

**Parent and Community Engagement Office (PCEO)**  
**PIAC Meeting Report**  
**Thursday October 13, 2016**



**SC411 Training Dates** (5050 Yonge St. Committee Room A & Civic Centre ) 6:00-9:00 pm

The training will commence in late September and be completed by November. The dates are as follows:

- September 27th 2016 - Committee Room C
- Monday October 11, 2016 – Committee Room B
- Monday October 24, 2016 - 5050 Yonge Street, Cmte B
- Monday November 07, 2016 – Committee RM A

**PIAC Orientation Session**

- October 19, 2016

**PROG 2014/2015 & 2016/2017 Surplus**

The 2014-2015 Surplus of \$120,000 supported the following parent engagement initiatives:

- 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

The Ministry of Education has informed Boards that there will be no surplus carryover for 2015-2016.

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**School Council Survey 2015-2016**

- Preliminary findings of the survey are presented in slide deck shared at the meeting. Copies will also be available at the next meeting.

**School Council 2016/2017 Workshop**

PCEO will be rolling out council workshops across the LCs commencing October 2016 through to April 2017. Flyer will be circulated to PIAC soon.

Workshop Name	LC- 1 John Polyani Cafeteria	LC-2Northview Heights-Cafeteria	LC-3- Central Tech	LC-4 140 Borough	
School Council 101	Oct 25, 2016	Oct 27, 2016	November 01, 2016	November 03, 2016	
Building Your Council to Engage Families	Jan 31, 2017	Feb 01 2017	Feb 07, 2017	Feb 08, 2017	
Council Review and Evaluation	March 28, 2017	March 30, 2017	April 4, 2017	April 6, 2017	

**Note:** Business service is in the process of organizing financial sessions for school councils. Flyer/communicated will be shared with PIAC once confirmed.

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**TDSB E-mail Account**

- All Principals received information and instructions to activate the school council TDSB e-mail accounts following council elections.
- E-mail accounts have been activated for all PIAC members. All problems/questions should be forwarded to [john.manalo@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:john.manalo@tdsb.on.ca)
- PCEO met with the System Senior Analyst over the summer to review the shared e-mail system and the challenges of access and password expiration period. The following is being explored:
  - i. Password policy change...to every 3 months
  - ii. Shared mailbox with option of personal TDSB e-mail account
  - iii. PIAC G-mail accounts for 2017-2018

**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. Therefore the Board will work to ensure the activation of school council TDB e-mail accounts by Principals.

**PIAC & CAC Training Requests**

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

- Effective Meetings (MAS)
- Decision Making Options in Meeting (MAS)
- Social Media (Irene)
- Marketing/Promoting your CAC (Lindsay)
- Effectively managing and engaging the media
- Board Governance (Denise/David-Board Services )

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**Cash On-Line**

The Toronto District School Board has launched School Cash Suite, an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents/guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including agendas, yearbooks and class trips. The roll-out will take place in phases. The system will be rolled out at 25 to 35 schools every 2 months until full implementation by the end of 2018.

All school fees applicable to the students will be posted on School Cash Online. Parents can choose to purchase the items or activities using a debit or credit card. Parents will be able to see when the school has a new item posted online for purchase and they will have the option to be notified whenever their child has a new school event requiring payment. Participating schools will be provided letters and marketing materials for distribution to parents.

If your school is interested in participating in the pilot, please have the Principal email [schoolcashionline@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:schoolcashionline@tdsb.on.ca).

**Note about Transaction Fees**

Like any other purchase made using a credit card, there are transaction fees associated with credit card purchases made through School Cash Online. The transaction fee varies based on the value of the good or service being purchased, and the type of card used by the purchaser.

**School Council Insurance**

School Councils who organize activities beyond the scope/mandate of councils should ensure that the school council has appropriate coverage in place to protect the council, its members, and volunteers accordingly.

**Examples:**

Some examples of events that school councils organize which may not be under the direct control of the board and, therefore, not covered by the board's policy:

- Fundraising activities including fun fairs
- Wine and cheese socials
- Home coming class reunions (including functions involving alcohol)
- Santa Clause parades, etc.

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To purchase coverage please complete the attached application form and return back to [risk.management@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:risk.management@tdsb.on.ca)



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**Approved Fundraising and Fun Fair Vendors**

View the [2016/2017 Approved Fundraising and Fun Fair Vendors resource guide](#) for the list of TDSB approved vendors

**School Virtual Library Website**

he TDSB **Virtual Library** has carefully selected resources, to enhance your child’s learning, that can be accessed online anytime, anywhere.

There are **3 ways** students and parents/guardians can find the Virtual Library:

1. **TDSB Public site** (<http://tdsb.on.ca>) -- **Find Your School** -- the Virtual Library link is on the left.
2. **AW** (<http://aw.tdsb.on.ca>), login using student number and network password. Click on the **My Home** tab. The Virtual Library link is on the left.
3. **Search online** for “school name” **TDSB virtual library**.