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PCCEO UPDATES

PIAC Refresher/Orientation Sessions-Mark Your Calendar

The virtual session will be held on:

- Thursday, [February 22, 2023, 6:00 pm](#)

2023 – 2024 School Council Innovation Grant (SCIG) Application

Mid-term reports were due on February 15, 2024. Goods receipts must be processed no later than May 31, 2024, and unspent funds will be clawed back on June 14, 2024.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact Shadi.MousaviZanjani@tdsb.on.ca

Parent/Caregiver Engagement Survey 2024/2025

The TDSB is working on developing a parent engagement survey for parents, caregivers, and guardians for the 2024-2025 school year.

This survey will be developed in collaboration with the PCCEO, Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC), and key parent/caregiver/guardian stakeholders along the way. To build a parent engagement tool, the process of engaging stakeholders will be determined.

As a starting point, research and the PCCEO are suggesting (1) an initial review of larger parent engagement themes and (2) discussing ideas on how to best reach out to parents, caregivers, and guardians. These themes can be used to frame the content of a parent engagement survey tool that will be co-created by the TDSB and the parents, caregivers, and guardians' community. Interested PIAC members, parents/caregivers/guardians and the community should contact michelle.munroe@tdsb.on.ca

PIAC Ward Level Census Report

The Research department will be providing PIAC members ward-level results (pdf form) of the Census during February. In the interim, members may review preliminary results on the Research Website. [2023 Census](#). For questions and inquiries please email studentcensus@tdsb.on.ca



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PCCEO School Council Roundtable Update

The Roundtable had its first conversation on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. Following a robust conversation, the group will focus its work on onboarding parents/caregivers into the school/board. The table will host two more meetings for the year.

School Committees

There are presently three School Committees that require parent/caregiver/guardian participation/membership. To view the list and criteria visit:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/Committees>

PIAC E-mail Accounts

All PIAC members' accounts have been opened and credentials have been sent to your email address. Please send an email using your TDSB email address.

The PCCEO will be offering one-on-one sessions for PIAC members again in February and March. Please connect with John.Manalo@tdsb for support.

Newly Developed Community Advisory Committees (CAC) and the Board of Trustees Governance Procedure (PR741)

On January 31, 2024, the Board of Trustees approved the newly developed Community Advisory Committees (CAC) and the Board of Trustees Governance Procedure (PR741) (the "Procedure"). The Procedure outlines the Board of Trustees's role, function, and relationship in setting out parameters for the CAC structure, operation, and reporting mechanism at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). The Procedure also supports the implementation of the Community Engagement Policy (P078) and is aligned with Regulation 612/00 and 464/97 of the *Education Act*.

The Executive Council also approved the newly developed Community Advisory Committees Procedure (the "Procedure"). The Procedure outlines the CACs' advisory role and relationship to the Board and sets out parameters for CAC structure, operation, and reporting. The Procedure also provides details on the function and role of Community Advisory Committees (CACs') and the relationship with Statutory committees PIAC and SEAC at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB).

The newly developed Operational Procedure is aligned with Regulation 612/00 and 464/97 under the *Education Act* and supports the implementation of the Community Engagement Policy (P078).



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Any questions about the newly developed [Community Advisory Committees \(CAC\) Procedure \(PR742\)](#) or related matters can be directed to michelle.munroe@tdsb.on.ca.

New Online Vulnerable Sector Check Process for Volunteers

Effective September 05, 2023, TDSB volunteers who reside in Toronto can complete the Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) online. We strongly encourage all volunteers to complete the VSC online. Please visit <https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/> to register for an account using the TDSB Code: 202309TPSOND7EFC. The cost of \$26.72+tax can be paid with Visa, Visa Debit, MasterCard, or American Express.

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>

INFORMATION SHARING

International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Programs (ILE/AH)

International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Program (ILE/AH) is an enriching learning experience for K-8 students to learn a new language and discover other cultures. No language background is necessary. In the African Heritage program, students will learn about Black culture and the contributions of people of African descent. Open to all TDSB and non-TDSB students, programs are currently offered online and will be switching to in-person for September 2022 in schools across the city. Classes are 2.5 hours and held once a week after school and/or Saturdays for 30 weeks.

If your school **does not** currently run an ILE/AH program, please reach out to the ILE/AH team by



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writing to jolly.yang@tdsb.on.ca. We can help coordinate with your school's principal. For more information, please visit www.ileprograms.ca.

Would you like to receive news, updates, and registration information via email? [Please subscribe to our ILE/AH E-newsletter](#).

Middle French Immersion

The entry point to Middle French Immersion for the September 2024/25 school year is **Grade 4**.

The application to the Middle French Immersion program will remain an online process and applications must be completed online between **January 8 and February 2, 2024**. An offer of placement in the program (**not** a specific school) is guaranteed to all eligible on-time applicants. Families with an older sibling currently in a Middle French Immersion program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Interested families can apply via the [Application Link](#).

At any time, please visit the [TDSB French website](#) to view a [video](#) that provides information about the TDSB French Language programs as well as the application and placement process in the Early French Immersion and the Middle French Immersion programs. More information about the Middle French Immersion Program is available in [22 languages](#), or visit the [Information Sessions](#) website for related links to join a live Zoom webinar about the application process.

TDSB Parent/Caregiver Literacy Site: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Family-and-Caregivers>

TDSB Early Instruction Guide:

https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/EarlyYears/docs/TDSBEarlyReadingInstruction_Family_CaregiverGuide_Final.pdf

TDSB French Resources for Parents/Caregivers of Students in French Programs

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Supporting-Students-at-Home>

TDSB Math Program-Supports for Parents/Caregivers: bit.ly/tdsbmathforfamilies