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PCEO UPDATES

PIAC Members Orientation Update

An orientation was held on Wednesday, March 02, 2022. It was attended by W1, W4, W16 members and a Co-chair of PIAC.

School Council Training

Each year the PCEO delivers a series of training for School Councils. This year’s workshops were offered between November and December. Recorded sessions can be found on the PCEOs YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9gvsGUiLZklU8VYSnH-Sbg>.

Election Activities and Use of Board Resources by TDSB Advisory Committees

Please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Detail/docId/257> for information on election rules and regulations for Advisory Committees of the Board.

Schools Without School Councils

Since 2020 PCEO has shared School Council contacts and a list of schools without Councils. The list below includes schools that are working on strengthening their council (highlighted) and those who are Model Schools who are working with a CSW to build their council (shaded) and those without (white).

1. Alexmuir Junior Public School	2. Banting and Best Public School	3. Calico Public School
4. Charles Gordon Senior Public School	5. Charlottetown Junior Public School	6. Chartland Junior Public School
7. Chester Le Junior Public School	8. Emery Adult Learning Centre	9. Emily Carr Public School
10. Fairglen Junior Public School	11. Hilltop Middle School	12. Keelesdale Junior Public School
13. Keelesdale Junior Public School	14. Meadowvale Public School	15. Milne Valley Middle School
16. Perth Avenue Junior Public School	17. Pleasant View Middle School	18. Port Royal Public School
19. Rene Gordon Elementary Health and Wellness Academy	20. Rockcliffe Middle School	21. Silverthorn Community School
22. Tecumseh Senior Public School	23. Thistletown Collegiate Institute	24. Tom Longboat Junior Public School

Virtual Learning 2022-23 Registration Form

The Government of Ontario recently announced that all school boards must provide a Virtual Learning option for all elementary and secondary students for the 2022-23 school year. Parents/Caregivers interested in requesting Virtual Learning for the entire 2022-2023 school year to complete a Virtual Learning form. For the Page | 1



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form and further information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Registration-for-Virtual-Learning-2022-23> Please note that forms **MUST** be submitted by **Monday, March 21 at 11:59 p.m.** and there will be no opportunity to switch in either direction between In-Person and Virtual Learning once the Registration Form closes.

PIAC's Quick Guide "Fall Tips for Principals" & School Council Outreach Plan

At its meeting on June 19, 2019, the Board approved the distribution of PIACs fall Tips for Principals and School Council Outreach Plan to the Superintendents. Since that time the information has been shared with Superintendents for communication with principals. The School Council Outreach Plan will be shared again in February with the Superintendents.

Right to Read: A Public Inquiry into Human Rights Issues Affecting Students with Reading Disabilities

On February 28, 2022, the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) released its *Right to Read* inquiry report on human rights issues affecting students with reading disabilities, such as dyslexia. To review the report and recommendations visit <https://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/right-read-public-inquiry-on-reading-disabilities>

Developing TDSBs 2022-2023 Budget

At TDSB's Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee (FBEC), staff presented the 2022-23 financial projection, which includes a forecasted deficit of \$79.3M based on the assumption of a non-pandemic school year and no additional Ministry funding supports. For more information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/Developing-the-2022-2023-Budget>

School Council Parent Reaching Out Grants Update

School Councils continue to roll out their projects. A mid-term report template was sent to the successful applicants in March. A list of approved applicants can be found at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Parent-Reaching-Out-Grants/School-Council-Grants> School Councils may also access a list of approved speakers and presenters on the grant site.

For further information contact Shadi.MousaviZanjani@tdsb.on.ca

TDSB Combatting Hate and Racism – Student Learning Strategy

Hate and racism in any form have no place in schools and workplaces and we are committed to interrupting and confronting racism, discrimination, and hate, in all its forms when we see or hear it. The Board has developed a proactive and student-centered approach to creating respectful and culturally safe learning environments for all students. This plan is informed by our TDSB data from our racism, bias, and hate portal, which shows us that prejudice and implicit bias are learned beginning at a young age. For further information on the strategy visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Equity-Anti-Racism-and-Anti-Oppression/Combatting-Hate-and-Racism-Student-Learning-Strategy>

TDSB Revised School Council Bylaw Template

Thank you to all schools and School Councils for their invaluable feedback on the template. We appreciate the work that has commenced on drafting or updating their by-laws. Staff continues to revise the template based on the feedback received and will follow up with School Councils soon.



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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.

Interviews were held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, and Wednesday, February 24, 2022. 30 parents/caregivers were eligible to participate (completed training) and 6 – cancellations/withdrawals. Overall, it was another successful year of parents/caregivers supporting the interviews. For further information please contact Latha.John@tdsb.on.ca

School Council (SC) Resource Tools

The Board continues to work through the backlogged list of Councils who require support 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.

PO23-Parent and Community Involvement Policy 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 to identify core thematic priorities for the policy. An invitation of participation was also shared with the Boards Advisory Committees, School Council members, and parents/caregivers to attend a session on fine-tuning of thematic areas that would inform the policy draft. 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>

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

The conversation resumed with a great talk on January 17th, 2022 by r. Bettina Love. Her talk has also resulted in a book club with over 150 registrants. The series will be held every 4th Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm featuring 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



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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/caregivers 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 has updated the page.

TDB System Calendar

Want to know what activities/events are taking place on the board? Visit the system calendar at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar>

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>

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. Information can be found at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/KindergartenMonth>

INFORMATION SHARING

March Break Activities Link

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/programs-and-classes/featured/march-break.jsp>
<https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/recreation/campto/>
<https://www.destinationontario.com/en-ca/things-to-do/family-attractions/things-to-do-march-break-ontario>

tdsb.hub Resources

The hub is developed and maintained by the Boards Community Support Workers (CSWs). 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>



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

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
- Resources for [mental health and well-being](#), [homework](#), [safety](#), [curriculum](#) and other ways to [get involved](#).