

PIAC Co-chairs Report

March 2019

PROGRAM & SCHOOL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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 January PSSC meeting on February 20th:

An interim report was presented regarding the Parent and Student Involvement in School Improvement. Policy P.023, Parent and Community Engagement has been scheduled to be reviewed in April 2019. PIAC will be one of the many committees of the board along with CACs to be consulted during the review process of this policy. At the same time as this policy is being reviewed a new Student Engagement policy is being created for the fall of 2019. For more information please visit the link from the meetings and agendas page of the TDSB website

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

A report from the School Year Calendar Committee for the 2019/20 school year was presented to be taken to Board for approval. This committee invites two PIAC members to attend and provide feedback and ask questions at the committee meetings. This year two PIAC members were in attendance.

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 March 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, February 27th at 5050 Yonge Street and is currently being rescheduled.

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>.

OTHER UPDATES

Parents as Partners 2019 Conference

This conference is a collaboration between the CACs of the TDSB and TDSB staff. The event will take place on Saturday, March 30th. Please share this date of the Parents as Partners conference with the parents and school councils in your ward and let them know that more information and registration can be found at www.parentsaspartners.ca . To receive a digital version of the poster please email Zena at zs.piac@gmail.com

TDSB Operating Budget 2019/20 Survey

The TDSB Operating Budget for 2019/20 is currently being developed and will be aligned with the Multi-Year Strategic plan, please see the link for more information about the TDSB's strategic plan

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Multi-Year-Strategic-Plan> .

Parents, caregivers, staff, students and community members are encouraged to participate in a budget survey by providing opinions as part of the process.

Please share the link for welcome to participate

https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/2019-20-Budget/Your-Opinion-Counts?utm_source=Homepage&utm_medium=smallpromo&utm_campaign=Your-opinion-counts . The last day to complete the survey will be April 2, 2019.

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

PIAC POST

Our Communications and Outreach Working Group will be 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 will be 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).