

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	School Council Appreciation Dinner & Information Evening
Date	March 21, 2017
Description/Objective	<p><i>PIAC hosts an annual School Council Appreciation and Information Evening every year in February. This evening is organized to recognize and show appreciation for the parents and caregivers who support student achievement and parent engagement in our schools and communities.</i></p> <p><i>School Council representatives are invited to a dinner and a chance to share ideas, ask questions, and network with other school council members.</i></p> <p><i>Registration for the 2017 dinner event went live December 19, 2016 online at: www.tdsb.on.ca/community/howtogetinvolved/schoolcouncils.aspx</i></p> <p><i>Registration limited to 2 parents/school council representatives per school. Child minding, translation services, vegetarian meal offered through online registration only.</i></p> <p><i>Online registration closes on February 17, 2017.</i></p> <p><i>More information was available by contacting Heather Vickers at: appreciationevent@torontopiac.com</i></p> <p><i>Date: Thursday February 23, 2017</i> <i>Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Location: Montecassino Banquet Hall</i> <i>3710 Chesswood Drive</i> <i>Toronto, Ontario M3J 2W4</i> <i>Map</i></p>
Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The working group has met again only for the Appreciation Dinner itself, on February 23, 2017. ● Heavy traffic prevented many members and guests from arriving at the planned start time of 6 pm. ● MC's stayed calm and collected. ● Director Malloy and Chair Pilkey were present for the evening and shared brief speeches. ● Registration tables appeared to run smoothly. Curious to see the final numbers and details collected. ● Food presented well with staff on hand to answer questions. The vegetarian table ended up being severely under-used despite online requests at time of registration. Barely had enough chicken for everyone. ● All our volunteers showed up ready to work as necessary. ● Many PIAC members and Trustees were in attendance. ● Michelle Monroe led her discussion around the School Council Survey which also included a question and answer period from our attendees around Fundraising, Community Building and Advisory Roles in schools. ● Budget: Strove to keep within our budget of \$13,000. Budget Committee will have the full details later as all the receipts come in and final costs become known. Estimated room within the budget for \$200 for door-prizes.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback forms that were created and included in our give-away bags were filled out by our guests and are in the process of being tabulated.
Motion(s)	none
Question(s)	<i>From your perspective, are there any improvements/actions needed for next year?</i>
Next Steps and Action items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A final Council Appreciation Dinner working group meeting will be held on Tuesday March 28th, 7 pm at 5050 Yonge St. to discuss our collected data from the Dinner Event, what worked and what didn't work; discuss collected registration information; talk about the food and needing to come up with an alternate serving set-up. Many thanks to everyone, our working group members and volunteers! The Dinner ran smoothly because of all of your input and help.
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