# PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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#### **#SUPPORTIVE**

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL PLANNING

### What does your School Council hope to accomplish this year?

School Council is a team with a mandate. Plan your annual goals with that in mind. Councils are mandated by O. Reg. 612 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



Prioritize the most important issues. Choose a realistic number of tasks for the size of your council. Make a plan that includes concrete actions and time frames. Share the plan with your school community.

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL BYLAWS

#### Have you completed the TDSB Bylaw Template yet?

To ensure alignment of council bylaws to O. Reg. 612 and board policy, all TDSB School Councils are required to use the TDSB Bylaw Template.

Even if you completed it last year, you will need to review the revised template and adopt the mandatory sections. Your council may also choose to have additional bylaws. **Deadline December 23, 2022** 



BRIDGING THE GAP

PIAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday November 26 & Sunday November 27

All TDSB parents, guardians, and caregivers are invited to our 2022 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.

Check out the updated <u>PIAC School Council Toolkit & Monthly Checklist</u>
Your council go-to reference companion!

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Each year the Parent and Community Engagement Office (PCEO) provides training opportunities for School Councils across the system to support the important work of School Councils.

Choose from a variety of virtual sessions. There's something for everyone, whether

you're a novice or an experienced council member.

School Council Bylaws - November 17 School Council Operations - October 19 Fundraising Best Practices - October 26 What, No Fundraising? - October 27 Going to the Margins - November 1 School Improvement Process - November 9

Full descriptions and registration information on the TDSB <u>School Councils Workshop page</u>.



Empowering families with: Supporting Mental Wellness, Peer Relationships, Navigating School Supports, and more.



Questions about your School Council email account? Want to access your free School Council Zoom?

Learn about the many communication tools provided to School Councils. Review the <u>IT</u> <u>slide presentation</u> from the Town Hall session.

View the <u>full School Council Town Hall</u> on the PCEO YouTube page.

## **#HAVEYOURSAY TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2022/2023**

<u>Sexual Misconduct Policy</u> - new policy Read the draft and send comments until Jan. 8/23 to <u>Maria.Valente-deSa@tdsb.on.ca</u>

**TDSB Policy Review Schedule** 



#### **BECOME A PIAC VOLUNTEER!**

The following vacancies are open on PIAC: Contact <u>PIAC</u> or your <u>trustee</u> about elections.

Ward 1 - 1 position

Ward 5 - 2 positions

Ward 6 - 1 position

Ward 7 - 1 position

Ward 9 - 1 position

Ward 10 - 1 position

Ward 13 - 1 position

Ward 15 - 2 positions

Ward 16 - 1 position

Ward 17 - 2 positions

Ward 19 - 1 position



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