

## PIAC Updates:

1. Everyone is welcome to join the **Ward 16 News and Events Facebook** page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/130873847759504/>
  - a. Please feel free to share any school-related news or announcements on Facebook page including funfairs or activities you would like to promote to neighbouring schools. The page could also be used to find local contacts to help with event planning or form partnerships for workshops and training.
2. **New! PIAC's School Council Toolkit**
  - a. The PIAC Communications & Outreach Working Group has developed an online "toolkit" for school councils. This quick reference guide has been developed to help new and existing councils streamline their operations.  
[http://www.torontopiac.com/uploads/3/4/8/1/34816230/school\\_council\\_toolkit\\_200418\\_\\_1\\_.pdf](http://www.torontopiac.com/uploads/3/4/8/1/34816230/school_council_toolkit_200418__1_.pdf)
3. **P011 Community Use of Schools (Permits) - Draft Policy**
  - a. PIAC submitted feedback and recommendations to the TDSB regarding the draft of P011, Community use of Board Facilities Policy. We requested that the Policy address use of schools by the families of students, not just 'external non profit organizations'. We also recommended alignment of P011 with the newly adopted Equity Policy.
4. **Best Practices in Parent Consultation** - At PIAC we are drafting a "Best Practices" Recommendation for the TDSB to help the TDSB develop better protocols for communicating with parents. We would like to know what parents feel are the best ways for the TDSB to reach out to parents. The survey will remain open until the end of May. Survey here: <https://goo.gl/forms/fzd6AEntR14QAql1l>
5. **Parent Resources** - We are expanding the PIAC website ([www.torontopiac.com](http://www.torontopiac.com)) and we want to know which education resources that parents use most (e.g. The Parent Concern Protocol, Homework help, Special Education, Mental Health, Language Services, etc.). Please feel free to send suggestions to [info@torontopiac.com](mailto:info@torontopiac.com) or [consultations@torontopiac.com](mailto:consultations@torontopiac.com).
6. **Consultations** - At PIAC we maintain an updated list 'consultation opportunities' that includes Policies and Initiatives from the TDSB, the Ministry of Education, and the City of Toronto that are of interest to TDSB families. Here parents will find multiple opportunities to provide their input into the education system. The Consultations pages are updated as new information arrives. <http://torontopiac.com/piac-consultations.html>

## TDSB Updates:

7. The TDSB is conducting a **review of French Programs** to examine accessibility and align with the TDSB's Equity Initiatives. The public forum schedule is here:  
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Public-Consultations/French-Review>
8. The TDSB and the City of Toronto are examining **traffic and pedestrian safety in school zones**. More information here: <http://torontopiac.com/city-of-toronto.html>
9. **Education Development Charges (EDCs)** - Provincial election priority. School Boards across Ontario are requesting the Ministry of Education change the Education Act (Ont Reg. 20/98) to allow school boards access to EDCs for school expansion and upgrades. The TDSB is encouraging parents to contact their MPPs, the Minister of Education, and election candidates to request changes to the Election Act and Reg 20/98. More information here:  
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Accountability/Renewal-Needs-Backlog-and-Facility-Condition-Index/Education-Development-Charges>