

PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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#SCHOOL COUNCILS

FIRST MEETING TIPS

Plan your First School Council Meeting of the Year

The first meeting of the school year draws a lot of families who just want to see what the council is about. Make them feel welcome and increase your chance of attracting and retaining new members. Your first council meeting of the year should strike a balance between information sharing and information collecting, in a comfortable atmosphere.

Share school information:

- School Council mandate – improving student achievement
- School Profile – information about your community
- Council activities – overview

Collect community information:

- Council email sign-up
- Survey what parents want (within the council mandate)
- Talk to each other – welcome, idea sharing

Equity & Inclusion

Your School Council represents all parents & caregivers in your community. Consider these [tips to pursue equity and inclusion](#) to disrupt practices that support racism, classism, and other -isms.



SCHOOL COUNCIL RESOURCES

FUNDS

Every School Council gets funds annually to operate. Council decides how this money will be used.

- Administration funds based on enrolment (min \$300 - max \$1000)
- Parent Engagement funds (\$500 each)

For details on School Council funds, grants & more, go to the [PIAC Funds & Fundraising page](#).

COMMUNICATIONS

Every TDSB School Council has free access to communication tools to connect with your school community.

- TDSB SC transferrable email account
- Zoom account for meetings & virtual events.
- School Messenger community broadcast

For more details on communication tools, go to the [PIAC Communications page](#).

Check out our new website!

www.torontopiac.com

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. The election of parent members may be held by Zoom, Survey Monkey or Hybrid method. Detailed instructions on our [School Council Elections page](#)

● By-Laws

By-laws formally define the standards & principles of an organization. By-laws make it easier for a council to operate consistently and transparently. Councils must now use the [TDSB by-law template](#). For more about writing council by-laws go to our [By-laws page](#).

● 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 School Improvement Planning [presentation](#).

● 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 [Funds & Fundraising page](#)

Save the Date!

READY • SET • ENGAGE

Bridging the Gap

PIAC Annual Conference

READY, SET, ENGAGE!

Bridging the Gap

Saturday, November 19 &
Sunday, November 27, 2022

Curated two-day virtual event over two weekends, with speakers & workshops focused on bridging gaps in our schools in Mental Health, Parent Engagement, and School Councils.

#HAVEYOURSAY

TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2022/2023

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](#)



BECOME A PIAC VOLUNTEER!

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

Ward 1 (Trustee Gill) - 1 position
Ward 5 (Trustee Lulka) - 2 positions
Ward 6 (Trustee Tonks) - 1 position
Ward 9 (Trustee Donaldson) - 1 position
Ward 10 (Trustee Moise) - 1 position
Ward 13 (Trustee Li) - 1 position
Ward 15 (Trustee Story) - 1 position
Ward 17 (Trustee Smith) - 2 positions
Ward 19 (Trustee Patel) - 1 position

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