PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	School Council Support WG
Date	**February 8, 2023**
Description/Objective	The School Council Support Working Group is a non-governance working group with the purpose of communicating and supporting SCs of schools of the board. The School Council Support Working Group will develop and engage in outreach strategies to support School Councils; work with TDSB staff to promote parent involvement in the Principal/Vice Principal hiring/selection process (previous P/VP WG); and provide recommendations on Parent/Family Engagement in the Virtual School (previous Virtual Engagement WG). The areas of focus include but are not limited to Regulation 612, inactive SCs, effective SCs, and issues surrounding SCs. This working group coordinates with all other PIAC working groups on relevant matters.
Updates	**SC Email IT Support** ● Status update as of Jan/23 on SC emails and access to communication: ○ Total # of Active Accounts: 1047 ○ Schools with Accounts in use: 460 ○ Total # Zoom Accounts: 619 ○ Total # Zoom Accounts Logged into 93 (15%) ● Status update on PIAC/CAC email functionality needed **Supporting schools with no School Council** ● WG to connect with CSWs (via PCEO) to work together to build councils in Model Schools (and non-Model Schools) ● Encourage PIAC reps to connect with their trustee & use Ward Forums to share PIAC info and support building missing SCs from those identified on the list **PIAC Strategic Work Plan task** *Compile a short document outlining ways in which school councils can engage families to support student learning and well-being through online events* (with Communications WG) ● use our existing channels (website, SC TK) to consolidate info ○ additional resources added to PIAC website **School Improvement Process** ● waiting for new parent and principal tools for engagement under development by PCEO **SC Chairs emails** ● follow up with Ward Reps on this outreach (Slack) ● info shared by PCEO with ward reps. Nov/22: ○ Ward Reps can reach out to councils in their wards using SC

	Chair list ○ Ward Reps to use communication outreach protocols as per PIAC [Best Practices - Communication](#) and [Ward Welcome](#) letter template
Question(s)	*[This section is for less formal questions to pose to the PIAC group.]*

Next Steps and Action items	• **School Council IT support**
	   ○ Follow-up IT support - CAC TDSB emails, tickets resolved
	
	• **Active/Inactive SCs**
	   ○ Connect with CSWs re SC building
	
	• **Follow-up re new SIP tools release date**
	
	• **Inquire about SC fundraised $ - post "pause" expectations for holding/spending fundraised money**
	
	• **Inquiry of the list of 2022 - 2023 School Council Innovation Grant recipient and how many are Model School for Inner city or have SC or not.**

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