

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	Consultations
Date	16 February 2021
Description/ Objective	<p>Description: The Consultations Working Group was formed to prioritize, summarize, and disseminate information to PIAC, and where applicable the TDSB parent community, regarding Policies and Procedures under review by the TDSB. Dissemination of information will be coordinated with PIAC Ward Representatives and the Communications & Outreach Working Group. Where applicable the Consultations WG, along with all PIAC members, will coordinate review and/or provide feedback and/or make recommendations regarding review and revision of TDSB Policies and Procedures to the PIAC Co-chairs.</p> <p>Priority Areas of the Consultations Working Group 20/21: Please see the current Strategic Plan</p>
Update	<p>The Working Group met on Friday, January 29th from 5 pm to 6 pm. Discussion was primarily on changes to the draft webpage updates for the Consultations pages of torontopiacc.com. A google doc was created and the draft was shared for continued review.</p> <p>The Working Group also met on Monday, February 8th from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Discussion included the updates to the website and an approach to the newly approved Policy Review Schedule. The WG agreed to focus on the Parent and Community Involvement Policy (PO23) and the Specialty Schools and Program Policy (NEW) as consultations are announced. The WG also requested further clarification on the decision to postpone the Fundraising Policy for another year and whether this delay reflected a solid commitment to review this policy in 2021/2022. The co-leads took this request to the Executive Committee for response from Trustee Doyle and/or the Director Designates at the February 16th full PIAC meeting.</p> <p>The WG also forwarded brief notes via Kate Leuschen Millar, co-lead, to Trustee Doyle on the Advertising Policy (revised by the Governance and Policy Committee on February 10th and recommended for approval at the Regular Board Mtg on March 10) as well as the Virtual Consultations Procedure presented as to Trustees on at the Governance and Policy Committee mtg February 10th. Members were also encouraged to send comments directly to Trustee Doyle. NB: The current revised draft Advertising Policy was not available to share at the time of this report.</p> <p>Links to Note: New Policy Review Schedule: https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/aboutus/docs/Revised%20Policy%20Review%20Schedule.pdf</p> <p>New Virtual Consultations Procedure: https://tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Detail/docId/2234</p> <p>TDSB Consultations Website for newly listed Consultations: https://tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations</p> <p>TDSB Engage Website for PO23: https://www.tdsbengage.ca/tdsb-engage</p>

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Motion(s)	None
Question(s)	None
Next Steps and Action items	<p>Prior Actions for Follow-up: Outstanding Budget ideas - Perhaps translating a general clip on why consultations are important in various languages for the consultations page on PIAC/TDSB.</p> <p>Current Send updated website text to the Communications & Outreach WG for use in updating the website temporarily and as a template for a future website migration.</p> <p>Executive Meeting Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment on delay of Fundraising Policy and commitment to 2021/2022 • Timeline for both the PO23 and Specialized Schools and Programs Policies so that the WG can start outreach as soon as possible • Request for comment on possible impact/ changes to consultations in light of the new Virtual Consultations Procedure, including how this procedure will be treated after pandemic restrictions are lifted.
Co-lead(s)	<p>Co-Leads: Kate Leuschen Millar, Ward 16 Rep Shanti Chand, Ward 19 Alt Rep</p>
Working Group Members	Kate Leuschen Millar (W16 Rep) (Co-Lead) Shanti Chand (W19 Alt Rep) (Co-Lead) Jess Hungate (W5 Rep) Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8 Rep) Cecile Farnum (W9 Alt) Sylvester Witter (W10 Rep) Wilmar Kortleever (W11 Rep) Aretha Phillip (W13 Rep) Christopher Levien (W20 Rep) Steven Cheung (Community Member) Ken Ng (Parent, Community Member) Nicole Herbert (Community Member) Felicia Seto-Lau (PIAC Co-chair) D Williams (PIAC Co-chair)