

## PIAC Working Group REPORT

<b>Working Group</b>	<b>November 2020 School Councils Information Event</b>
<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>September 10, 2020, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm</b>
Description/Objectives	<p>This working group of PIAC members, community volunteers and staff is responsible for assisting with successful delivery of PIAC led events such as Parent Involvement Makes a Difference and School Council Appreciation and Information.</p> <p><b><u>Scope of Work for Parent Involvement Makes a Difference and School Councils Info and Appreciation Event WG from PIAC 2019-2020 Workplan</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) <i>Successful execution of the annual November PIAC event.</i></li> <li>(2) <i>Successful execution of the February annual PIAC event.</i></li> <li>(3) <i>Investigate the possibility of creating a conference alternative.</i></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Awaiting Scope of Work for 2020-21 Strategic Plan to be finalized though it is expected that a School Councils Information Event will be a part of that plan.</u></b></p>
Update	<p><b><u>NEXT Membership WG Meeting – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom</u></b></p> <p><b><u>WG Meeting - Sep 10, 2020 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Organize and host a Virtual Zoom conference to provide information and support to parents involving and engaging in school council.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WG members shared their support for and dedication to organizing and supporting virtual information workshops for families. Parents are looking for information and PIAC should be a channel/avenue for them to get information and help dispel misinformation. Having a virtual conference would benefit those who attend and assist supporting families and schools. There are many challenges to organizing online conference but PIAC should take on the challenge.</li> <li>○ PIAC is navigating this new reality itself. What knowledge can PIAC share?</li> <li>○ How will PIAC market these workshops? Marketing to as a learning opportunity to every parent and school council member who wish to engage and improve their school community during this new reality.</li> <li>○ A series of workshops such as the summer Conversation series was discussed though the WG decided to present a motion to keep with a conference style over a weekend. Also, the postponed Parents as Partners conference will be taking place over Zoom on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> which we will monitor for workshop ideas and lessons learned.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. Elect Co-leads:</b> <p>Felicia Seto-Lau and Nadia Judunath were elected co-leads.</p> </li> <li><b>3. Format and theme/topics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Format proposed to be half-days on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22. PIAC has not hosted an event on a Sunday before. Working theme is: Navigating this new reality as a school council.</li> <li>○ Families are likely to have more time on the weekends than on weekday evenings. Thought also to host a panel later in the school year to check in on school councils and have them share or celebrate successes.</li> <li>○ Ideas for workshops discussed include: Supporting mental health; Working with your school council and school administration (Ps and VPs); Tips and Tricks of using Zoom</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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	<p>or Effective Online Meetings; What is the role of a parent rep on the School Statement of Needs; School Improvement Plan; Safe School and Staffing Committees?; Working with your Trustee; School Council Communications; Check-in panel discussion on what school councils are experiencing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The number of workshop topics offered will be fewer than the previous conferences.</li> <li>○ A keynote speaker is being explored for each of the days. Certainly the new Director of the TDSB is a consideration.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Budget request is a very rough ballpark for interpretation and likely increased participation of families due to online nature; presenter honorarium; keynote speaker(s) fees; shipping costs.</li> </ul>
<p>Motion(s)</p>	<p><b>(1) Be it resolved for the general committee to to strike a November Event WG to organize a set of relevant workshops providing relevant information to assist and engage parents in their school councils and communities.</b></p> <p>Motion #1 Rationale:  <i>PIAC's mission is to "To aid access to information and resources for parents, especially that of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and Ontario Ministry of Education, in support of more effective parent engagement in their child's learning to improve student achievement and well-being, and enhance accountability of the education system." Holding information sessions and workshops is within our mandate.</i></p> <p><b>(2) Be it resolved to set the dates of Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22 for the presentation of the relevant workshops and topics as determined by the November Event WG. Times to be determined and confirmed by the November Event WG.</b></p> <p>Motion 2 Rationale:          PIAC has historically held a parent involvement event on the third Saturday of November. It does not conflict with other education related events held by other groups such as TDSB and People For Education.</p> <p><b>(3) Be it resolved to set aside in the PIAC annual 2020-21 budget an amount of \$10,000 (not to be exceeded) for to be spent on items to be determined by the November Event at this time to be keynote speaker fee(s); honourariums; marketing; interpretation costs.</b></p> <p>Motion 3 Rationale:          A keynote speaker(s) will be explored for each day of the conference as proposed at this time. A budget allocation would give the WG the ability to cast a wide net for keynote speakers, interpreters and facilitate the work that is required to organize and host a successful event to expand the PIAC brand.</p>
<p>Question(s)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Are any PIAC members interested in hosting a workshop?</li> <li>● What workshop topics are parents interested? Please email the WG leads (below).</li> <li>● Interpretation costs on Zoom?</li> </ul>
<p>Next Steps and Action items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On approval of the above motions, WG will meet weekly over Zoom to organize the virtual weekend conference.</li> </ul>
<p>Working Group Leads</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Felicia Seto-Lau</b> (Ward 3 Rep)</li> <li>2. <b>Nadia Judunath</b> (Ward 22 Alt)</li> </ol>
<p>Working Group Members</p>	<p><b>Attendance:</b> Felicia Seto-Lau (W3), Sharon Grant (W4), John Bakous (W8), Sylvester Witter (W10), Seema Mitchell (W18), Mark Ramcahran (W18), Shanti Chand (W19), Nadia Judunath</p>

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(W22), Zena Shereck (Co-chair), Latha John (PCEO Community Assistant)

**Regrets:** Jess Hungate (Ward 5), Wilmar Kortleever (W11)

**Absent:** Patricia Seedial (Ward 4), Jaimala (Ward 5), Christopher Levien (Ward 20), Zuojun Han (Ward 20)

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