

PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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#CONNECTING

GOAL PLANNING FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

What does your School Council hope to accomplish this year?

School Council is a team with a mandate. Plan your annual goals with that in mind. Councils are empowered 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 data
- 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, November 16, 2024
10:00 am – 1:15 pm

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

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

Mind and Matter:

The Vital Link Between Mental Health and Education

Why schools are integral to Well-Being

COMMUNICATION TOOLS

Connecting your School Council with your school community

One of the key School Council tasks is sharing information with parents and caregivers and seeking their ideas and views about matters under consideration by the council.



Reaching out to your parents and caregivers is an excellent opportunity for you to build relationships and better represent your community. There are many ways School Councils can share and collect information:

- TDSB email account
- School Messenger
- School website
- Social media
- Virtual platforms

To find out more, go to the PIAC [School Council Communications](#) page.

TDSB Pathways to Care for Mental Health – Virtual Drop-Ins for Parents/Caregivers

Connect directly with TDSB Professional Support Staff to explore ideas related to your child's mental health & well-being, including students with Special Education and Complex Needs.

Four great sessions planned for this year! For details and drop-in links, go to the [Drop-in page](#).

#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.

Personal Mobile Device Use in Schools

This new policy is under development. Read the [draft policy](#) and send your feedback to mobiledevicepolicy@tdsb.on.ca

Consultation closes Dec 10/24.

[TDSB Policy Review Schedule](#)

School Committee Participation

Parents are expected to be included on several School Committees:

- School Improvement Planning
- Caring & Safe Schools
- Staffing (elementary)
- Budget



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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