

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	School Council Support WG
Meeting Date	January 7, 2025
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/Caregiver 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 with Principal • SC Basics Slide deck update • SC Survey • School Improvement Process - new engagement tools <p>Outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC email IT support - new process • Accountability of Principals • P023 - work with PCCEO, Consultations WG for PIAC involvement in Board development of new SC Operations Guide, other procedures
Updates	<p>Virtual School PIAC rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since VS is not represented within the ward system, PIAC needs a rep to volunteer to support their School Council • reps can volunteer for this using the WG Sign-up form <p>Ward Outreach Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reps wanting to access these funds must complete the Expression of Interest form by March 31, 2025 • Outreach events must be held by May 15, 2025 • remaining budget funds will be reallocated by Operational Effectiveness WG • expansion of funds parameters to include childcare <p>Ontario Budget feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario 2025-26 Budget consultations • PIAC feedback submission <p>SC Financials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new TDSB Fundraising Information Guide
Motion(s)	<p>Recommended PIAC feedback to Ontario Budget Consultation</p> <p>Amendment to the Outreach funding parameters</p> <p>School Lunchbox</p> <p>Suspension of SC Operations</p>

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Next Steps and Action items	<p>Ontario Budget Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG recommended PIAC submission • feedback/survey link <p>Virtual School PIAC rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reps can volunteer for this using the WG Sign-up form
Co-lead(s)	<p>Melanie Medeiros-Sims (W9)</p> <p>Gordon Harvey (W3)</p>
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