

**Name of Committee: IPS School Council Governance Committee**

**Meeting Date: April 8, 2021**

- **A meeting of the Island Public School Council convened on April 8, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. as a Zoom Meeting with Tara Peterson presiding.**

<b>Attendance Members:</b>	The following participated by electronic means: Tara Peterson (Chair), Liz Alderson (Secretary), Diana Barbato, Lynda Jeffs, Lindsay Stephens, Scott Woolford, Laura Maria, Tempie, Derek Rayside, Tracy Jewitt, Cori McFarlane,
<b>Regrets:</b>	Johnny Tkach
<b>Absence:</b>	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DECISION / ACTION TAKEN</b>	<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>
Agenda	Meeting agenda for tonight was approved.	Tara
Conflict of Interest Declaration	No one declared a conflict of interest.	All
Follow-up from Mary Linton/ Michelle Munroe	<p>Feedback was provided by Scott on the questions raised with Mary Linton and Michelle Munroe following the March 4th Meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Final draft of bylaws can be sent for feedback to Michelle Munroe. Would also go to the legal department as well. Code of Ethics has been sent already.</li> <li>2. Re: Training for school councils in leading meetings in zoom, specifically engagement in meetings: Tip sheets are available on the parent engagement website but only with respect to how zoom works, not how the meetings should be run. TDSB has not developed anything formal but the request has been put forward to the parent engagement co-ordinator and the communications department and they will look to support councils meetings with</li> </ol>	



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<p>Conflict Resolution Discussion/Comparison</p>	<p>Line by line comparison run through: PIAC vs draft. Almost 100% of the document was walked through. Robust discussion took place.</p> <p>Overall the committee could not agree on new suggestions outside original templates. This includes proposed clauses, procedures, wording.</p> <p>No consensus obtained.</p> <p>“Calm respectful tone” was removed in draft (based on the learning of the equity committee in Desmond Cole’s book. Clauses may be applied may be discriminatory fashion. Discussion around whether other definitions make this one no longer required. MoE does define respect as important however definition of respect is in Code of Ethics - could use the same one.</p> <p>No consensus reached.</p> <p>“Reasonable amount time” was replaced with an objective quantitative criteria because the equity committee learned that clauses such as this have historically been applied in a discriminatory fashion. Argued that it should remain to allow some leeway for chair to stop a conversation if it runs exclusively for one person and prevents other voices from being heard. Need to be able to hear different points of view. No agreement reached.</p> <p>Draft: “Chairs are responsible for order” - chair should not be taking a position in a conflict. If they wish to take one side or the other they should step down from chairing, or a second chair should step in. This is the role of Vice Chair. If they too had a conflict then Governance Chair could step in. It was suggested</p>	



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	<p>Ministry of Ed in Alberta is different from Ministry of Ed in Ontario. MoE in Alberta can shut down a SC and then principal is able to appoint an advisory board. Also, the AB SC document uses 50% of School Council Members, not 20%.</p> <p>It was noted that this clause is about requesting a meeting so that a vote can be held regarding operational impairment. Significant discomfort with many aspects of the draft and the possibilities of the new concepts and procedures. Not comfortable giving a minority a voice, not democratic...who decides on operational impairment? TDSB has Parent Engagement Office. Any ONE person can email them with any concern.</p> <p>Consensus not obtained.</p> <p>Noted by Lindsay that it was obvious that this clause would have to be removed.</p> <p>It should be noted that it is not possible to vote someone off school council.</p>	
	Action: Lindsay/Tempie: Update draft; send to Tara.	Action: Lindsay/Tempie
	<p>Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm</p> <p>Next Meeting to be held: approximate 2 weeks</p>	