

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 (or designate), reps from several Community Liaison Groups, and is supported by the Parent & Community Engagement Office (PCEO).

THE ROLE OF A PIAC WARD REPRESENTATIVE & ALTERNATE

- Act as a liaison between the parents in their ward and PIAC:
 - seek opinions in their ward
 - make decisions that reflect the opinion of the ward
 - share PIAC info with the ward
 - bring ward information & concerns to PIAC
 - connect with trustee & superintendent(s) of the ward
- Attend monthly PIAC meetings
- Attend ward council meetings
- Attend PIAC orientation/training sessions
- Attend & support PIAC events (e.g. conferences, school council appreciation dinner)
- Must join at least 1 PIAC Working Group (sub-committee)
- Serve a term of 2 years

PIAC reps and alts must live in the ward represented, or have a child in attendance at a TDSB school in the ward.

PIAC reps and alts may be an employee of the board & must declare such status

Mentorship is available.

Both the Rep and Alt are expected to attend all PIAC monthly meetings. Each ward has one vote on the committee. Attendance may be accomplished either in-person at 5050 Yonge St., or by teleconference. Similarly, PIAC Working Groups meet a variety of ways, including in-person, online, and teleconference.