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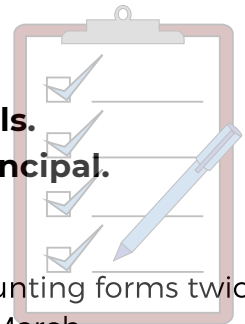
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## #SCHOOL COUNCILS

### SCHOOL COUNCIL FALL CHECKLIST

**Fall is the time for a few housekeeping items for School Councils. If you haven't done these yet, there's still time. Talk to your Principal.**



#### ● **PSAB Financial Report**

If your School Council fundraises, you need to complete the board's accounting forms twice a year. The report was due in September, the semi-annual form is due in March.

#### ● **Fundraising Plan**

If your School Council fundraises, you need to submit your annual Fundraising Plan (SGFFP) to your Principal at the end of October. Ask your Principal for the form.

#### ● **School Statement of Needs (SSON)**

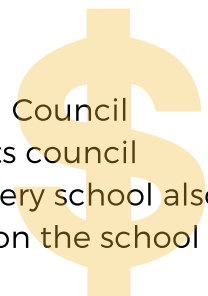
The SSON is a document parents draft, which outlines what is unique about your school community. It is used by your Superintendent when placing a new administrator in your school. The SSON is due to your Superintendent at the end of October, but can be updated any time. Find links to the parent guide and template here: <http://bit.ly/2LWgR4x>

#### ● **School Improvement Plan (SIP)**

Every year, in consultation with staff and parents, the Principal prepares the School Improvement Plan. The SIP has 3 areas of focus: Achievement, Well-being, and Equity. This plan is usually drafted in November. For more information: <http://bit.ly/2VDps0r>

### SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDS

Every School Council is allotted funds annually to operate. Your School Council should decide how this money will be used each year. Each school gets council administration funds based on enrollment (min \$300 - max \$1000). Every school also gets \$500 for Parent Engagement use. These council funds are found on the school budget line GL 41500.



**Got questions about how School Councils work?**

**Check out our School Council Toolkit**

[http://torontopiac.com/uploads/3/4/8/1/34816230/school\\_council\\_toolkit\\_200418.pdf](http://torontopiac.com/uploads/3/4/8/1/34816230/school_council_toolkit_200418.pdf)

## SCHOOL COUNCIL TRAINING SESSIONS

Each year the Parent & Community Engagement Office (PCEO) of the TDSB provides free workshops across the system to support the important work of School Councils. This year's topics are School Council Basics, School Council Bylaws, and School Council Effectiveness.

### The next sessions are School Council 101 & School Council Bylaws

School Council Bylaws takes a close look at how to write bylaws for your community - what needs to be there, what you can add, and what you must consider about your community.

January 9 - Central Tech (School Council 101)  
January 16 - John Polyani (School Council ByLaws)  
January 23 - Drewry SS (School Council ByLaws)  
January 28 - Woburn CI (School Council ByLaws)  
February 4 - Central Tech (School Council ByLaws)

All workshops are 6:00-9:00 pm

For the full schedule, go to:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/Workshops>



## #HAVEYOURSAY: TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2019/2020

Currently, the TDSB is reviewing P013, Optional Attendance. This review includes the Secondary Programs Review.

You can participate in the consultation survey of the **Attendance at Schools Outside of Designated Attendance Area** until February 3, 2020 here: <https://surveys.tdsb.on.ca/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=556612&lang=en>

Among other Policies to be reviewed this year are P023/P078 Parent & Community Engagement, P044 Homework, and P021 Fundraising. For the full TDSB's policy review cycle: <http://bit.ly/2M9A8Rd>.

## TDSB PARENT PORTAL

Quick links to tons of useful resources for parents:

[tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents](https://tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents)



## BECOME A PIAC VOLUNTEER!

Do you have passion for supporting parents as partners in education?

The following vacancies are available on PIAC:

- Ward 9 (Trustee Donaldson) – 1 position
- Ward 10 (Trustee Moise) – 1 position
- Ward 11 (Trustee Chernos Lin) – 1 position
- Ward 16 (Trustee Aarts) – 1 position
- Ward 19 (Trustee Patel) – 2 positions
- Ward 21 (Trustee Rajakulasingam) - 1 position
- Ward 22 (Trustee Sriskandarajah) - 2 positions

Contact your Trustee or [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com)

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