

PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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#EFFECTIVE COUNCILS

USING COMMUNICATION TO ENGAGE

Strong Communication makes a strong School Council

One of School Council's main roles is to share information with parents/caregivers and to seek their ideas and views about matters under consideration by the council.

Using a variety of methods to reach your families will maximize your council's effectiveness. Good communication gives information and support to parents and gains parent input for council so you can represent your community.



OFFLINE:

- Meetings
- Coffee Talks
- Bulletin boards/school signs
- Schoolyard
- Tables at school events
- Name tags
- Phone calls/autocall

ONLINE:

- Email
- School Messenger
- Website
- Social media
- Virtual events
- Zoom, Google Meets, Teleconferencing...

BOTH:

- Calendar
- Newsletters
- Surveys/polls
- Flyer/notices/forms

SCHOOL COUNCIL GOAL TRACKING

S	Specific Clearly State your Goal
M	Measurable Ensure you can Measure Success
A	Attainable Set Goals you know you can Achieve
R	Relevant Set Goals Relevant to your Career or Education
T	Time-Based Set a Deadline for Completion

Now that the Fall housekeeping matters are wrapping up, it's time to review your School Council's goals for the year.

Priorities and goals let your council focus on student success in your school. Use school information like the [School Improvement Plan](#) and community surveys to establish what your school needs. Write and follow a plan to describe how council will support those needs and stay on track so your actions make a difference.

For information and resources for your council annual plan, check out the [PIAC School Council Goals & Responsibilities](#) page.

[TDSB Caring and Safe Schools Annual Report 2020 -2021](#)
Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

BYLAW TEMPLATE SUBMISSION

TDSB Bylaw Template for School Councils due soon!

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.

See the full details on the [TDSB Bylaws page](#).

Deadline December 23, 2022

Process:

- **Consultation** - Review the revised pdf [Discussion Document](#) with your School Council and parents/caregivers to develop your bylaws draft
- **Approval** - School Council reviews draft template to select optional sections & any articles from previous bylaws
- **Submission** - Chair submits the bylaw template to the PCEO by December 23, 2022
- **Return** - your new School Council Bylaws will be returned to you (Word & pdf)



ThoughtExchange

Is your School Council looking for a way to consult or survey your parent/caregiver community?

The [ThoughtExchange](#) is a great way to engage your families in the SSON, School Improvement process or council effectiveness.

TDSB School Councils can use this interactive tool to collect feedback, answer questions and collaborate on ideas for your council. Councils have access to the ThoughtExchange via the PCEO, using their TDSB SC email account. If your council is interested in using this tool, complete this [quick survey](#).

TDSB's new trustees: what are their views on issues?

After the municipal elections at the end of October, 11 new trustees joined incumbents at the TDSB. Read an [insightful Q&A from EducationAction Toronto](#) with TDSB's newly elected trustees.



BECOME A PIAC VOLUNTEER!

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

Ward 1 (Trustee Hastings) - 1 position
Ward 5 (Trustee Lulka) - 2 positions
Ward 6 (Trustee Hassan) - 1 position
Ward 7 (Trustee King) - 1 position
Ward 9 (Trustee Dawson) - 1 position
Ward 10 (Trustee Williams) - 1 position
Ward 15 (Trustee Ehrhardt) - 2 positions
Ward 16 (Trustee Aarts) - 1 position
Ward 17 (Trustee Shan) - 2 positions
Ward 19 (Trustee Patel) - 1 position
Ward 21 (Trustee Rajakulasingam) - 1 position

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