

PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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#SCHOOL COUNCILS

GOAL SETTING

What does your School Council hope to accomplish this year? Creating a plan will help you be a more effective school community partner.

School Council is a team with a mandate. Plan your annual goals with that in mind. Councils are mandated by the Ministry of Education in O. Reg. 612 of the Education Act to, through the active participation of parents, improve student achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. Your activities (including any fundraising) revolve around that.

Start your planning by compiling school information:

- School Improvement Plan
- School Profile
- School Committees

Identify goals for council that follow your mandate.

Prioritize the most important issues. Choose a realistic number of tasks for the size of your council. Brainstorm ideas to address the issues.

Make a plan that includes concrete actions and time frames. Spread the workload among your team. Share the plan with your school community.



SCHOOL COUNCIL RESOURCES

FUNDS

Every School Council is allotted funds annually to operate. School Councils decide how this money will be used each year. Each school gets council administration funds based on enrolment (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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Every TDSB School Council has free access to communication tools. School Councils have a free Zoom account for their meetings and virtual events. They also have access to a secure, transferrable email account that provides access to Zoom and TDSB resources/files that require a login. Ask your Principal to activate your TDSB email account.

**Got questions about how School Councils work?
Check out our [School Council Toolkit](#)**

STARTING OUT STRONG

Fall is a busy time for families and for School Councils. Use our handy School Council Checklist to keep on top of matters.

● Elections

Held within 30 days after school opening (this year's extension to Oct. 29/21). The election of parent members may be held by Zoom, Survey Monkey or Hybrid method. Virtual parents may choose either their homeschool or the virtual hub school. More detailed instructions on our PIAC Elections page

● 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. You will also need to complete the board's PSAB accounting reports twice a year. Details on our PIAC Funds & Fundraising page

● By-Laws

By-laws formally define the standards & principles of an organization. School Councils need by-laws to provide direction and should include virtual elections & voting. TDSB by-law template must be used. For more about writing council by-laws go to our By-laws page. By-laws due by Dec. 17/21.

● 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 the Fall. Check out this guide.

#HAVEYOURSAY

TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2021/2022

The TDSB has an inclusive policy decision-making process that values community input and participation through consultation.

Policy development and reviews follow the policy review schedule approved by the Board of Trustees and is revised on a regular basis.

TDSB Policy Review Schedule

Current policies under review include:

Specialized Schools and Programs Policy
P.023 Parent & Community Involvement Policy
P.021 Fundraising
P.047 Naming Schools & Special Purpose Areas

SAVE THE DATE!

PIAC Annual Conference

READY, SET, ENGAGE!

Saturday, November 27 &
Sunday, November 28, 2021



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) - 2 positions
Ward 3 (Trustee Nunziata) - 1 position
Ward 5 (Trustee Lulka) - 1 position
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 15 (Trustee Story) - 1 position
Ward 17 (Trustee Smith) - 1 position

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