

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	School Council Support WG
Meeting Date	February 6, 2024
Description/Objective	<p>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).</p> <p>The areas of focus include but are not limited to Regulation 612, inactive SCs, effective SCs, and issues surrounding SCs.</p> <p>This working group coordinates with all other PIAC working groups on relevant matters.</p>
Strategic Work Plan and Working Group Goals	<p>Completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Checklist for applying an equity lens to the work of school councils ● 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) Supporting schools with no School Council ● Empowering School Councils - positive relationship w Principal ● SC Basics Slide deck update <p>Outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SC email IT support - not fully workable ● School Improvement Process - new tools pending (PCCEO) ● P023 - work with PCCEO, Consultations WG for PIAC involvement in Board development of new SC Operations Guide, other procedures
Conversation with Senior Staff	<p>Principal training to support School Councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Executive Superintendents Shirley Chan and Uton Robinson attended to discuss issues around irregularities with Principal capacity to properly support SCs ● discussion points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent Engagement is evaluated by Superintendents during principal reviews ○ training is mostly limited to the front end of the Principal's career - there have been a lot of recent promotions ○ bringing issues to your Learning Centre's Superintendent once you have exhausted the Parent Concern Protocol ○ the group pondered how staff can move beyond tackling issues individually and build a systemic culture of engagement ○ SC & CAC email access problems: they will connect with Peter Singh to discuss this unreasonable barrier to Parent Engagement ● Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They will work with LC Exec colleagues and the PCCE office to consider proactive strategies. ○ Peter Singh and members of the IT team to attend the April 16 SCS WG meeting to review the current plan and contribute collaboratively to a move forward plan.
Updates	<p>TDSB website Parent Tab addition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● follow request for TDSB add a direct link button in the homepage Parent Tab to the School Councils section <p>School Improvement Process (SIP)</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New parent brochure is up on the TDSB website ● Waiting on principal tools for engagement under development by PCCEO <p>PCCEO SC Roundtable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WG discussed supporting issues that came up during the roundtable session <p>SC Access to School Cash Online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● not at this time - too costly, they are however free to use other institutions, outside of Alterna <p>Motion for \$500 for all PIAC wards approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● discuss parameters at next WG meeting
Motions	
Question(s)	How does PIAC represent current iteration of Virtual School Council?
Next Steps and Action items	
Co-lead(s)	Sarah Ali (W2) Melanie Medeiros-Sims (W9)
Working Group Members	<p><u>Working Group Members:</u> *Zena Shereck PIAC Co-chair, *Sharon Grant PIAC Co-chair, Sarah Ali (W2), Melanie Medeiros-Sims (W9), Crystal Stewart (W6), Bruce Oyelowo (W10), Anshu Grover (W8), Dayna Linday (W4), Mercy Charles (W6), Jun Zheng (W13), Shabnam Shekh (W19), Moosa Alloo (W19), Erin Clarke (W1), Geetika Bhardwaj (W20), Andrew Waters Co-Chair Emeritus (W9)</p> <p><u>Parent Participants:</u> Jennifer Alexander (W02), Khaleel Shah (W18), Ana Ledo (W06), Ayo (W02), Anum Fawwad (W06), Michael Munshaw (W19), Mohammad Mustafizurrahman (W19), Shehla (W05), Marilyn Ramanathan (W16), Moona Sattar (W20), Shipra Pandey (W12), Sumaiya Ahmed (W5), Seydy Salinas (W5) , Colleen Sutton (W6), Brittany Clifford (W4), Philip Quan (W1 & 3)</p> <p><u>Community Participants:</u> Nicole Herbert (W15), Wilmar Kortleever (W11)</p>