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## PCEO UPDATES

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### 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. It 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

- x Considering the extended return to school protocols the 2021 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.
- x 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.
- x The Bylaws 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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- x 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).
- x Elections may be held virtually or in person (possibly ballot stations outside or in safe spaces of the school)

#### Meetings

- x School Council meetings may be held or postponed until October, 2021
- x Councils meetings and committee meetings will remain virtual until further notice
- x Councils may record and post their meetings for the purpose of access to parents/caregivers. 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.
- x Councils are required to have a minimum of 4 meetings per year

#### ByLaws

- x To ensure alignment of Z À Ç 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 November 2021. We recognize that there are Councils who have bylaws, some 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-mandatory sections.

- x Fundraising may be convened in November 2021
- x fundraising activities will adhere to all school and public health guidelines
- x For safety reasons, TDSB cannot allow fundraising for 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.

- x 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>

## Survey

For the 2021-2022 school year, TDSB has received allocation of \$253,125.14 for projects that experiences 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 pa

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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

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- x 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 de

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