

# PIAC Co-chairs Report

*April 2019*

## **PROGRAM & SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE (PSSC)**

The Co-Chairs of Parent Involvement Advisory Committee will be attending the PSSC meeting on Wednesday, March 27th to provide an oral update on the recent activities of PIAC.

The following are highlights from the March PSSC meeting on March 27th:

Please note that the agenda and the full reports received at the PSSC meeting is available on the TDSB website on the leadership boardroom page found here <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes>

A report was presented by staff that spoke to the supporting of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The report offered information how the TDSB will be working with families and the government funding that is available to support the needs of students.

The Life Promotion/Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Protocol plan was presented by staff. The plan offers information of the background that led to this protocol being developed as well as the research behind the need to provide resources. This plan will be implemented in phases the first phase beginning in early 2019.

An annual Indigenous Education update was presented and provided information on how the Board's Indigenous Education Strategy is being implemented. This report reflected the time period from January 2018 to January 2019.

## **TDSB POLICY REVIEWS**

The following policies are currently under review at the TDSB:

Caring and Safe Schools Policy (P051), the closing date has been extended April 31, 2019. A draft of this policy is currently being reviewed and all CACs have been invited to have two to three representatives from their CAC to participate in a focus group that

was to take place on Wednesday, April 24th at 5050 Yonge Street. Members who are interested in joining member already participating in this focus group please contact the co-chairs at [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com) before Thursday April 18th. All PIAC members are also encouraged to share the link below with parents in their ward as well as review and provide feedback on the policy through the online survey portal:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>.

The Excursions Policy (PO33) is currently under review, the closing date is May 24th. At this time a survey has not been provided but the draft is available to review and an email contact is available [michel.leblanc@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:michel.leblanc@tdsb.on.ca) . The full draft of this policy can be found on the policy consultations page

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>

## OTHER UPDATES

### Parents as Partners 2019 Conference

There will be a wrap up meeting for the planning committee for the Parents as Partners 2019 Conference in the last week of April. If you have any feedback from the conference that you would like shared with the committee please email the PAIC co-chairs at [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com)

### Strategic Planning Session

The Strategic Planning Working Group will be struck at the April PIAC meeting to prepare and organize for PIAC's annual the strategic planning session. All PIAC members are encouraged to attend as this is the time when PIAC celebrates the work that has been done and looks at what work and goals it has for next year and possibly beyond. The date for this session will be confirmed soon.

### Working Groups

A few PIAC members have not yet signed up online for any working groups. A reminder to all PIAC members that our bylaws state that **all members must participate on at least one working group**. If you have not yet signed up for a

working group, please fill out the online form at <https://goo.gl/forms/iwijkxOsLMIVC5qP2> asap. If you have any questions about the working groups, please contact the co-chairs at [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com)

### PIAC POST

Our Communications and Outreach Working Group is working on a new way to share information within our Ward communities highlighting PIAC and TDSB initiatives and consultations that come forward from month to month. This compilation is called the PIAC POST and will be delivered monthly to all PIAC members. There may be instances where a request from the Board, or from PIAC, to consult with families within a short amount of time may require a quick POST update to be sent out, in order to gather that feedback or participation needed. Please look out for this monthly newsletter in your email and share it with those in your communities (ensure your email accounts are updated with our Committee Assistant, Latha, to receive your copy of the PIAC POST).