PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

MAY 2023

#PLAN FOR SUCCESS

WRAPPING THE SCHOOL YEAR

School Council Year-end Activities

Take some time this month to address your council year-end activities.

Evaluation

How did the year go? Did we accomplish our goals? Consider surveying your families for feedback. Don't forget to celebrate your successes!

Annual Report

Reg. 612 requires School Councils to produce an <u>Annual Report</u> of activities and financials that the Principal shares with the school community. Think of it as your chance to talk about your hard work!

• Election Planning

Form a planning committee for the <u>Fall</u> <u>council election</u> to review dates and the process. Ensure your elections are inclusive & transparent.

School Council Funds & SCIG

Make sure you have spent your <u>council</u> <u>funds</u> by the end of June. Ensure the accountability of your <u>Fundraising Plan</u> and submit the <u>School Council Innovation</u> <u>Grant report</u> if you received a grant.

School Council Building



Is your school struggling to form a School Council? Just formed a council or wondering how to move forward? School Councils are the platform for parents and caregivers to work together with your Principal to support student achievement and well-being.

Every school is required by <u>O. Reg. 612</u> to have a School Council. Your Principal is responsible for this.

Attracting parents to your council:

- focus on your mandate
- identify barriers to participation
- creating a welcoming culture

See the <u>School Council section</u> of our website to learn more about councils.

Indigenous Education in Ontario
Read the new report

PIAC - ADVOCATING FOR YOU

Funding for Student Well-Being

PIAC sent a <u>letter to the Minister of Education</u> in April 2023 advocating for education funding. Together with the <u>TDSB Mental Health & Well-Being Parent Partnership Committee</u>, PIAC requested that the Government reimburse the TDSB for reserve funds used during the pandemic and for continued funding for Pandemic Recovery.



This aligns with the TDSB Pandemic Survey results indicating that 7 in 10 TDSB parents/guardians/caregivers believe the impacts of the pandemic are still being felt by their children and 86% of parents/guardians/caregivers believe provincial funding during the pandemic for additional staff to support students should continue. We agree that the pandemic is not over and our students continue to need Mental Health and Well-Being supports to learn and succeed.

LEND YOUR VOICE: PIAC has letter templates for <u>parents/caregivers</u> and for <u>School Councils</u> to use to send emails of direct support for this funding request to the Minister of Education and ministry stakeholders.

#HAVEYOURSAY TDSB CONSULTATIONS & MORE

<u>P.021 TDSB Fundraising Policy</u> review The draft policy will be posted for public feedback from May 29th to October 10th. Read the <u>preliminary provisions</u>

Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)

MYSP sets direction and identifies system goals in the TDSB. <u>Complete the survey.</u>

TDSB Parent/Student Census

Survey links have been sent out directly.

TDSB Policy Review Schedule



School Mental Health Optario Santé mentale en milieu scolaire Ontario

<u>School Mental Health Ontario</u> surveyed Ontario high school students on their mental health priorities. <u>#HearNowON</u>

Read the summary



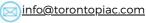
BECOME A PIAC VOLUNTEER!

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

Ward 1 (Trustee Hastings) - 1 position
Ward 3 (Trustee Nunziata) - 1 position
Ward 6 (Trustee Hassan) - 1 position
Ward 16 (Trustee Aarts) - 1 position
Ward 19 (Trustee Patel) - 1 position
Ward 21 (Trustee Rajakulasingam) - 1 position

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