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SC411 Training

SC411 training is completed. Session 1-Regs and By-laws was repeated as requested. Attendees will be shared with the SC411 Work group:

September 27th 2016

Monday October 11, 2016

Monday October 24, 2016

Monday November 07, 2016

PIAC Orientation Session Update

The orientation was delivered on October 19, 2016. Attendees were:

- Trixie Doyle
- Nazerah Shaikh
- D. Williams

PROG 2014/2015 & 2016/2017 Surplus

PROG 2014-2015 Surplus

Surplus of \$120,000 allocated and supported the following:

- School based Interpreter services \$ 80,000
- Annual parents as partners Conference 13,000
- STEM conference, 10,000
- Community Advisory Committees (engagement/Outreach tools) 21,000

PROG 2015-2016

- The Ministry has communicated that all surplus...if any is to be returned to the Ministry.

School Council 2016/2017 Workshops/Presentations

All PCEO fall sessions have been rolled out. Attendance was very low. Sessions will continue in the fall. Business services sessions are now happening. Session schedule can be found on the

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Boards site at:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/HowtoGetInvolved/SchoolCouncils/Workshops.aspx>

School Council Survey

- PCEO continues to work with research to finalize the draft report for review and feedback back from the survey working group (first), PIAC(2nd), Executives (3rd)

TDSB E-mail Account

- Communication will be sent to all Principals next week to activate school council e-mail addresses following elections.
- E-mail accounts will be activated for all PIAC members
- PCEO continues to work with the System analyst to resolve the ongoing concerns and

PIACs Request for School Council E-mail Contact

- PCEO consulted with privacy again on the request and was informed that the distribution of the email addresses is outside of the purpose for which they were collected, and can be considered a breach of privacy.

PIAC & CAC Training Requests

We are working on scheduling the following training sessions for PIAC and CACs of the Board for the new year:

- Effective Meetings (MAS)
- Decision Making Options in Meeting
- Social Media
- Marketing/Promoting your CAC

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- Effectively managing and engaging the media
- Board Governance

Continuing Education Parent/Guardian Workshops

Funding from the Ministry of Education allows Continuing Education to provide financial and in-kind support to schools for the delivery of hosting educational workshops/information sessions for parents/guardians of students from JK to Grade 12.

Workshops offer parents/guardians the opportunity to learn about and discuss topics that directly support student success.

- Workshops can be held at any time that is convenient for your community.
 - Workshops may be held in partnership with other schools or community groups.
 - There is no limit to the number of workshops that can be offered at each school.
 - Participants must be parents/guardians or caregivers of students in grades JK to 12.
- **NOTE: IPRC meetings, Parent-Teacher Interviews, and curriculum nights are not eligible for this funding. Please see the attached list for samples of approved topics.**

Funding in the amount of \$3.00 per parent/guardian participant (based on fully completed sign-in sheet) will be sent to school's main cost centre in the special events account via journal entry upon receipt of sign-in sheets.

- Door prizes will be sent prior to the workshop, provided sufficient notice is given. Please allow 10 business days.

For information contact:

Elementary/JHS Schools: maria.mihajlovic@tdsb.on.ca

Secondary Schools: winsome.brockett@tdsb.on.ca

Toronto Public Health parent letter: Free Flu Clinics

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Please be aware that, as in past years, Toronto Public Health is requesting our schools to inform parents about their free Flu Immunization Clinics, open to all Ontario residents, which will take place in a number of locations beginning at the end of October.

Principals/school administrative staffs are asked to distribute the attached parent letter to all parents of school-age children within their school community by their preferred method (print/electronic), as soon as possible. The letter and this request are also being shared with principals and school staff in this week's Direct Line.

Invitation to Community Information/Consultation Session on the Toronto District School Board's Student and Parent Census (Student Census – Grades 4-12; Parent Census – JK to Grade 3)

This school year, the TDSB will conduct its third Student and Parent Census in April 2017. The goal of the TDSB's Student and Parent Census is to collect student demographic and social environment data in order to assist the Board to:

- identify systemic barriers to student achievement and implement changes to remove those barriers;
- develop policies and strategies to close the achievement gap between groups of students;
- allocate resources to support students in need;
- develop programs and services for students who need specific interventions and support;
- assess the effectiveness of programs established to address specific student needs; and
- establish a baseline of data to measure system improvements in the educational outcomes for all students.

We are asking for two representatives from each Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and Community Liaison Group (CLG) to attend the following session so that we can provide information and seek your input about the TDSB's Student and Parent Census content and implementation:

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6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

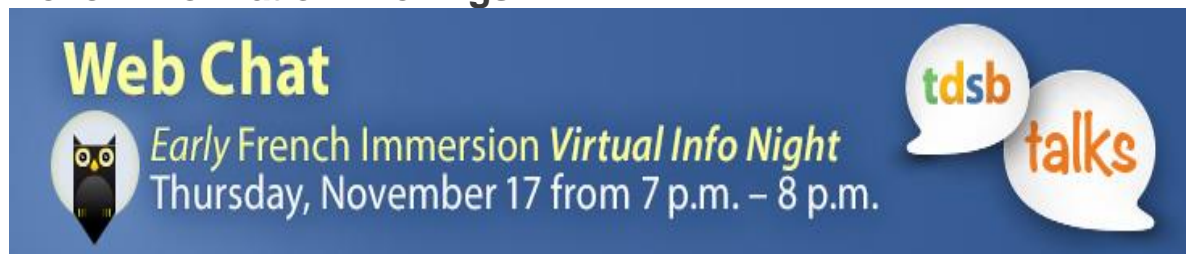
5050 Yonge Street, Committee Room A

Please note, copies of the surveys will be provided at the session.

Ontario School Survey: People for Education

People for Education's Annual Elementary and Secondary School Survey are now open. The survey itself takes about 20 minutes to fill in, but it's worth it. Individual school data is strictly confidential, but the overall findings are published in People for Education's Annual Report on Ontario's Publicly Funded Schools, which in turn influences policy, media reports and parent engagement. Just click this link, and choose elementary or secondary.

French Information Evenings



Families interested in learning more about French Extended programs for the 2017-18 school year may

1. Participate in the virtual meeting scheduled for November 17, 2016 7-8 pm
2. Attend information evenings at French Extended schools across the system.

Details about these information evenings can be found on TDSB site at:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ElementarySchool/SchoolChoices/FrenchPrograms/InformationEvenings.aspx>

SEAC Survey

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The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) wants to hear from you. This survey gives you a chance to give us ideas on how the TDSB can improve the education it offers to students with special education needs. It also lets you tell us what your experiences have been like for your children.

While SEAC members are appointed by the Trustees of the TDSB, we are independent of the board. Our role is to provide advice and direction to TDSB Trustees. The results of this survey will be going directly to SEAC and not to staff at the TDSB.

Please fill out this anonymous survey if you are a parent or guardian of student(s) with special education needs. We want to hear from you whether your child with special needs is currently enrolled or was in the past.

Survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SEAC-TDSB>

Community Advisory Committee Update

At its meeting on the 27 September 2016 the Governance Review Committee proposed a Bylaw revision regarding committee structures.

Specifically “that the Director establishes a schedule for monthly meetings of the Board’s community advisory committees, determining on a consistent day of the month and time for each committee.

In anticipation of this change, an alternate standardized schedule of CAC meetings has been prepared for 2017, January to June for CACS review and feedback. The schedule was designed to minimise changes to the existing meeting schedule avoid conflicts and increase Trustee participation.

Senior staff will be bringing forth an alternate schedule for CAC review and feedback.

Virtual Library

All TDSB students, staff and parents have 24/7 access to the TDSB Virtual Library, a system tool providing purposefully selected, purchased, and curated digital learning resources and tools

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supporting the K-12 curriculum, inquiry-based learning, digital fluency and the development of multiple literacies. The Virtual Library includes article databases, e-books, encyclopedias, streamed media, inquiry guides and a link to the school library catalogue.

The link from the Virtual Library to the Library Catalogue allows you to search the catalogues of your school, the Professional Library and Teaching Resources (DVDs, and streamed media) for print, e-book and multimedia resources.

You can access the Virtual Library site via your school's AW site or via www.tdsb.on.ca using the "find your school" link. Your Teacher Librarian can provide you with a Learn mark listing the unique TDSB passwords required for accessing online resources from home or outside the network.

Even if you are not affiliated with a school, you can also access all of these fabulous resources through the link to the generic virtual library:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/library/home?schoolno=0>

Available 24/7, on any internet enabled device, TDSB educators have access to a wealth of resources to support their classroom and professional information needs.