## PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	School Council Support WG
Date	April 6, 2022
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.
Update	
	SC Email IT Support Discussed Peter Singhs's Slides from the last General Meeting Presentation. Have some questions to be asked at EXEC meeting (See Below).
	Active/Inactive SCs
	Discussed the next steps for supporting schools with no school council (What can PIAC do?). Suggest working with the CSWs at model schools to try and build the councils but need clarification on how PIAC reps can reach out to the schools without CSWs. The Working Group discussed and decided the best approach may be to continue asking for the list each month, and will work on developing a strategy and assist reps that have no councils in their ward.  Confirmed the links that were sent to co-reps is a live link and the information is updated as the information changes (Latha to confirm if the link for all councils can be shared and updated)
	Interim SIP expectations
	Discussed the interim plan the board has created, There is an expectation relevant to councils.  a) Interim Expectations for Parent/Family Engagement in the School Improvement Process <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes/Type/A?Folder=Agenda%2f20210609&amp;Filename=6.pdf">https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes/Type/A?Folder=Agenda%2f20210609&amp;Filename=6.pdf</a>
	<ul> <li>b) Action Plan and Associated Timeline: Upon approval of the extension, staff will ensure communication to all staff by September 2021.</li> <li>c) Additionally, several resources will be created to assist with the</li> </ul>
	involvement of parents and caregivers. This will include protocols for engagement and communication tools  Superintendents will work with Community Support Workers,

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	where applicable, to build capacity among principals/vice- principals to engage families and school councils.  d) There will be further consideration of strategies to monitor implementation.  P023 consultation  update on the consultation - All PIAC reps should be aware and encouraged to share input. Thought exchange is open.  https://www.tdsbengage.ca/tdsb-engage
	Virtual learning supports Discussed updates and questions to ask:  i. How does PIAC want to be involved as the virtual school is being built.  ii. How to forge relationships for the virtual schools will look like as the virtual schools will be developed.  iii. Can we have a meeting with the staff? We can have a PIAC rep send in questions in advance.
	Working Group Goals  Discussed what our standing Working Group Goals will be. Agreed we will develop a process for engaging councils and monitoring the schools without councils. Nicole to provide the resources regarding how to reach out WG will help REPS know the process.
	N/A
Question(s)	[This section is for less formal questions to pose to the PIAC group.]  Library Support:  Would Piac Members prefer a 5 minute presentation that includes background information during a PIAC general meeting or would you prefer to watch the recorded presentation they provided to the working group at your own convenience?
Next Steps and Action items	School Council IT support  Has the full time employee been hired yet? Has the process been developed and sent out yet? How long is it expected to take to clear the backlog? During the Exec Meeting Jenn requested the current status to be provided in directors updates.

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Co-lead(s) (Name and Email Addresses)	Active/Inactive SCs  Working group to develop a plan on how to assist in establishing councils in schools that do not have one.  Working Group to confirm updated list by November. Will then develop a resource to assist REPs in reaching out and complete check-ins starting with schools that have CSWs then move on to those schools without a CSW.  The Working Group will look at the list of Schools without a council and create a document to help keep track of the process.  Interim SIP expectations  i. Need Update on status.  Virtual School update  Need more updates on virtual Schools once details are confirmed -  Potential Questions to ask as the future Virtual school format is established:  i. How does PIAC want to be involved as the virtual school is being established.  ii. How can PIAC forge relationships for the virtual schools once they are developed.  Need to book a meeting with the staff? Will have PIAC reps send in questions in advance, kayden to confirm potential dates and times.  1. Jenny Gannon Ward 14 Rep (jennyg.piac@gmail.com)  2. Madelaine Hamilton Ward 16 Rep (madelaine.hamilton@gmail.com)
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