



Name of Committee: Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2024

A Parent Involvement Advisory Committee meeting convened via Zoom on Thursday, November 14, 2024, from 7:07p.m. to 9: 37 p.m. With PIAC Co-Chair Zena Shereck

Attendance:	Erin C (W01), Frances S (W02), Sarah A (W02), Andrew W (W03), Gordon H (W03), Tamasha G (W04), Crystal S (W06), Mercy C (W06), Alice R (W07), Kaydeen B (W08), Melanie M-S (W09), Bruce O (W10), Janice B (W11), Charles Z (W11), Susan L (W12), Tanya O (W17), Seema M (W18), Moosa A A (W19), Chris L (W20), A Azeem M (W21), Nadia J (W22), Zena S, (Co-Chair)
Trustee:	Trustee Matias de DoVitiis,
Staff:	Elizabeth Addo Exec Superintendent, Lisa Dilworth, System Superintendent, Latha John Committee Assistant, Jack Nigro, Exec Superintendent, Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator, PCCEO
Absent:	Anshu G (W08), Karin T (W09), Manna B (W10), Jianfen (Jenny) Z (W13), Nicole W (W12), Jun J. Z (W13), Jenny Gannon (W14), Jennifer V (W15), Shelley K (W16), Eden H (W16), Nicole W (W17), Hasiba Anna E (W18), , Geetika B (W20), Nicole M (W22), Towhid N (CLG)

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Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	<p>Co-Chair started the meeting with the land acknowledgment.</p> <p>Members were reminded of the code of conduct.</p> <p>This meeting will not be broadcasted as per PIAC bylaws special meetings are not required to be</p>		

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	<p>broadcasted but reported at the PIAC general meeting.</p> <p>PIAC W03 Co-Rep Andrew W raised his disagreement on the meeting not being broadcasted.</p>		
<p>Expired terms workaround motion tabling</p>	<p>Election of Representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections for wards with expired terms are to be conducted by December 17, 2024. • Membership WG to coordinate these elections with trustees. <p>Expired Terms and Participation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members with expired terms were encouraged to declare conflicts of interest for motions where applicable. • The following members declared conflict of interest. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charles Z (W11) 2. Nadia Judunath (W22) 3. Erin Clark (W1) • It was clarified that these members could participate in discussions and working groups but voting privileges were under review. 		
<p>Motions</p>	<p>Motion 1:</p> <p>1)PIAC bylaws be amended by adding the following language under 3.1.10 Appointment Process:</p> <p>(b) This is a one-time measure occurring on November 14, 2024. This amendment will not be considered to prevent other amendments of the bylaws in the 2024-2025 school year. Where PIAC terms have ended in the past two years and</p>	<p>Motion 1 by Andrew W (W03) , seconded by Chris L(W20)</p>	

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	<p>elections have not occurred, the incumbent will be appointed to PIAC as a Co-presentative from November 14, 2024, to February 28, 2025, or when an election to fill the vacancy is conducted, whichever occurs first.</p> <p>The following concerns were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process for filling vacancies and ensuring transparency. • Clarification on responsibilities for outreach and trustee accountability. • Procedure for scenarios where elections are delayed beyond March 31, 2025. <p>Motion as proposed to extend expired terms of members until February 28, 2025, and amended to March 31, 2025.</p> <p>Motion 1 as amended:</p> <p>1)PIAC bylaws be amended by adding the following language under 3.1.10 Appointment Process:</p> <p>(b) This is a one-time measure occurring on November 14, 2024. This amendment will not be considered to prevent other amendments of the bylaws in the 2024-2025 school year. Where PIAC terms have ended in the past two years and elections have not occurred, the incumbent will be appointed to PIAC as a Co-presentative from November 14, 2024, to March 31, 2025, or when an election to fill the vacancy is conducted, whichever occurs first.</p> <p>Motion 2: Adjustment of Term Lengths</p> <p>Membership Working group, work together with PCCEO staff to follow existing process to hold PIAC co-representatives position elections in collaboration with Trustees where possible, but where necessary that</p>	<p>Motion 1 as amended by Kaydeen (W08), seconded by Gordon H(W03)</p> <p>A roll call vote was conducted. Motion as amended was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Motion 2 by Andrew W (W03),</p>	

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	<p>elections be held without the Trustee involvement to ensure PIAC co-representatives' positions are not vacant.</p> <p>Motion 2 was amended Membership Working group, work together with PCCEO staff to follow existing process to hold PIAC co-representatives position elections in collaboration with Trustees where possible, but where necessary that elections be held without the Trustee involvement to ensure PIAC co-representatives' positions are not vacant.</p> <p>The Membership Working group will undertake to review and revise the election procedures for PIAC elections and report back to PIAC with a motion no later than January 2025.</p> <p>Motion to extend the meeting by 10 mins by Bruce O(W10) seconded by Gordon H (W03)</p>	<p>seconded by Moosa A(W19)</p> <p>Motion 2 as amended by Gordon H(W03) seconded by Erin C(W01). A roll call vote was conducted. Motion as amended was carried 8 in favor and 3 against.</p>	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending the term length for PIAC representatives from two years to four years to improve continuity and efficiency. • Lack of clarity in existing bylaws and election procedures is a recurring issue. • Suggestions included drafting new procedures to address inconsistencies and improve transparency. • Some members emphasized the need for a public record of expired terms to enhance accountability. • Funding for Elections: highlighted challenges regarding funding for PIAC-led elections, especially in the absence of trustee involvement. • Concerns about alienating trustees if they are excluded from the process, potentially creating disharmony. • Need to clarify roles and responsibilities, including staff and membership working groups, in running elections. • The membership working group was encouraged to draft procedures for ward-level elections to ensure clarity and consistency. • Need for enhanced communication about PIAC activities and vacancies to parents and school councils. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about the lack of public broadcast for the special meeting and its impact on transparency and accountability. 		
Next steps	Results of the motions and decisions will be documented and shared publicly during the general meeting on November 19, 2024.		
Closing remarks	<p>Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 by Gordon H (W03); seconded by Seema M (W18)</p> <p>Co-Chair expressed gratitude to the committee for their cooperation and time management, speaking limits and maintaining focus during discussions.</p>		