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PCEO UPDATES

2021-2022 School Council Interim Operations

As we resume the 2021/2022 school year with COVID-19 guidelines and a hybrid school model of in person and virtual learning, there are some carryover guidelines from last year as it relates to school council operations. These guidelines were developed in consultation with the Ministry of Education.

The purpose of the Council Operations is to provide clarity for Councils, staff and parents/caregivers on Council operations for the 2021-2022 school year. It is supplementary to the operating guidelines for School Councils outlined in the Education Act, O. Regulation 612/00 and provides enhanced protocols specific to COVID-19 for hosting School Council elections and virtual meetings. O. Regulation 612/00 governs all School councils in TDSB and sets out rules and requirements for school council operations. Outlined below are a few Council operation highlights:

Elections

- Considering the extended return to school protocols the 30-day requirement outlined in O Reg. 612/00, s.4 (4) will start on September 21, 2021. Therefore, Council elections **must** be held by the last week of October.
- The principal shall, at least 14 days before the date of the election of parent/caregiver members, on behalf of the School Council, give written notice of the date, time and location of the election to every parent of a student who, on the date the notice is given, is enrolled in the school (O' Reg. 612/00, s.4(6))
- School Council elections are held for parent/caregiver representatives (O' Reg. 612/00, s.3 (1-1) **NOT** chair, co-chair, treasurer (Council executives) etc. Council By-laws should outline the number of parent/caregiver representatives that will be elected to council (O Reg. 612/00, s.8 (2/1))



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- Virtual parent/caregivers may choose whether they become voting members of School Council on either their existing homeschool or the virtual host school (virtual kids are registered in virtual/host schools).
- Elections maybe held virtually or in person (possibly ballot stations set-up outside or in safe spaces of the school)

Meetings

- School Council meetings may be held or postponed until October, 2021
- Councils meetings and committee meetings **will remain virtual** until further notice
- Councils may record and post their meetings for the purpose of access to parents/caregivers. A Notice of Collection must be promoted on all school council meeting communication in advance of the meeting. In school sites where parent/caregivers may feel uncomfortable around recording, the school council may consider seeking consent at each meeting prior to recording.
- Council are required to have a minimum of 4 meetings per year

ByLaws

- O'Reg.612/00, s.15 requires that all School Councils have By-laws. To ensure alignment of bylaws to the Regulations and Board policies, the Board has collaborated with the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee and parents/caregivers in revising the Boards ByLaws template. This template will be shared with all schools and Councils for adoption at Council in November 2021. We recognize that there are Councils who have bylaws, others who have been working diligently to draft them and those who have yet to do so. To honour this variance, Councils will be asked to adopt the template with the mandatory sections approved by the Ministry and the Board. Councils will have the opportunity to include all non-mandatd sections.

Fundraising (O'Reg. 612/00, s.22)

- Fundraising maybe convened in November 2021
- fundraising activities will adhere to all school and public health guidelines
- For safety reasons, TDSB cannot allow fundraising for HEPA air filters, HVAC related items. The rentals and/or purchase of tents is also not permissible currently. It is important to note that the TDSB has been working over the summer to review building ventilation and filtration



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systems and is implementing a number of strategies to improve ventilation in our schools and increase the volume of fresh air to the maximum extent possible.

- We continue to follow our practice which prohibits fundraising for anything the government would typically cover. We will be providing additional guidelines to help support schools and School Councils regarding fundraising and school council operations. For School Council information and tools visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/Fundraising>

2021-2022 Program Priorities Funding (PPF) –Parent Reaching Out Grant (PROG) Allocation Survey

For the 2021-2022 school year, TDSB has received an allocation of \$253,125.14 for projects that demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents/caregivers in students' educational experiences. This year's allocation is an increase of over \$119,000.00 from 2020-2021. It is worth noting that the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) and Trustees advocacy to the Ministry of Education, requesting restoration of post 2019 PRO Grant funding levels may have contributed to the increase

Thank you to those who participated in the 2021-2022 PPF-PRO Grant allocation survey. Recommendations for funds utilization will be presented to the Program and School Service Committee (PSSC) October agenda please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes> for the report.

Exchange/Outlook Mailbox Migration- the migration of School Council and Advisory Committee mailbox has been completed. The Outlook Webmail Application (OWA) has a new and improved face.

Please visit the [TDSB School Council Support](#) page and follow the steps outlined in the PDFs.

For assistance please contact john.manalo@tdsb.on.ca



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PO23-Parent and Community Involvement Policy Review

Policy outlines the framework for building and supporting parent and community involvement in the TDSB, including the establishment of the Board's Community Advisory Committees (CACs).

At its meeting on April 21, 2021, the Board of Trustees approved a revised Critical Path and Work Plan that separates the CAC and the full PO23 process and established new completion dates for each review. CACs review will be completed in 2021 and the larger P023 review is scheduled for completion in April-May 2022 thereby. The revised work plan can be viewed at <https://pub-tdsb.escrimeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=8188>

Interim Expectations for Parent/Family Engagement in the School Improvement Process

At its meeting on June 30, 2021 the Board received the extension of the 2019-2020 interim expectations for parent/caregiver involvement in the school improvement process to 2021-2022 with the addition of data sharing with parents and caregivers be received.

The 2021-2022 proposed interim expectations for school teams will focus on: explaining the school improvement process and the value of family involvement in it. Principals will seek input on the initial thinking regarding SIP goals with the school council (as required under Regulation 613) and from all parents and caregivers, particularly those, under-represented and under-served. Share School Data with parents/caregiver on (Wellbeing, Equity, and Achievement). For further information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes/Type/A?Folder=Agenda%2f20210609&Filename=6.pdf>

School Council Bylaw Review

TDSB will be meeting with staff and PIAC representatives to explore strategies for supporting Councils in developing equitable and inclusive bylaws that address Human Rights and clearer conflict resolution processes. Conversations occurred over the summer and a draft TDSB bylaw developed. Following staff review the bylaws will be shared with PIAC in October 2021.



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Adding PIAC Rep Names to School websites

At its March 10 2021 meeting the Board decided that the names of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee ward representatives for each ward be added to the TDSB school websites, adjacent to or below the current PIAC logo and link and that these names be linked to the representative's PIAC email address. TDSBs web team has completed this work and information can be found on TDSB managed schoolsite landing page e.g. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/Schools/schno/3432>

Parents and Caregivers as Partners Virtual Conference 2021

The Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference is scheduled for Saturday October 16th and Sunday October 17th, 2021. Request for Workshop Proposals will close on September 27, 2021. We encourage parents, caregivers, school council members, and staff to submit a proposal. For further details visit www.parentspartners.ca

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.

TDSBs Community Advisory Committees

CACs are always recruiting. Please visit our CACs page for information on CACs eligibility criteria <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees>

INFORMATION SHARING

Vaccine Information

Informed Consent to Get the Vaccine



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- Parental consent is not required for children 13 years or younger if the young person is capable to make the decision. This is called informed consent, This means the young person must understand information about the vaccine, why it is being recommended and what will happen if they accept or refuse vaccination For further details visit

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-resources/>

Vaccination Information

Pfizer Vaccine has been rolled out to children and youth between the ages of 12-17. For further details visit [COVID-19: How to Get Vaccinated – City of Toronto](#)

Vaccination Clinics near you visit

<https://sites.google.com/mobilevaccinationteams.com/torontovaccination/home>

Find COVID-19 vaccination resources [in many languages](#).

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-protect-yourself-others/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-resources/>

Please check the Toronto Public Health website for [updated information about COVID-19 and vaccines](#). <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/>

TVO Learn and TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison

- The Ministry of Education has announced the launch of two new portals developed in partnership with TVO and TFO. TVO Learn and TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison will provide optional supplemental support for students who are self-screening, quarantining at home, or wishing to build their skills by accessing additional educational resources developed by Ontario certified teachers. These portals provide engaging and interactive ways to support students in furthering their learning in the Grades 1 to 8 Ontario curriculum from home.



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- Secondary students can continue to access TVO's Independent Learning Centre (ILC) Open House and Portes ouvertes pour les cours TVO ILC in French-language, which provide access to 144 Grade 9 to 12 courses. These ILC resources are not for credit but are designed to provide flexible learning opportunities to help students keep up with their learning or deepen their understanding of a specific subject. In addition, French-language students also have access to French-language online courses available through the Consortium d'apprentissage virtuel de l'Ontario.
- For further information visit: <https://tvolearn.com/>

Helpful Links

- Talking Race and Racism- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1473/Talking-about-Race-and-Racism-With-Children>
- Information on Return to School Virtual & In-person <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/>
- Information on supporting your child www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents
- Resources for [mental health and well-being](#), [homework](#), [safety](#), [curriculum](#) and other ways to [get involved](#).