

## PIAC Working Group REPORT

<b>Working Group</b>	<b>School Council Support WG</b>
<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>November 28, 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>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 PCEO, 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>● research hiring a consultant to look into alternatives</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> <li>● tools at TDSB Design - anticipated in January</li> </ul> <p><b>Principal training to support School Councils</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● WG will invite Ass. Director Salmon to meet with SC Support to discuss concerns around Principal knowledge &amp; behaviour</li> <li>● He has been invited - coordinating on dates</li> <li>● Annual distribution to Ps of PIAC's 3 support docs (as per <a href="#">2019 motion</a>) <a href="#">Fall Tips for Ps</a>, <a href="#">P's Guide to Building SC</a>, <a href="#">Parents' Guide to SCs</a></li> <li>● distributed in October</li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting School Councils at the ward level</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Some PIAC Reps want to do Outreach at the ward level</li> <li>● WG agreed to make a budget request for \$500 per ward for outreach</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>● <b>Inquire with PCEO about upcoming Principal &amp; staff SC training offerings</b></li> <li>● <b>Follow-up with PCEO re SC Equity Reflection Activity</b></li> </ul>
Co-lead(s)	Sarah Ali (W2) Melanie Medeiros-Sim (W9)
Working Group Members	<p><b><u>Working Group Members:</u></b> *Zena Shereck PIAC Co-chair, *Sharon Grant PIAC Co-chair, Sarah Ali (W2), Melanie Medeiros-Sim (W9), Crystal Stewart (W6), Bruce Oyelowo (W10), Anshu Grover (W8), ZuoJun Han (W20), Bahira Abdulsalam (W14), Dayna Lindsay (W04)</p> <p><b><u>Parent Members:</u></b> Maria Charles (W6), Andrew Waters (W9), 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)</p> <p><b><u>Community Members:</u></b> Nicole Herbert (W15), Wilmar Kortleever (W11)</p>