

PIAC TRUSTEE UPDATE

February 16, 2021

BOARD MEETING

The board held its most recent meeting on February 3. A summary of decisions can be found [here](#) and included:

Policy Review Schedule for 2020-21 to 2023-24 School Years

The Board decided that the policy review schedule for the 2020-21 to 2023-24 school years, as presented in the report, be approved.

P006, Advertising Policy and P041, Distribution and Display of Materials for Students and Parents From External Groups Policy Review: Phase 5

The Board decided that the matter be referred back to staff for consideration of the comments made by the committee.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SPECIAL COVID PLANNING & PRIORITIES MEETING - JANUARY 26

[Agenda](#)

[Staff COVID Update](#)

1. Elementary Switch Survey Data
2. Board Resolution & Context
3. Elementary Virtual and In-Person Learning Models
4. Moving Forward
5. Secondary Switch Date

SPECIAL COVID PLANNING & PRIORITIES MEETING - FEBRUARY 9

[Agenda](#)

[Staff COVID Update](#)

1. Elementary Switch Update
2. Device Distribution
3. COVID Federal Funding Update

[Toronto Public Health Update](#)

1. COVID-19 Data
2. Variants of Concern and Schools
3. Public Health Measures to Keep Schools Safe
4. Testing Recommendations

5. COVID-19 Vaccine

[Preparing for 2021-2022](#)

1. Key Principles
2. Staffing Allocation
3. Staffing Allocation: Key Dates

The next Special Planning & Priorities meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 23.

GOVERNANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE (GPC) - FEBRUARY 10

[Agenda](#)

This meeting included discussions on:

1. [New Advertising Policy P006](#)
The Committee recommended that staff incorporate the suggestions given in the meeting and present the Policy to the Board for final approval.
2. [New Virtual Consultations Procedure PR731](#)
Presented for receipt - procedures are not approved by the Board.

PROGRAM AND SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE (PSSC) - FEBRUARY 17

[Agenda](#)

Staff will be presenting the first [Human Rights Annual Report](#).

OTHER UPDATES

DIRECTOR SEARCH

the Toronto District School Board, has officially reconvened the search process for its next [Director of Education](#). Interested candidates are asked to apply by **Friday, March 19, 2021**. More information and timelines are available on the TDSB's Director Search [website](#).

MARCH BREAK

The Minister of Education [announced](#) that March Break — originally scheduled for March 15 to 19, 2021 — has now been delayed until April 12-16 on the advice of public health officials.

WINTER WEATHER

February 16 alert: Due to the significant snowfall overnight and the anticipated delays on the road, all buses are cancelled, however all TDSB schools remain open for those returning to in-person learning today.

[Winter Weather Procedure](#)

[December 7 Letter To Parents Re: Severe Weather Procedure for 2020/2021](#)

Please note on days when schools are closed due to severe weather Virtual Schools will not operate and we will not be providing remote learning.

TDSB NEWS

- [TDSB Recognizes African Heritage Month in February](#)
- [February is Chinese Heritage Month in the TDSB](#)
- [Introducing the New Student Senate \(2020-21\)](#)
- [TDSB Participates in Ontario's Budget Consultations](#)
- [Letter: Vaccinations for Congregated Sites and Intensive Support Programs Staff](#)
- [ETFO, TDSB take action to address spike in anti-Asian racism during COVID-19 pandemic by creating resource for educators](#)
- [Letter: Reimbursement of Reserve Funds and Pandemic-Related Costs](#)
- [Stories are Stronger than Hate: A Call to Action](#) (Live Virtual Program on February 25, presented by the Toronto District School Board's African Heritage Committee, Jewish Heritage Committee, Liberation75, USC Shoah Foundation, and Peel District School Board.)
- [Important Health and Safety Update for Parents/Guardians](#)
- [Changes to School Screening: Message from Toronto Public Health](#)

UPCOMING BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A calendar of all upcoming Board and Board Committee meetings can be found at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes>

Agendas are posted 3 business days before a meeting. Agendas can be accessed by clicking on the meeting title in the [calendar or meeting list](#) and are available online or in PDF format. Reports and other meeting materials are linked in the agendas document.

The Board welcomes members of the public to bring forward issues and concerns they have through a delegation to a *committee* of the Board of Trustees by speaking or submitting a written statement. Delegation requests will still be accepted during the closure of all schools and administrative sites at the Toronto District School Board; however, oral delegations to address a committee of the Board will be presented by phone. To learn more about the process and submit a delegation request (written or oral), please visit the delegation webpage.

LIVE WEBCAST OF MEETINGS

The Toronto District School Board is committed to developing opportunities for our wider school community to connect and engage in conversations about education issues.

Due to the closure of all schools and administration sites at the Toronto District School Board, all standing committee and regular board meetings will be held virtually and broadcasted live to the public.

Link to live and upcoming webcasts:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Live-Webcast-of-Meetings>

Archive of previous webcasts:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Live-Webcast-of-Meetings/Webcast-Archives>