

# PIAC Working Group REPORT

<b>Working Group</b>	<b>School Council Support WG</b>
<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>October 24, 2023</b>
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>
<b>Strategic Work Plan and Working Group Goals</b>	<p><b>Reviewed WG goals Completed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Checklist for applying an equity lens to the work of school councils</li> <li>● 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</li> <li>● Empowering School Councils - positive relationship w Principal</li> <li>● SC Basics Slide deck update</li> </ul> <p><b>Outstanding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SC email IT support - not fully workable</li> <li>● School Improvement Process - new tools pending (PCEO)</li> <li>● P023 - work with Consultations WG for PIAC involvement in Board development of new SC Operations Guide, other procedures?</li> </ul>
Updates	<p><b>SC Email IT Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● motion went to Board where trustees urged staff to find a solution</li> <li>● Next Steps were considered by the WG</li> </ul> <p><b>School Improvement Process (SIP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● still waiting for new parent and principal tools for engagement under development by PCEO</li> </ul> <p><b>Principal training to support School Councils</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● discussion around erratic knowledge of principal's role &amp; responsibilities around SCs</li> <li>● resulting in inequitable support of councils by principals</li> </ul> <p><b>School Council training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lack of awareness of PCEO SC Training opportunities</li> <li>● Live Treasurer sessions desired</li> </ul>
Motions	
Question(s)	<i>[This section is for less formal questions to pose to the PIAC group.]</i>

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Next Steps and Action items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Follow-up with PCEO re new SIP tools release date</li> <li>● Inquire with PCEO about PIAC participation in the planned School Council Roundtable discussions</li> <li>● Inquire with PCEO about upcoming Principal &amp; staff SC training offerings</li> <li>● Follow-up with PCEO re SC Equity Reflection Activity</li> </ul>
Co-lead(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sarah Ali (W2) Melanie Medeiros-Sim (W9)</li> </ol>
Working Group Members	<p><b><u>Working Group Members:</u></b> *Andrew Waters PIAC Co-chair, *Sharon Grant PIAC Co-chair, Sarah Ali (W2), Melanie Medeiros-Sim (W9), Crystal Stewart (W6), Bruce Oyelowo (W10), Anshu Grover (W8)</p> <p><b><u>Parent Members:</u></b> <b><u>Community Members:</u></b> Nicole Herbert (W15)</p>