

PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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PIAC - ADVOCATING FOR YOU

PIAC Year-End Summary



PIAC is committed to supporting parents/caregivers and School Councils.

During the 2021/22 school year, PIAC has consulted with the Board, participated in policy reviews, responded to racism actions, connected with other CACs, provided supports via conferences, webinars and more, on behalf of and for TDSB parents/caregivers.

Supports for Parents/Caregivers:

Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference
PIAC Ready, Set, Engage – Bridging the Gap Conference
Conversation Series - co-hosted with PCEO

Supports for School Councils:

School Council IT Support - improvements
SSON – extended deadline
School Council By-Law Template - consultation
Fundraising Policy review schedule request

Working with the Board:

P/VP interviews - facilitation of parent participation
PRO Grant application feedback
Racist incidents - request for action
Virtual Schools - relationship building with staff
Policy consultations - feedback & promotion

INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH



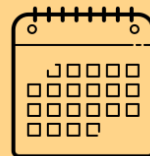
June is National Indigenous History Month

Join the Urban Indigenous Education Centre (UIEC) throughout the month of June for opportunities to engage with Indigenous artists, authors, and speakers through various virtual workshops and panel discussions.

[Calendar of Events for National Indigenous History Month](#)

TDSB 2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVED

The Ministry of Education has approved the TDSB's [2022-2023 School Year Calendar](#).



The first day of classes for students will be Wed. September 7, 2022.

TDSB Summer Well-Being Guide

TONS of great easy access resources in 20 languages!

SCHOOL COUNCIL BYLAWS

Easy to Use TDSB Template - Discussion Document Ready

Every School Council is required to have specific bylaws ([O. Reg. 612](#)). To ensure alignment of School Council bylaws to Regulation 612 and board policy, the PCEO has prepared a bylaw template for TDSB School Councils to follow. It includes the 3 required bylaws as well as some recommended options.

Download the [Discussion Document](#) for your council to select from and, after school community consultation, complete the simple form with your choices and set of bylaws returned. **For all councils, whether or you have existing bylaws!**

Full instructions are on the [TDSB Bylaws](#) page



Timelines:-

- Review the revised PDF [Discussion document](#)
- Share with your School Council to develop &/or approve bylaws draft
- Consult on draft bylaws with parents/caregivers
- Submit the bylaws template to the PCEO by October 22, 2022
- Approve your School Council Bylaws by November 25, 2022.
















DE-STREAMING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

In September 2021, the province took the first step to de-stream Grade 9 with a new single mathematics curriculum, no longer provided in two streams of Applied and Academic. In the Fall of 2022, all grade 9 courses will be de-streamed.

As part of the Board's [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), the TDSB is working over three years to support the majority of students to study Academic courses for Grades 9 & 10.

Research shows that students in an Academic program of study generally experience more positive outcomes.

Destreaming Choice Board (click the icon)

 Marginal at Best: A narrative on streaming in public education (Alison Gwynne San Vicente)	 Streaming and Educational Pathways (RSEKJ)	 10 Class Commandments (Ramon San Vicente)	 Destreaming in Ontario: History, Evidence and Educator Reflections (HEDCC)	 A Brief History of Academic Streaming in Ontario (Jason To)
 Teachers Speak About Destreaming (Jason To)	 Structured Pathways (Gillian Parekh)	 How to spark change within our unequal education system (The Conversation)	 Academic Streaming Blog (Jason To)	 Restacking the Deck: Streaming by Class, Race and Gender in Ontario Schools (CCPS)
 Choosing Courses for High School (People for Education)	 A Path Without a Choice (Coalition for Alternatives to Streaming in Education)	 Streaming in Schooling (FESI @ York University)	 A Case for Inclusive Education (Gillian Parekh)	 Towards Race Equity in Education (York University)

[TDSB Destreaming Choice Board](#)

Read more about de-streaming at TDSB on the [Academic Pathways](#) page.

PIAC Volunteer Spotlight

Learn about PIAC member D. Williams

MONTHLY Q&A SERIES FEATURING TDSB'S PARENT INVOLVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPS

SPOTLIGHT

VOLUNTEER

GETTING TO KNOW D WILLIAMS,
TDSB WARD 10 PIAC REP SINCE 2013.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST AS A PIAC MEMBER?
A: What I love the most about being a PIAC member and having served as a PIAC Co-Chair for 2 separate two-year terms is having collaborated with more than one Director of Education, the PCEO, trustees, TDSB senior staff and parent volunteers to improve the communication to parents from the TDSB, and improving the supports and resources for school councils. There are still challenges but I have witnessed real improvements over the years!


Q: WHAT'S SOMETHING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?
A: Science Fiction & Fantasy are my favourite genres. I enjoy watching my favourite movies and series such as Star Trek, Alien, The Matrix, Black Panther and Dune multiple times.

Q: WHAT HASHTAGS DESCRIBE YOUR PERSONALITY BEST?
A: #Justice... #Collaborativeintrovert... #BigPicture...

Q: WHY DID YOU JOIN PIAC?
A: It's a great opportunity to connect with like-minded parent volunteers at the board level to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement to improve student achievement and well-being.

Q: DESCRIBE PIAC IN 3 WORDS.
A: Equity... Collaboration... Engagement

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