# PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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#### **#INFORM & ADVISE**

#### **NEW TDSB ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

Director Colleen Russell-Rawlins has reconsidered the organizational structure of the TDSB "giving muchneeded stability to our system and aligning and supporting our goals and commitments in a post-pandemic era."

The new organizational structure returns to the model of four Associate Directors - two academic and two business - who will work together as a cross-functional team in the successful execution of the <u>Multi-Year Strategic Plan</u>, and the Pandemic Recovery plan.

You can read more about the new structure on the <u>Director's webpage</u>



#### **CONVERSATION SERIES 2022**

Join the Conversation!

#### Join the Conversation Series for 2022

TDSB families are invited to a series of engaging and informative online conversations on topics we heard you want to learn more about.

These conversations are jointly hosted by the PCEO and PIAC and are supported by the Ministry of Education's Parents Reaching Out Grants.

Information on upcoming and past sessions and links to register are on the <u>Conversation Series</u> <u>webpage</u>.

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL INSURANCE

# As of January 1, 2022, School Councils No Longer Need to Purchase Extra School Council Insurance

All School Councils, including their Executive Committee and Representative members are covered under the TDSB commercial general liability insurance program for all roles and responsibilities directly related to their respective School Council position. Volunteers are also covered when participating in a TDSB school "sanctioned" School Council activity or event.

For more information related to School Council Insurance, coverage please download the School Council Insurance Program Summary

#### **Check out the newest TDSB Mental Health resource:**

Mental Health Choice Board index of activities for everyone!

#### PIAC - ADVOCATING FOR YOU

#### **Support for TDSB School Council Email Accounts**

Within PIAC's purpose is to advise the Board & Ministry on Parent Engagement, & support School Councils in order to improve student achievement & well-being,

PIAC recently passed a motion asking for solutions for the difficulty School Councils are having accessing and operating their TDSB Email accounts.



With important communication tools attached to these accounts and communication channels hindered when the accounts don't work, PIAC is looking for support to solve the numerous technical issues going unresolved for years. Our motion requests the following:

- Reporting on the number of accounts successfully activated
- A plan for resolving the IT backlog
- The Board prioritize support to have these accounts in working order at all times
- Regular reporting and follow-up on the status of SC email accounts

Read the full motion on the January School Council Support Working Group Report.



# Let's Connect - Spotlight on Parent Voice Thursday, March 10, 2022 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Join next Let's Connect session, hear parent voices and experiences, increase mental health literacy and learn strategies to better support you and your family's mental health & well-being.

This session: Mindful Parenting presentation and great interactive breakout rooms!

More information on the Let's Connect page

## #HAVEYOURSAY TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2021/2022

### P.047 Naming Schools & Special Purpose Areas

To establish guiding principles and criteria for the naming and renaming of schools, special-purpose areas, and teams.

- Consultation open until March 14, 2022
- <u>Draft Policy</u>
- Feedback <u>Survey</u>
- Email: NamingSchoolsPolicyConsultation@tdsb.on.ca



#### **BECOME A PIAC VOLUNTEER!**

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

The following vacancies are open on PIAC: Contact <u>PIAC</u> or your <u>trustee</u> about elections.

Ward 1 (Trustee Gill) - 1 position

Ward 5 (Trustee Lulka) - 2 positions

Ward 9 (Trustee Donaldson) - 1 position

Ward 10 (Trustee Moise) - 1 position

Ward 13 (Trustee Li) - 1 position

Ward 15 (Trustee Story) - 1 position

Ward 17 (Trustee Smith) - 2 positions

Ward 19 (Trustee Patel) - 1 position

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#### **TDSB Policy Review Schedule**