

PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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#ACCOUNTABLE & ENGAGED

SCHOOL COUNCIL BYLAWS

New Council Bylaw Template coming soon!

Ontario Regulation 612 requires that each School Council develop a set of Bylaws (formal document that defines the standards & principles of an organization).

To ensure alignment of council bylaws to the Regulation and board policy, the TDSB has collaborated with PIAC and parents/caregivers to revise the Board Bylaw Template. This template is expected to be available in November.

Whether or not your School Council already has bylaws, you will need to adopt the mandatory sections of the template. There are 3 required bylaws (Elections, Conflict of Interest, Filling Vacancies, and Conflict Resolution) but your council may choose to have more and include them along with these mandatory sections.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

The TDSB is working on guidelines for improved parent involvement in the School Improvement process (SIP).

The 2021/22 proposed Interim Expectations will focus on: explaining the school improvement process and the value of family involvement in it. Principals will seek input on SIP goals with the School Council and share School Data with parents on Wellbeing, Equity, and Achievement.



READY•SET•ENGAGE

BRIDGING THE GAP

PIAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday November 27 &
Sunday November 28
10:30 am - 2:30 pm

All TDSB parents, guardians, and caregivers are invited to our 2021 Fall Virtual Event, **"Ready, Set, Engage! Bridging the Gap"**, featuring workshops focused on bridging the gaps in Parent Engagement and School Councils. Connect with others from across the TDSB as we learn and share best practices on reconnecting mentally and socially with ourselves, our students, schools, and communities.

Registration opens early
November.

[Learn more on our PIAC conference page.](#)

Free Mental Health resources at Wellness Together
Sponsored by Government of Canada & Kids Help Phone

PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Building relationships between home and school is a great way to improve engagement by supporting a culture of respect at your school.

Your School Council can use its mandate to build engagement at your school: improving student achievement and enhancing the accountability of the education system to parents.

Consider these questions when planning for engagement. How can you help families to support their children's learning? How can you help bring parent voice to the system?

Support student well-being and achievement:

- Workshops - enhance parent capacity
- Build home to school relationships
- Eliminate barriers - host community events

Support system accountability:

- Required parent School Committee participation (School Improvement Plan, Caring & Safe Schools, Staffing, Budget)
- Consultation with parents



School Council Training

This year's TDSB School Council support workshop sessions begin in November.

"Leading School Councils" - Nov. 3, 9, 10

"School Council Bylaws" - Nov. 16, 18, 23, 25

"School Council-Digging Deeper" - Jan. 12, 13, 18

More details, links and workshop descriptions on the PCEO Workshop page.

#HAVEYOURSAY

TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2021/2022

P.023 Parent & Community Involvement Policy

Outlines the framework for building & supporting parent & community involvement in the TDSB, including the establishment of the Board's Community Advisory Committees (CACs).
More information on P.023 at tdsbengage.ca

The revised Critical Path & Work Plan separates the CAC and the full PO23 process and established new completion dates for each review. View the revised work plan [here](#).

TDSB Policy Review Schedule



BECOME A PIAC VOLUNTEER!

The following vacancies are open on PIAC:
Contact [PIAC](#) or your [trustee](#) about elections.

Ward 1 (Trustee Gill) - 2 positions

Ward 2 (Trustee MacLean) - 1 position

Ward 3 (Trustee Nunziata) - 1 position

Ward 5 (Trustee Lulka) - 2 positions

Ward 7 (Trustee Pilkey) - 1 position

Ward 10 (Trustee Moise) - 1 position

Ward 11 (Trustee Chernos-Lin) - 1 position

Ward 12 (Trustee Brown) - 1 position

Ward 13 (Trustee Li) - 1 position

Ward 15 (Trustee Story) - 1 position

Ward 17 (Trustee Smith) - 1 position

Ward 19 (Trustee Patel) - 1 position

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