation with PIAC.</p> <p><i>And</i> therefore, be is further resolved that if the draft policy is not changed to reflect the need for parent involvement, PIAC undertake the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward representatives contact their trustees to state PIAC’s position. • the P-VP working group depute to the Human Resources committee in January with 3 requests <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i.revision to the wording of the policy to include “direct parent involvement” ii.change the wording of the policy to include “consultation with PIAC” prior to any changes of the procedure iii.agree to review the procedures in April 2014 to better incorporate parent involvement in principal placement when this change involves a returning leave or priority placement (central transfer) <p>12 in favour. Motion carried.</p>	
12.	SEAC/PIAC Update (Laurie G.)	<u>Deferred to next meeting.</u>

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13.	<p>Ward/CLG Updates/Reports and Questions Arising (Various Members)</p> <p>SPLC Conference Report (Saida S.) Saida S. reported that SPLC conference: Paving the Impact Ahead went well. 100 people attended including some volunteers from PIAC, CLG Reps, Trustee Glover, and Superintendent Jim Spyropoulos.</p> <p>***MOTION: Saida, seconded by D. Williams, moved that PIAC approve a budget of \$13,500 for the SPLC Conference.</p> <p>After some discussion, Saida was asked whether she would be willing to withdraw the motion and work with the Annual Conference Planning Committee. Saida withdrew the motion and confirmed that she would work with the Annual Conference Planning Committee.</p>	<p>Saida will work the Annual Parent Conference Planning Committee to do the SPLC Conference.</p>
14.	<p>Superintendent's Report (Jim S.)</p> <p>SPLC Conference With respect to the SPLC Conference Report provided by Saida, Superintendent Spyropoulos clarified that no more than 25 people attended the conference. Attendees included TDSB staff, Trustees, and volunteers and members of the Toronto Police Services. The conference also started two hours late. Superintendent Spyropoulos also reported that TDSB made a commitment to support the conference by paying \$3300.00 for food for the event. The food was intended to support the projected 600 attendees and the funds came from the Equity and Inclusive Schools budget.</p> <p>Forensic Audit Report The Forensic Audit Report, requested by Director Quan was released last week. For further information, the report can be found at http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Accountability/ForensicAudit.aspx.</p> <p>Task Force of Somali Students Recommendations It was felt that the recent communications by PIAC Co-Chairs to other members of PIAC about an event being held at Kipling Collegiate this Friday disrespected the fact that the agenda was somewhat inflammatory against the work of the Task Force, and against the implementation of the recommendations. It was suggested that PIAC re-visit what gets circulated by e-mail. Co-Chairs did apologize for the e-mail and are willing to talk about it further with anyone who has concerns. Ali Mohamed and Haweiya Egeh would be willing to meet with anyone who has questions about the work of the Task Force.</p>	<p>Co-Chairs/PIAC to review how information gets circulated by e-mail.</p>

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	<p>CAC Review Recommendations The recommendations from the CAC review will go forward to the Planning and Priorities Committee (PNP) meeting on January 22, 2014. PIAC can make delegations to PNP.</p> <p>Participatory Budget Working Group The Participatory Budget Working Group has been renamed to the Community Budget Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Board RE-Org The Board Re-Org meeting was held on December 2nd. Chris Bolton was re-elected as the Chair of the Board. Trustee Mari Rutka was elected as Vice Chair. Trustee Chris Glover will remain as the Chair of PIAC. Trustees for other CAC's will be assigned on February 5th.</p> <p>Focus on Youth Program The Focus on Youth program has been extended throughout the March break in 2014.</p> <p>Tribute to Nelson Mandela TDSB played a significant role in the work that Mandela did. It is the only Board in the World with a school named after Nelson Mandela. The Board held a special ceremony before their meeting, in which students from Nelson Mandela, sang the Canadian National Anthem and the African National Anthem.</p>	
15.	Trustee Update (Howard K.)	Deferred to next meeting.
16.	<p>PCEO Report (Michelle M.)</p> <p>School Council E-mail Report Michelle M. reported 76/500 school council e-mail accounts have been activated. There is still some work to be done to get information to principals to updates.</p> <p>Room Bookings for Working Group Meetings When using space at 5050 Yonge St, for Working Group meetings, working group leads are asked to contact Irene to book space before the meeting, and not to randomly use space.</p>	
17.	Questions Arising from Committee Reports - None	

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18.	Adjournment (Co-Chairs) Members took a moment of silence to pay tribute to Nelson Mandela. *** MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 10:47pm was approved by consensus. Motion carried	