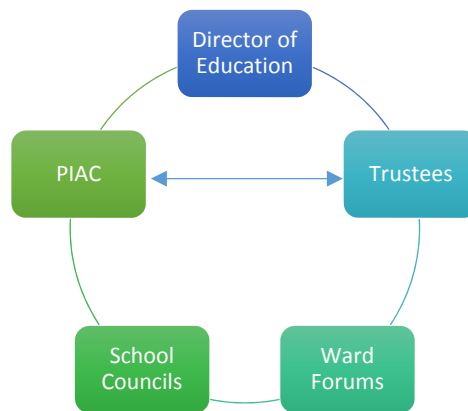


WHAT IS PIAC?

In 2010, Parent Involvement Committees (PICs) within school boards such as the TDSB were formally established under the Ontario Education Act "to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement in order to improve student achievement and well-being" (R.330/10,s.27). Ontario Regulation 612/00 outlines how PICs are to be structured and operated.

The PIC in our board is PIAC (Parent Involvement Advisory Committee). It is one of several formal advisory committees of the TDSB. PIAC consists of volunteer parent representatives from each of the board's 22 Wards. The committee also includes a Trustee rep, the Director of Education's rep, reps from several Community Liaison Groups, and is supported by the Parent & Community Engagement Office (PCEO).



WHAT DOES PIAC DO?

PIAC acts as a liaison between parents and the board. They may advise the board on matters of parent engagement to improve student achievement & well-being.

PIAC can communicate information from the Ministry of Education to School Councils.

PIAC supports parent training for School Councils.

Board policies and procedures are sent to PIAC for input.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PIAC

PIAC has worked on behalf of TDSB parents:

- PIAC's Pools Working Group spearheaded the saving of TDSB pools from closure in 2013.
- PIAC put parents on the interview teams for teacher candidates applying for promotion to Vice-Principal
- PIAC created a template & guide for the annual completion of the School Statement of Needs (SSoN)
- PIAC helped develop the Parent Concern Protocol
- PIAC helps form the TDSB calendar
- PIAC has supported the board's creation of TDSB universal school council email addresses
- PIAC offers parent support for their work on School Councils
- PIAC annually hosts free parent conferences to inform and support our parents

HOW DO I BECOME A PART OF PIAC?

1. Parent reps for PIAC are elected at the ward level. Contact your Trustee.
2. PIAC runs many Working Groups on a variety of areas. These groups are open to participation of any TDSB parent/guardian. Contact PIAC.

Check out PIAC's website: www.torontopiac.com