

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	School Council Support WG
Meeting Date	December 3, 2024
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 w 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>Letter to MoE re updating the SC Handbook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● due to multiple Minister changes, PIAC’s letter requesting updates to the ministry’s School Council Handbook was re-sent to the current minister <p>School Improvement Plan (SIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● new SIP brochure and SIP engagement kit is now posted on TDSB SC SIP section <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 <p>Accountability of Principals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● working with Director Designates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ bring in accountability measures around transparency of school funds ○ suggest a SC checklist component for the annual Institutional Accountability Checklist <p>Ward Outreach Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● member request and report docs in progress ● reps wanting to access these funds complete the Expression of Interest form ● discussion ongoing around funds parameters and access

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	<p>Ward Outreach supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PIAC has resources to support reps in their ward level outreach. Find them in the Member Orientation & Resources folder of the PIAC Gdrive. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ward Sharing Tips ● Ward Welcome letter template ● What is PIAC? one-pager <p>Ontario Budget feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ontario 2025-26 Budget consultations ● prepare feedback from PIAC ● coordinate with board response points <p>School Lunchbox pricing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● questions posed to staff around the markup on Pizza Lunch within this platform
Question(s)	
Next Steps and Action items	<p>Follow-up with senior staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Can PIAC/SCS WG review draft of updated Parent Concern Protocol?
Co-lead(s)	<p>Melanie Medeiros-Sims (W9) Gordon Harvey (W3)</p>
Working Group Members	<p><u>PIAC members:</u> *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><u>Parent Participants:</u> Yousuf Mohammad (W15)</p> <p><u>Community Participants:</u> Nicole Herbert (W15)</p>