

PIAC POST

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#CONNECTIVITY

SCHOOL COUNCIL - VIRTUAL MEETINGS

During this unprecedented COVID-19 Pandemic, your School Council may be considering virtual meetings and events. There are many free tools you can use.

Formal School Council meetings must include the Principal and must meet quorum requirements, as stated in your by-laws. Remember, as per O. Reg. 612, School Councils are required to meet a minimum of 4 times per school year. If your council decides to have a meeting, work with your Principal to choose the technology that's right for you.

- WhatsApp
- Zoom
- GoogleMeet (Gsuite)
- Microsoft Teams

VIRTUAL MEETING LOGISTICS

Adjusting to remote meetings and events can be a challenge, especially if you are new to the format.

It may be helpful to set processes up front to keep your meeting organized. Someone will need to monitor who wants to speak next by keeping a speakers list; watch the "hand up" signs; and monitor any chat section. Mute your device when not talking. And, of course, you will still need to take notes (School Councils have to produce minutes). Some programs allow you to save the meeting and/or chat to assist with note-taking.

Virtual Voting:

In order to make decisions by virtual voting, your School Council By-laws should include a section on this type of voting. The vote must be recorded in a transparent manner. Try using Google survey or Mentimeter. Remember to include the link to the polling tool used in your minutes.

<https://www.mentimeter.com/>
<https://www.google.ca/forms/about/>

MOVING FORWARD TDSB School Council FAQs

The TDSB has prepared a list of Frequently Asked Questions for how School Councils can operate for the remainder of the school year.

You can find information on meetings, fundraised money, and financial reporting.

To read the FAQs, go to:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xoLdhGTQRyqXBrb3V-ELBhh-p7EtNZd9/view>

To read Director Malloy's letter to School Councils, go to:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EkD6Ucr8Aj6cQzncIqG_0i-Sm5lonn8o/view

CHILDREN/YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

May 4 – 8, 2020

During these challenging times, everyone's mental health and well-being is a priority in the TDSB. Caring for other and being cared for is one of the most powerful protective factors for everyone's mental health and well-being. Caring matters now more than ever!

Please share this calendar of Children's Mental Health Week activities and resources.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/Virtual%20CMHW.pdf>

Canadian Mental Health Association

<https://mentalhealthweek.ca/>

Children's Mental Health Ontario

<https://cmho.org/>

**Looking for Well-Being support?
Check out the TDSB weekly strategies for students & parents:**

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Remote-Learning/Resources-During-Covid-19>

#HAVEYOURSAY: TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2019/2020

Secondary Program Review, Optional Attendance Policy & Specialized Schools Policy

Interim reports will go to the board in April and June. Further consultations and final board reports will be postponed to the Fall.

P023, Parent and Community Involvement Policy

Public consultations will also be extended.

For the full TDSB policy review cycle:

<http://bit.ly/2WU3WZG>

BECOME A PIAC VOLUNTEER

PIAC Working Groups – everyone welcome!

Looking for a meaningful way to support families? PIAC's Working Groups are sub-committees where the magic happens. Many PIAC Working Groups are open to all parents of the TDSB. There is a variety of areas to choose from and you may participate in person & virtually.

Check out the list using our sign-up form:

<https://bit.ly/32oxXiP>

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