

## PIAC Working Group REPORT

<b>Working Group</b>	<b>School Council Support WG</b>
<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>November 6, 2024</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> <li>● SC Survey</li> </ul> <p><b>Outstanding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SC email IT support - new process</li> <li>● Accountability of Principals</li> <li>● School Improvement Process - Principal tools (PCCEO)</li> <li>● P023 - work with PCCEO, Consultations WG for PIAC involvement in Board development of new SC Operations Guide, other procedures</li> </ul>
Updates	<p><b>School Council contact list</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SC Chair contacts compiled by PCCEO and ward lists have been shared with reps</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Better Access to School Council information on the TDSB website motion</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thanks to PCCEO for the quick work on our recommendation!</li> <li>● redesigned with PIAC consultation <a href="#">Parent Tab</a> page is now live <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ direct link to School Council page has been added</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <a href="#">School Council page</a> has been redesigned</li> </ul> <p><b>PIAC School Council survey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">survey highlights</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Parent Concern Protocol</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● TDSB required to update PCP - new draft protocol expected</li> <li>● WG would like to see draft</li> </ul> <p><b>Accountability of Principals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● working with Director Designates. Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ following up with schools who have not submitted SC contact information</li> <li>○ SOs working with Ps to support missing SC elections</li> <li>○ Principal training on <a href="#">PR558</a> - Superintendents bringing this to ALL principals in the system via their weekly Principal meetings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ adding PR558 to annual Institutional Accountability Checklist</li> </ul> <p><b>Government Nutrition funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● drafting a letter of support to Ontario government to request they sign up for the federal nutrition funds for Ontario students</li> </ul> <p><b>Ward Outreach Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● member request and report docs in progress</li> <li>● reps wanting to access these funds complete the <a href="#">Expression of Interest form</a></li> </ul> <p><b>SC IT Email Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">staff IT presentation</a> - follow up with SCs on the rollout of new process</li> <li>● Support Line staff can only help identified SCs registered with PCCEO</li> </ul> <p><b>School Improvement Plan (SIP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">new SIP brochure</a> to be posted on TDSB SC SIP section</li> <li>● waiting on the Principal SIP tools/training for Parent Engagement - PCCEO</li> </ul>
Motions	
Question(s)	
Next Steps and Action items	<p>Follow-up with senior staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Can PIAC/SCS WG review draft of updated Parent Concern Protocol?</li> </ul>
Co-lead(s)	<p>Melanie Medeiros-Sims (W9) Gordon Harvey (W3)</p>
Working Group Members	<p><b>PIAC members:</b> *Zena Shereck (PIAC Co-chair), Melanie Medeiros-Sims (W9), Gordon Harvey (W3), Sarah Ali (W2), Crystal Stewart (W6), Mercy Charles (W6), Andrew Waters (W3), Frances Shawera (W2), Anshu Grover (W8)</p> <p><b>Parent Participants:</b> Yousuf Mohammad (W15)</p> <p><b>Community Participants:</b> Nicole Herbert (W15)</p>