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## *PCEO UPDATES*

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### **PIAC Members Orientation -Mark Your Calendar**

An orientation is scheduled for February 08, 2022 at 7:00 pm. All new members are required to attend. A meeting link will be shared with members prior to the meeting. For further information contact [latha.john@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:latha.john@tdsb.on.ca)

### **2021-2022 School Council Anti-Black, Anti-Indigenous and Oppression Parent Reaching Out Grant (PRO Grant)**

PCEO would like to thank all the schools and School Councils who applied for the grant. We would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all the staff who committed their time during this challenging period to serve as grant reviewers.

There were 248 applicants for the 2021-2022 PRO Grant. 127 applicants were approved for a total dollar value of \$165,755.76. We received 13 requests for appeals, of which 6 were approved for a total of \$4244. This brought the total of the 2021-2022 grant allocation to \$169,995.76

A list of approved applicants is posted at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Parent-Reaching-Out-Grants/School-Council-Grants>

For further information contact [Shadi.MousaviZanjani@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Shadi.MousaviZanjani@tdsb.on.ca)

### **TDSB Revised School Council Bylaw Template**

Thank you to all schools and School Councils who have commenced work on the review or update of their by-laws. Since the release of the revised template on January 10, 2022 we have received varying feedback from council members. Staff is in the process of reviewing all feedback and will provide a response soon.

### **Parent Volunteers - Vice-Principal Interviews Spring 2022**

The Toronto District School Board currently includes a Parent Representative on Vice-Principal Interview Committees. Elementary and Secondary Vice-Principal interviews will be held this Spring.

The survey to volunteer to participate in the Spring 2022 Vice-Principal interviews is now **CLOSED**. Applicants contacted will be required to:

- Attend the virtual VP Process and Interview Training Session (if not yet received training) scheduled for **Tuesday, February 8, 2022 5:00 to 8:00 pm**. The virtual meeting link will be shared with applicants.



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- Be available for the Spring 2022 cycle, interviews for Elementary Vice-Principal and Secondary Vice-Principal which will be held on the planned interview dates below:
  - Tuesday, February 22, 2022
  - Wednesday, February 24, 2022

For further information please contact [Latha.John@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Latha.John@tdsb.on.ca)

### **School Council (SC) Resource Tools**

The Board continues to work through the backlogged list of Councils who require supports with their e-mail account. We appreciate your patience during this very hectic period.

The School Council Resource site is a great one stop shop for information on SC tools such as ZOOM, School Messenger, E-mail & wi-fi Access, Improved Email Security for Mobile Users etc. Visit the [TDSB School Council Support](#) page for further details. For assistance with e-mail challenges please have the principal submit a ticket to the TDSBs Helpdesk.

School Council training continues. A schedule of training can be found at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/Workshops>

### **PO23-Parent and Community Involvement Policy and Community Advisory Committee Review**

The PO23 outlines the framework for building and supporting parent and community involvement in the TDSB, including the establishment of the Board's Community Advisory Committees (CACs).

The review has commenced with an environmental scan, literature and policy party with parents/caregivers and School Council members to identify core thematic priorities for the policy. An invitation of participation has also been shared with the Boards Advisory Committees, School Council members and parents/caregivers to attend a session on fine-tuning of thematic areas. Information on the Policy consultation dates will be shared soon. To keep apprised of the PO23 activities please visit and register at <https://www.tdsbengage.ca/tdsb-engage>

The CACs Review Report was received at the Governance Policy Committee (GPC) on January 12, 2022. The report can be viewed at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes>



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### **Launch of 2021-2022 Conversation Series- for Parents/Caregivers**

The conversation will resume in January with a great list of speakers and presentations! Join us every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm for an engaging conversation with a leading-edge presenter and/or keynote. For further details visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conversations-Series>

### **Interim Expectations for Parent/Family Engagement in the School Improvement Process**

At its meeting on June 30, 2021 the Board received the extension of the 2019-2020 interim expectations for parent/caregiver involvement in the school improvement process to 2021-2022 with the addition of data sharing with parents and caregivers be received.

The 2021-2022 proposed interim expectations for school teams will focus on: explaining the school improvement process and the value of family involvement in it. Principals will seek input on the initial thinking regarding SIP goals with the school council (as required under Regulation 613) and from all parents and caregivers, particularly those, under-represented and under-served. Share School Data with parents/caregiver on (Wellbeing, Equity, and Achievement). For further information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes/Type/A?Folder=Agenda%2f20210609&Filename=6.pdf>

### **Adding PIAC Rep Names to School Websites**

At its March 10 2021 meeting the Board decided that the names of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee ward representatives for each ward be added to the TDSB school websites, adjacent to or below the current PIAC logo and link and that these names be linked to the representative's PIAC email address. TDSBs web team is reviewing the challenges with the addresses posted on the sites.



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### **Bright Space-A Great Tool for Parents to get a View into the Classroom**

Have you gotten the Bright Space App? This is a must check out for K-12 parents/caregivers. For information visit <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/tdsbvle/families?authuser=0>

### **TDSB Connects**

TDSB Connects is a monthly electronic newsletter for parents/guardians with information about news and events from across the Toronto District School Board. If you are a parent/guardian who doesn't currently receive TDSB Connects, please contact your local school to ensure your email address is up-to-date in your child's student contact record. To sign up visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Media/News/Newsletters/TDSB-Connects/Sep-27-2021>

## **INFORMATION SHARING**

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### ***Return to School Information***

Parents/caregivers may find information on return to school (i.e. virtual learning, access to devices, etc.) at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22> Please search by panel (elementary or secondary) for more detailed information.

### **tdsb.hub Resources**

The tdsb.hub is developed and maintained by the Boards Community Support Workers. It provides parents/caregivers and School Councils with great resources and information on all things engagement and vast community resources. For details visit <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/csww/home>

### **COVID-19 Vaccines for Children –**

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available for children aged 5-11. Read more in the [recent letter from Toronto Public Health](#) how to book an appointment and access resources and information about the vaccine.

### **WINTER WELL-BEING GUIDE**

As parents and caregivers, we may be wondering what we can do to help keep our children active and healthy, and to positively support their mental health and well-being. Within this guide <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Mental-Health-and-Well-Being> you find a variety of



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culturally responsive resources and accessible activities to help make this winter a little easier and fun for you and your family. Information on where and how to reach out for help is also included.

**School Immunization Program** – Toronto Public Health is hosting vaccination clinics for students, in Grade 7 and higher who need the following vaccines: Meningococcal-ACYW, Human papillomavirus and/or Hepatitis-B. [Read the full letter from TPH](#) and complete the [consent form](#) to access or visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Media/News/Newsletters/TDSB-Connects/Sep-27-2021>

#### **Vaccine Information-Informed Consent**

Parental consent is not required for children 13 years or younger if the young person is capable to make the decision. This is called informed consent. This means the young person must understand information about the vaccine, why it is being recommended and what will happen if they accept or refuse vaccination. For further details visit <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-resources/>

#### **TVO Learn and TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison**

The Ministry of Education has announced the launch of two new portals developed in partnership with TVO and TFO. TVO Learn and TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison will provide optional supplemental support for students who are self-screening, quarantining at home, or wishing to build their skills by accessing additional educational resources developed by Ontario certified teachers. These portals provide engaging and interactive ways to support students in furthering their learning in the Grades 1 to 8 Ontario curriculum from home.

Secondary students can continue to access TVO's Independent Learning Centre (ILC) Open House and Portes ouvertes pour les cours TVO ILC in French-language, which provide access to 144 Grade 9 to 12 courses. These ILC resources are not for credit but are designed to provide



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flexible learning opportunities to help students keep up with their learning or deepen their understanding of a specific subject. In addition, French-language students also have access to French-language online courses available through the Consortium d'apprentissage virtuel de l'Ontario.

For further information visit: <https://tvolearn.com/Helpful>

#### Links

- Talking Race and Racism- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1473/Talking-about-Race-and-Racism-With-Children>
- Information on supporting your child [www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents)
- Resources for [mental health and well-being](#), [homework](#), [safety](#), [curriculum](#) and other ways to [get involved](#).