

PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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#SCHOOL COUNCIL LAUNCH

FIRST MEETING IDEAS

Start the year off right with a successful School Council meeting.

The first meeting of the school year draws a lot of families who 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.



Children's Mental Health Ontario Back-to-School Mental Health Kit

Back-to-School information to empower families with:
Supporting Mental Wellness, Peer Relationships,
Navigating School Supports, and more.

Use the PIAC School Council Toolkit & Monthly Checklist

Your council go-to reference companion!

KNOW YOUR ROLE

School Councils have rights and responsibilities.

● 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 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 Equity embedded across defined areas of focus: Achievement, Well-being, and Indigenous Education & Sovereignty. Check out this past 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 report. Details on our [Funds & Fundraising page](#)

#HAVEYOURSAY

TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2023/2024

TDSB policy development and reviews follow the policy review schedule approved by the Board of Trustees and is revised on a regular basis.

Learn more about public consultation opportunities on our [Policy Consultations page](#).

P.021 TDSB Fundraising Policy review

Read the [draft policy](#)

Give feedback by completing the [survey](#)

Consultations close October 10, 2023.

Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)

MYSP sets direction and identifies system goals in the TDSB. [Complete the survey](#).

[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 Hastings) - 1 position

Ward 3 (Trustee Nunziata) - 1 position

Ward 6 (Trustee Hassan) - 1 position

Ward 19 (Trustee Patel) - 1 position

Ward 21 (Trustee Rajakulasingam) - 1 position

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