

PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2024

#SCHOOL COUNCIL WELCOME

FIRST MEETING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

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.



School Council Funds

Every School Council gets funds annually to operate. Council decides how this money will be used.

- Administration funds based on enrolment (min \$300 - max \$1000)
- Parent Engagement funds (\$500 each)

Find out more about funds & grants on the [PIAC Funds & Fundraising page](#).

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 calendar days after school opening. The election is for the number of parent representatives defined in your bylaws. Executive positions are then determined from among the elected Parent Members. [Instructions](#) are 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 specific goals that align with those defined by the Ministry of Education. TDSB is preparing a new SIP engagement guide that is coming soon to their [School Improvement Process page](#).

● 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. Learn more on our [Funds & Fundraising page](#).

Save the Date!

TDSB Parents & Caregivers as Partners Virtual Conference

**Saturday, November 16, 2024
10:00 am - 1:15 pm**

This year's theme is: "Journey to Joy, Wellness, and Wholeness." Registration details coming soon.

#HAVEYOURSAY

TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2024/2025

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

[TDSB Policy Review Schedule](#)

Ministry of Education

[Equipping Students with Practical Life Skills survey](#). **Consultation closes 5pm, Oct. 1/24**



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 Rotman) - 2 positions
Ward 14 (Trustee Rajwani) - 1 position
Ward 21 (Trustee Rajakulasingam) - 1 position

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