

PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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#LEARNING

SCHOOL COUNCIL PLANNING

Strategize for a successful 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



Disrupt the idea of “Business as Usual” to adopt an Adaptability Mindset.

Create an action plan that supports your whole community. Prioritize and 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.

TDSB Parents & Caregivers as Partners Conference



Saturday, October 21 & Sunday, October 22, 2023

Supporting our communities with strategies for nurturing collaboration & more. Attend the conference virtually and also join in-person presentations.

Go to parentsaspartners.ca for more information and to register.

Inequities persist: Extracurriculars, clubs, activities, and fundraising in Ontario's publicly funded schools

New People for Education Report

SCHOOL COUNCIL TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Each year the Parent and Community Engagement Office (PCEO) provides training opportunities for School Councils .

This year's virtual sessions focus on leadership. The workshops are open to all council members and staff - invite your Principal!

- School Council Chairs: The Basics
- School Council Chairs: Leading Meetings
- School Council Chairs: Leading an inclusive Practice
- School Council Chairs: Leading Effective Engagement



There are 2 cycles: in October and November. Full descriptions and registration information are on the TDSB [School Council Workshops](#) page.

School Council Engagement

Engaging parents & caregivers in School Council can start by inviting your parents to participate in the mandated areas your council tackles every Fall:



- **School Statement of Needs (SSON)** - written by parents, used by the Superintendent
- **School Improvement Plan (SIP)** - developed annually with parent and staff input
- **Council Bylaws review** - use the required [TDSB template](#)

#HAVEYOURSAY

TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2023/2024

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 20, 2023.

Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)

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

TDSB Policy Review Schedule

Council Communications Change

Note that TDSB has changed the School Council Zoom account to Microsoft Teams. More instructions to come on the [Support site](#).



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) - 1 position

Ward 3 (Trustee Nunziata) - 1 position

Ward 6 (Trustee Hassan) - 1 position

Ward 18 (Trustee Ghous) - 1 position

Ward 19 (Trustee Patel) - 1 position

Ward 21 (Trustee Rajakulasingam) - 1 position

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