

## PIAC Information for April 26th SAC Meeting

PIAC is a legislated committee of parent volunteers who advise the TDSB on matters of parent engagement in education including any policies, procedures, or initiatives that may affect student success or school council operations and also provides resources to support parents and school councils.

Our Ward Rep for PIAC, Michelle Aarts, is currently working on several projects for PIAC that require parent and school council input. She will be attending out next SAC Meeting, on Thursday, April 26 to discuss and gather feedback about PIAC's initiatives, including:

- a **"Best Practices in Parent Consultation" Recommendation for the TDSB**: PIAC would like to know what parents feel are the best ways for the TDSB to reach out to parents. I have generated an online survey and it would be great if you could share it with your parent community (and of course fill it out yourself).

Survey here: <https://goo.gl/forms/fzd6AEntR14QAq1i1>

- **"Community Use of Schools" policy review feedback**. This TDSB policy draft is currently posted for public feedback and I encourage parents to submit their own feedback:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>

This policy will influence the permit process (and fees) for School councils and community groups (i.e. boys and girls clubs) schools, however the TDSB does not have reliable data on school permits. Could you please let me know the types of activities your council conducts on school property (meetings, fun fairs) and any family or community programs that run in the school?

Let your voices be heard - your feedback and participation is encouraged!

\* **The Parents as Partners Conference is coming up April 28th. This is a FREE** parent conference sponsored by the TDSB and hosted by PIAC, SEAC, Model Schools, and Mental Health & Wellness. It has great workshops, lunch, and childminding.

Parents can register here: <http://www.parentsaspartners.ca/>