

# PIAC Co-Chairs Report

*May 2021*

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

PIAC Co-Chairs attended the PSSC meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 and D Williams presented the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Report, April 20, 2021.

Minutes and agendas for all Board Committee meetings can be found on the TDSB website on the agenda and minutes page.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda- Minutes>

## **PILOT VOTING PROCEDURE AT PIAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021**

The PIAC Executive Committee met on May 11, 2021, discussed and decided to pilot the following voting procedure. Building on the efficiencies of previous administrative changes to PIAC meetings (including Declarations of Membership prior to the meeting through Google Forms and Consent Agenda for approval of the agenda and previous meeting minutes), the PIAC meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, will have the following voting procedure:

- After a vote has been called for on **a motion that does not involve amending bylaws, change to meeting procedures, or budget allocation and it has been seconded the following steps will occur:**
  - i. PIAC Co-Chair will ask if there are any members that wish a recorded vote.
  - ii. If three (3) or more PIAC members request a recorded vote, then a recorded vote will occur (i.e., following the current roll-call voting procedure of calling on Wards one at a time for their vote).
  - iii. If less than three (3) PIAC members request a recorded vote, the motion is considered passed by unanimous consent.
- After the PIAC Meeting on May 18, 2021, feedback from PIAC membership about this pilot voting procedure will be sought through a Google Form.

## **ONTARIO PIC CONNECTION (OPICC)**

The Co-Chairs of the Ontario PIC Connection group are D. Williams (PIAC Co-Chair, Toronto District School Board) and Crystal Bevens-Leblanc (PIC Co-Chair, Limestone District School Board). The PIAC Co-Chairs continue to collaborate with fellow Ontario PIC chairs of the Ontario PIC Connection:

- On April 20, 2021, PIAC Co-Chair (D. Williams) attended the PIC Chairs & School Board Leads Virtual Meeting held by the Ministry of Education. The following documents are now available: During the second part of the meeting, the Ministry discussed the future of de-streaming in Ontario's secondary schools.  
**Link to Ministry of Education Spring Conversation with School Board Leads & Parent Involvement Committee Chairs Meeting Summary April 20, 2021 >**  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UqZ-n7GqtBbeqBw9so9HIMAzDO26rKL8/view?usp=sharing>
- On May 3, 2021, PIAC Co-Chairs hosted and attended the Ontario PIC Connection meeting via Zoom to discuss Ontario PICs Concerns with MOE Proposed Centralization/Privatization of E-Learning/Remote Learning.  
**Link to DRAFT letter “Ontario PICs Concerns with MOE Proposed Centralization/Privatization of E-Learning/Remote Learning” >**  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xVxOIScuxjo02O1tTSBAUcJd1\\_Jys9jq/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xVxOIScuxjo02O1tTSBAUcJd1_Jys9jq/view?usp=sharing)
- The next meeting of the Ontario PIC Connection group is scheduled for May 31, 2021, to continue discussions of forming an “Ontario PIC Association” recognized by the Ministry of Education. Draft terms of reference and bylaws are being worked on and finalized for discussion with the Ministry of Education.
- The Ministry of Education is in the process of scheduling a June 2021 meeting for Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Chairs and Board Leads responsible for parent engagement to continue to connect and learn from each other about successful practices and challenges parents are experiencing in supporting their children's success and well-being.

### **TDSB HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY P031 CONSULTATION**

Thank you to the PIAC Consultations WG for helping to organize a successful webinar with the TDSB Human Rights Office on April 21, 2021. The Let's Talk Human Rights webinar streamed live through Facebook on the PIAC Facebook page and the recording is posted on the PCEO YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txHP4ubypc8> Thanks also to the PIAC Communications and Outreach WG for supporting with outreach and branding.

## **PIAC PRESENTS: BREAKING BARRIERS BY CHANGING BIASES**

Congratulations and thank you to the PIAC Spring Event WG for organizing a successful weekend virtual event on May 1 and May 2, 2021 in a very short timeline. Many parents, guardians, community members came out to listen to Kevin Carrington share his experiences of barriers and biases with humour and positivity. Also, much appreciation to the many TDSB staff who gave up their weekend as volunteers to lead and listen to the open conversations inside the breakout rooms. A special thank you to the Parent and Community Engagement Office (PCEO) for their expertise and coordination support.

The opening remarks, keynote presentation and closing remarks were recorded and will be posted shortly on the PCEO YouTube channel.

We sincerely apologize to the TDSB Greek Heritage Committee and our Greek community that this event was scheduled during a religious weekend for the Greek community (i.e., Orthodox Easter). We are committed to being mindful in avoiding scheduling events on days of religious significance to our TDSB community when planning events.

## **PIAC POST**

The PIAC Communications and Outreach WG published the April 2021 PIAC POST. 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 John). Please send any updates or ideas for future PIAC POST editions to the PIAC Communications and Outreach WG co-leads (Seema Mitchell and Wilmar Kortleever).

## **PIAC GOOGLE DRIVE RE-ORGANIZATION**

The PIAC Google Drive Sub-Working Group with the PIAC Co-Chairs have been working on a framework to re-organize the documents in the PIAC Google Drive to better allow access for PIAC members. PIAC Working Group co-leads are being requested to begin using the Google Drive folder assigned to their WG to place meeting minutes, WG reports and other pertinent documents for record keeping and sharing with members.

Thank you to all members who answered the survey to improve our understanding of members' comfort level in Google drive use.

## **PIAC STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2022**

Reminder for PIAC members to attend the **PIAC Strategic Planning Session** being held virtually on **Saturday, June 5, 2021 (9am-1pm)**. All PIAC members (including representatives and alternates) are expected to attend and share their voices in setting PIAC priorities for the 2021-2022 school year.

## **PIAC/PCEO JOIN THE CONVERSATION SERIES**

Please save the date of June 3, 2021 for the final Conversation of this school year. Topic will be "The Future of Education". Look out for the link coming soon.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conversations-Series>

## **CAREGIVERS/PARENTS AS PARTNERS PLANNING 2021**

The planning for Caregivers/Parents as Partners 2021 has begun. Tentatively, save the date of Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25, 2021. Please submit your ideas for parent and school council workshops to [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com) for consideration.

## **PIAC WORKING GROUPS (WG)**

This is a gentle 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 <http://bit.ly/WGsignup2020> as soon as possible. Also, for any community members who wish to sign up for non-governance working groups, please also use this link. If you have any questions about the working groups, please contact the PIAC Co-Chairs at [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com).

For PIAC working group co-leads: please remember to include all signed-up working group members in working group communications (including community members). For assistance to find all working group members, please contact the PIAC Membership WG co-leads (Janice Barnett and Nazerah Sheikh).

See the **PIAC Calendar** for links to meetings and events > <http://www.torontopiac.com>