

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	Consultations
Date	20 October 2020
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 WG. 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: TBD</p>
Update	<p><u>September 29, 2020 Meeting:</u></p> <p>Attendees: Kate Leuschen Millar, Ward 16 Rep and Acting Lead Shanti Chand, Ward 19 Alt Rep Andrew Waters, Ward 9 Rep Saira Somani, Ward 3 Alt Rep Cecile Farnum, Ward 9 Alt Rep Ken Ng, Parent Community Member Regrets: Jess Hungate, Ward 5 Rep</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members discussed what the Working Group will do in light of the circumstances – TDSB policy reviews on hold. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No desire to dissolve the Working Group as suggested in the Strategic Plan presentation. The members felt keeping a formal working group assisted in the practical work of PIAC outside the monthly meetings. Changes to the process of consultations were more desirable. • Refine the work happening internally while we wait for policy reviews to resume - maybe look at website tool kit, internal methods of how we ask for full PIAC input on policies • Rotate the lead work, a different lead on each consultation in order to take advantage of diverse views and skills • Continue to work on having early access to the policy process (happened in portions of the Secondary School Review/Optional Attendance Policy) • General agreement that fewer working groups = more focused membership working on consultations 2. Shanti Chand agreed to co-lead, with no objections she will join Kate as co-leads going forward. Cecile felt she could help as secretary for minute taking at the meetings and would be open to

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	<p>a specific rotation as a lead on a policy. Everyone agreed that the sharing of responsibility duties in the Working Group would be emphasized this year.</p> <p>3. New/Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the need to work with staff on any changes to the Fundraising guidelines • Discussed the status of the Secondary School Review/ Optional Attendance and how we can play a role in communicating parent concerns/ staff guidelines for high school applications this year • Discussed the need to create more timely, consistent and universal methods of communications to parents. Is there a role for the Working Group to give feedback on parent communications to encourage improvement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communicate failures and challenges for parents ○ How does PIAC engage/ represent virtual schools in the consultation processes ○ Communication channels for consultations – language translation ○ Communications that is conflicting – maybe too many channels? unofficial channels with non-staff? Too much in English only (including new feedback tools) • Performance management of principals – if the P/VP WG isn't happening, how can we think about consulting on the P role in order to make that role more accountable to parents?
Motion(s)	None
Question(s)	None
Next Steps and Action items	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue as a formal PIAC Working Group 2. Shanti and Kate to co-lead, Cecile as backup lead/Secretary 3. Kate to ask staff for policy check-in, specifically what is happening on the Secondary School Review and Fundraising
Co-lead(s)	<p>Co-Lead:</p> <p>Kate Leuschen Millar, Ward 16 Rep Shanti Chand, Ward 19 Alt Rep</p>
Working Group Members	<p>Kate Leuschen Millar (W16 Rep) (Co-Lead) Shanti Chand (W19 Alt Rep) Jess Hungate (W5 Rep) Kaydeen Bankasingh (W8 Rep) Cecile Farnum (W9 Alt) Sylvester Witter (W10 Rep)</p>

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