

PIAC TRUSTEE UPDATE

May 18, 2021

MAY 17 UPDATE RE: LEARNING MODEL SELECTION FOR 2021-22

Please see below for a change to the timeline for the parent/guardian selection form mentioned in the committee reports listed later in this Trustee Update.

Good Afternoon Parents/Guardians,

We wanted to provide you with a brief update with regard to the choice of learning model (in-person or virtual) for the 2021-22 school year. As you may know, the Government of Ontario recently announced that school boards will provide In-Person and Virtual Learning options next year.

While we had been planning to share a selection form later this month, we have made the decision to delay this selection process to allow families more time to make an informed decision. With vaccinations of students, staff and families increasing in the upcoming days and weeks, we believe families will be in a better position to make a decision for September at a later date.

Families can expect more information and specific dates later this week.

Thank you.

SPECIAL PLANNING & PRIORITIES MEETING (PPC) - MAY 7

[Agenda](#)

[Presentation slides](#)

SEPTEMBER GUIDANCE AND FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MINISTRY

Summary:

- Planning for full time return to school (elementary & secondary)
- School Boards are to continue to offer remote learning options consistent with [PPM 164](#) (synchronous learning requirements, exemptions, etc.)
- Secondary schools have a limit of two classes per day when possible (quadmester model), contingency plans to pivot to adapted model (used this year) and full time virtual.

- Full health and safety guidance (masking, screening, extra curriculums, etc.) will be released later this summer.
- COVID funding provided for 2021-22 school year, but Boards instructed to only budget for the first ½ of the school year.
- Updates on EQAO and OSSLT, required secondary remote learning credits, community involvement hours, and secondary assessments.
- Selection form for parents/guardians to choose between in-person and virtual models for the 2021-22 school year.
 - Due date June 1
 - NOT a survey - this is a decision for the 2021-22 school year.
 - One switch date will be offered in February 2022 for the beginning of Term 2 for elementary students or the start of Quad 3 for secondary students.
 - If your response is not received by the deadline of June 1, placement will be In-Person Learning at the home school.
- Devices:
 - Students to return devices starting in mid June.
 - Students attending summer school may keep their devices for return near the end of August.
 - IT will process returned devices over the summer and return them to the schools where they came from.
 - Any students requesting the virtual model in the new school year will be provided a device by their local homeschool.

BOARD MEETING - MARCH 21st

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

Follow up on items mentioned in previous PIAC Trustee Updates:

Renaming Schools Celebrating the Diversity of Toronto

The Board decided:

- (a) That a special purpose reference group comprised of students, parents, TDSB educators, community members, appropriate qualified experts and individuals involved in anti-racism work, be established:
 - i. to inform the consultation process;
 - ii. to propose amendments to policy P047 and procedure PR592, Naming of Schools and Special Purpose Areas, so that school naming or renaming can be made from time-to-time to reflect the diversity of the City;
 - iii. to provide a proposal for a city-wide review of all school names so that TDSB schools reflect the diversity of Toronto's success;

(b) That the reference group present a report to the Governance and Policy Committee no later than June 30, 2021.

2020-2021 Program Priorities Funding: Parent Reaching Out Grant Allocation Update

The Board decided:

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

- i. 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;
- ii. requests that PRO funding continue to be provided annually;
- iii. recommends that funding be returned to the levels provided prior to the 2019-2020 school year.

A copy of the letter sent to the Ministry can be found [here](#).

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 26. The meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and will be [livestreamed](#) when the public session begins at 7:00pm.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - MAY 4TH

Meeting to approve the 2021- 2022 calendar. Calendar will now be sent to the Ministry for final approval.

[School Year Calendar 2021-2022: Revised](#)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

GOVERNANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE (GPC) - APRIL 28

[Agenda](#)

This meeting included discussion on the following items, which will be sent to the May 26th Board Meeting for approval:

[P048, Occupational Health and Safety Policy: Annual Review](#)

[P072, Workplace Violence Prevention Policy: Annual Review](#)

[Information Flow Protocol: New Governance Procedure](#)

PROGRAM & STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (PSSC) - MARCH 31

[Agenda](#)

This meeting included discussion on the following items, which will be sent to the May 26th Board Meeting for approval:

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

Included additional waiting list data for each Learning Centre and school-by-school.

[Human Rights Annual Report 2018 - 2020: Update](#)

Included action plan and timelines.

[Long-Term Plan for Outdoor Learning](#)

Part A: Enhancing teaching and learning in the outdoors: Instructional support for schools with barriers to outdoor learning and reorganization of Toronto Outdoor Education Schools program delivery model,

Part B: Investing in school ground infrastructure: summary of projects that have taken place over the last few years, guiding principles and priorities for future projects, action plan and timeline for future projects, and maps of recent projects (outdoor seating, field renovation, tree planting, and grounds improvement).

FINANCE, BUDGET, & ENROLMENT COMMITTEE (FBEC), - MAY 12

[Agenda](#)

This meeting included discussion on the following items, which will be sent to the May 26th Board Meeting for approval:

[2021-22 Grants for Student Needs Update](#)

1. Technical Paper for 2021-22 which provides a detailed explanation of the grant allocations within the Grants for Student Needs (GSN).
 - **Includes PIC funding and \$500 per school council as part of the Parent Engagement Allocation.**
2. Priorities and Partnership Funds (PPF) memorandum
 - **Includes PRO Grant funds in the amount of \$253,100**
3. Capital Funding for the 2021-22 School Year
4. [Planning for the 2021-22 School Year memorandum](#)

- Included in this memo are COVID funding allocations and initial school board guidance and new initiatives to support the safe operation of schools in 2021-22.
 - Further details will be provided in the summer regarding the health and safety strategies required for the upcoming school year as well as the designation of school boards that will continue with an adapted secondary school delivery model in September.
5. Learning Recovery and Renewal memorandum: outlines the Ministry's investments in response to post-pandemic learning, health & safety, and mental health needs.

[Proposed 2021-22 Budget Timelines: Update](#)

Timeline includes:

- Providing parents with information about 2021-22 selection form (in-person vs virtual) during the week of May 17
 - This will inform all parents/guardians/caregivers about their options for their children either to attend in-person or select remote learning for school next year and information on how to indicate their preference.
- Selection form sent to parents May 25
 - supported by translations
- Selection form due June 1

OTHER UPDATES

- [Statement by Interim Director of Education Karen Falconer Re: Statement of Claim](#)
- [Toronto District School Board's Annual Safe Drinking Water Test Results for 2020](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Info from Toronto Public Health](#)
- [Letter: Access to Free Menstrual Products for Students in Ontario Schools](#)
- [Message from Chair and Director about Crisis in India](#)
- [TDSB Reaches Tentative Local Agreement with Secondary Teachers](#)
- [TDSB Celebrates Jewish Heritage Month](#)
- [TDSB Celebrates Asian Heritage Month](#)
- [TDSB's Asian and Jewish Heritage Committees Present: Chicken Soup, Chicken Soup](#)
- [Letter: TDSB Objects to Plans for Radical Changes to Remote Learning in Ontario](#)
- [TDSB to Review School Names to Reflect Toronto's Diversity](#)