

## SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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### **#SCHOOL COUNCILS**

# SCHOOL COUNCIL FALL CHECKLIST

Fall is the time for a few housekeeping items for School Councils. If you haven't done these yet, there's still time. Talk to your Principal.

# • PSAB Financial Report

If your School Council fundraises, you need to complete the board's accounting forms twice a year. The report is due in September, the semi-annual form is due in March.

# • 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.

# School Statement of Needs (SSON)

The SSON is a document parents draft that outlines what is unique about your school community. It is used by your Superintendent when placing a new administrator in your school. The SSON is due to your Superintendent at the end of October. Find links to the parent guide and template here: http://bit.ly/2LWgR4x

# 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 November. For more information: <a href="http://bit.ly/2VDps0r">http://bit.ly/2VDps0r</a>

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDS

Every School Council is allotted funds annually to operate. Your School Council should 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.

Got questions about how School Councils work? Check out our School Council Toolkit http://torontopiac.com/uploads/3/4/8/1/34816230/school\_council\_toolkit\_200418.pdf

# SCHOOL COUNCIL TRAINING SESSIONS

Each year the Parent & Community Engagement Office (PCEO) of the TDSB provides free workshops across the system to support the important work of School Councils. This year's topics are School Council Basics, School Council Bylaws, and School Council Effectiveness.

#### The first session is School Council 101

School Council Basics will look at everything you need to know to run a School Council: Regulation 612, funding, elections, budgeting

November 26 - John Polyani December 5 - Drewry SS December 10 - Woburn Cl January 9 - Central Tech

All workshops are 6:00-9:00 pm

For the full schedule, go to:

https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/Workshops

# #HAVEYOURSAY: TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2019/2020

Looking at the 2019/2020 school year, the TDSB has the following policies slated for revision:

- Accountability for Student Achievement (P040)
- Arts Foundations (P005)
- Community Engagement (P078)
- Community Planning & Partnerships (P076)
- Continuing Education (P019)
- Directional Statements: Middle Level Education, Special Education Low (P046)
- Employee and Trustee Expenses (P016)
- Employee Conflict of Interest (P057)
- French as-a-Second Language Programs (P080)
- Gender-based Violence (P021)
- Hiring of Students (P015)
- Homework (P036)
- Leasing of Surplus School Properties (P010)
- Nutrition Foundation (P035)
- Respectful Learning and Working Environment (P073)
- Selection, Promotion and Placement of School Principals and Vice-principals (P052)
- Student Trustee and SuperCouncil Communications (P053)

- The Environment (P028)
- Fundraising (P021)
- Optional Attendance (P013)

TDSB's policy review

cycle: http://bit.ly/2WU3WZG

# **BECOME A PIAC VOLUNTEER**

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

The following vacancies are available on PIAC:

Ward 4 (Trustee Mammoliti) - 1 position

Ward 7 (Trustee Pilky) – 2 positions

Ward 10 (Trustee Moise) – 1 position

Ward 11 (Trustee Chernos Lin) - 1 position

Ward 16 (Trustee Aarts) - 1 position

Ward 19 (Trustee Patel) - 2 positions

Ward 21 (Trustee Rajakulasingam) - 1 position

Ward 22 (Trustee Sriskandarajah) - 2 positions

Contact your Trustee or info@torontopiac.com

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