

PIAC TRUSTEE UPDATE

April 20, 2021

BOARD MEETING - MARCH 10TH

A summary of all decisions can be found [here](#).

Follow up on items mentioned in previous PIAC Trustee Updates:

- revised policy [P006. Advertising & Distribution of Materials](#) was approved
- Received new [PR731, Virtual Consultations Procedure](#)
- **The Board decided that the names of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee ward representatives for each school be added to the TDSB school websites, adjacent to or below the current PIAC logo and link, and that these names be linked to the representative's PIAC email address.**
- Received the Human Rights Report and approved the following motion:
 - That the Director present a report on a plan to launch a portal similar to the Board's Racism, Bias and Hate Reporting portal to provide important opportunities for students, parents and staff to initiate informal complaints in efforts to support the Board's students and staff, track the number of incidences towards fostering a deeper understanding of experiences of anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Asian racism, discrimination faced by those with disabilities, sexism, homophobia, transphobia;
 - (b) That the plan include resource implications, timing and communications roll out including how Human Rights complaints from students, parents and staff will be reported publicly in the Board's Human Rights Annual report.
- Approved school-based staffing for 2021-2022 for in-person learning, based on the direction of the Ministry of Education, which asked school boards to plan for no COVID-19 funding at this time. The Board also passed the following motion:
 - That should additional measures and/or resources be necessary to protect the health and safety of staff and students, the government of Ontario be requested to fully fund all additional COVID-related resources that may be necessary to support student learning, well-being and mental health during the 2021-22 school year;
 - That the [Chair write to the Minister of Education](#) regarding the request above and to reiterate the Board's request in its letter dated January 26, 2021 strongly advocating for:

- the reimbursement of reserve funds and other pandemic-related costs from the 2020-21 school year, so that school boards can maintain their reserves and recover from budget pressures related to unfunded pandemic costs;
 - funding from the province to ensure the continued physical and mental health and safety of the Board's students and staff in its schools and classrooms;
 - an early response to staff with the required information to allow adequate time to plan accordingly;
- That the Director present a report on the success of the Board's advocacy above, as part of the 2021-22 Budget process.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 21st. The meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and will be [livestreamed](#) when the public session begins at 7:00pm.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

GOVERNANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE (GPC) - MARCH 24

[Agenda](#)

This meeting included the following items, which will be sent to the April 21st Board Meeting for approval:

[Transportation Policy Review](#): Status Update and Decision-Making Points

- Included draft decision making points - options for new policy including which programs receive busing, distance criteria changes, appeal process, etc.
- Trustees provided feedback and made a motion to refer the item back to staff.

[Parent and Community Involvement Policy Review](#): Update

- Includes updated critical path and work plan.

[Excursions Procedure](#): Revised Procedure

- Includes information on the implementation of a new online Excursion Management Application (EMA) to manage excursions.

PROGRAM & STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (PSSC) - MARCH 31

[Agenda](#)

This meeting included the following items, which will be sent to the April 21st Board Meeting for approval:

[TDSB Psychological Services: Backlog Wait Lists, 2020-2021](#)

- Report was referred back to staff to include more data and information on the backlog

[Parent Reaching Out Grant Allocation Update](#)

- **The following motion was made based on the PIAC delegation and the Parent Reaching Out Grant Allocation Update:**

That the Chair of the Board send a letter to the Minister of Education which:

- a. informs the Minister of Education of the important parent engagement activities currently being undertaken by the Parent and Community Engagement Office, the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee and school councils with the 2020-2021 Parent Reaching Out Grant (PRO) funds;
- b. requests that PRO funding continue to be provided annually; and
- c. recommends that funding be returned to the levels provided prior to the 2019-2020 school year.

[Preliminary Findings on Impacts to Learning Due to the Pandemic](#)

- Report includes preliminary data on early reading and secondary school marks.

[Promoting Active School Travel: Update](#)

- Includes information on funding from Toronto City Council:
 - Up to \$350,000 from the City of Toronto will be dedicated to bicycle parking infrastructure at TDSB schools.

- \$320,000 annually for the next three years (2021-2023) will be shared between the TDSB and TCDSB for the expansion of existing school travel planning programs.

[Use of Outdoor Spaces for Instructional Time: Update](#)

- Includes an update on the new Outdoor Learning Portal which includes information and resources for parents/families (<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/learningoutdoors>) and a report on new outdoor spaces planned for implementation in 2021.
- In the May cycle of meetings, staff will present a report to PSSC outlining a long-term plan for encouraging and supporting all schools to use outdoor spaces for instructional time throughout the day.

PLANNING & PRIORITIES MEETING (PPC) - APRIL 6

[Agenda](#)

This meeting included the following items, which will be sent to the April 21st Board Meeting for approval:

[Motion](#): Stop the Plans for Radical Changes to Remote Learning in Ontario
That the Chair of the Toronto District School Board write to the Minister of Education to express this board's vehement objection to the rushed and radical changes to remote learning that we understand the government is proposing.

[School Year Calendar 2021-2022](#)

- Referred back to staff for further review.

[Motion](#): COVID Recovery Plan

That the Director present a report by June 2021 on the implementation of a three-phase COVID-19 recovery plan, including financial implications, to identify which groups were most impacted, where interventions will be placed, and initial outcomes that resulted from interventions

[Motion](#): Access to Free Menstrual Products for Students in Ontario Schools (from Student Trustees Abusaifan, Shafwat, and Shallo)

That the Chair write to the provincial Minister of Education requesting that the Government of Ontario provide funding for free menstrual products in schools.

FINANCE, BUDGET, & ENROLMENT COMMITTEE (FBEC), - APRIL 7

Agenda

This meeting included the following items, which will be sent to the April 21st Board Meeting for approval:

Updated Proposed 2021-22 Budget Timelines

- Included timeline with registration for fall 202 going out to parents in the spring.
- Committee moved to refer back to staff for a report back to FBEC on April 20, 2021 after more information has been received from the Ministry with regards to programming and funding for the next school year.

OTHER UPDATES

- [Supporting Students with Special Education Needs During School Closure Period](#)
- [TDSB Playgrounds and Outdoor Amenities](#)
- [Vaccine Update for TDSB education workers living or working in schools in Toronto COVID-19 hot spot neighbourhoods](#)
- [TDSB Schools Moving to Remote Learning After April Break](#)
- [TDSB Honours International Day of Pink 2021](#)
- [Toronto Public Health Orders Toronto Schools to Close to In-Person Learning](#)
- [School Excursion Forms Are Now Digital](#)
- [TDSB Reaches Tentative Local Agreement with Professional Support Services Staff](#)
- [Letter: Access to Paid Sick Days](#)
- [Education Development Charges Hearing](#)
- [Letter: Community Use of Schools, Focus on Youth](#)
- [Prioritizing COVID-19 Vaccinations for Education Workers](#)
- [Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test \(OSSLT\) Update](#)
- [TDSB Statement Re: Tragic Events in Atlanta](#)
- [OPSBA Advocacy Day 2021: TDSB](#)
- [Apply Now to Join the Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee](#)

