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School Council & CAC E-mail to Gmail Process

- *PCEO met with IT and it is anticipated that Gmail will not be rolled out until the Spring of 2018*
- *Council accounts will continue as a shared mailbox*
- *Passwords will be extended to one year*
- *Password management (ability to change own password) will be explored for council supports*
- *PCEO will partner with IT to explore technical staffing supports for school council s having challenges with e-mail accounts*

Enhancing Equity Task Force-Family Engagement Follow-Up

- Draft standards have been vetted. Staffs are reviewing the survey and an implementation strategy is being developed. PIAC will be informed of next steps.

PIAC SC411 Training

- Training occurred on September 25, 2017, 6:00-9:00 pm at 5050 Yonge Street. It was attended by the following members:
Michelle A.-Ward Ward 16
Loen H.-Ward 7
Zena S. Ward 5
Erin G.-Ward 1

PIAC Proposed Fall Orientation Dates:

The following dates are being proposed for the PIAC Orientation:

- Thursday November 02, 2017



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- Tuesday November 14, 2017

P/VP

- Data on schools that had transfers and the number of teacher promotion to V-Ps was shared with the P/VP Working Group.

2017/2018 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants Reporting

- Grants have been announced for the 2017/2018 school year. TDSB school councils were allocated \$ 411, 338 across 417 schools an increase of 42 schools and \$43, 000
- There were also 7 central grants supported for an approximate total of 72, 000

Schools must:

- Charge all PRO Grant funds against CC# xxxx0565 and GL# 41500, under the Plan column;
- Complete and return the Declaration Form (the contract between the school council and the Ministry of Education) to the Ministry of Education;
- File all related receipts at the school according to Board policy (government funded initiatives are subject to audit, so these records must be retained for seven (7) years);
- Submit a final report to the Ministry on-line at <http://education.factorial.ca> by August 31, 2017;



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- Submit a copy of their final report to the Director's Office (via email to the Parent and Community Engagement Office at outreach@tdsb.on.ca).

Transition of Parenting & Family Literacy Centres (PFLCs) to Ontario Early Years Child & Family Centres (OEYCFCs)

- Toronto District School Board's (TDSB's) 78 Parenting & Family Literacy Centres (PFLCs) will be integrated into one comprehensive system referred to as Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres (OEYCFCs) effective January 1, 2018
- Programs will operate within the Board for 2018 and TDSB will receive the same level of funding from Children's Services, as previously provided by the Ministry.

2017/2018 School Council Financial Information Sessions

- The Finance Department will be delivering financial information sessions for treasurers and co-chairs. For information and registration visit:
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/Workshops>

Walking With Our Sisters: Installation and Memorial for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (October 15-29)

The TDSB Aboriginal Education Centre is hosting Walking With Our Sisters (WWOS) which is not only an art installation but a ceremonial space and memorial for missing and murdered Indigenous women, children, two-spirit and trans people. It features 1,925 pairs of moccasin vamps (tops) which were created and donated by hundreds of caring and concerned people from across the country to honour and pay respect to the lives of the Indigenous sisters who are no longer with us. The moccasins are unfinished, symbolizing the unfinished lives of mothers, aunties, daughters, cousins, grandmothers,



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wives and partners whose lives were tragically cut short over the last thirty years. Many have vanished without a trace, and their cases have often been inadequately investigated, neglected or ignored.

The installation will be open to the public from October 15-29, 2017 at the Aboriginal Education Centre (4:30-8:30pm on weekdays and 11:00am-6:00pm on weekends) at 16 Phin Avenue, Toronto. For school or group bookings, please contact wwostoronto@gmail.com.

Toronto Public Health: Letter for Parents/Guardians regarding Opioid Overdose Prevention

- There has been an increase in opioid overdoses in Toronto and it's an issue affecting many individuals in our communities including young people and their families.
- Toronto Public Health has prepared a letter that will be shared with parents and guardians with the information they need to help protect their children and families.

Important Information for Parents of JK Students

Over the next few weeks two very important pieces of parent/guardian communication will be shared with parents:

1. Posters: 2 posters will arrive in each elementary school beginning sometime next week indicating the application deadlines for French Immersion and Extended French. Please post this important information in a place visible to parents/guardians of JK and Grade 3 students.



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2. **Print Packages:** every school with JK students will receive a bundle of information packages to be distributed to every JK student at the school. These packages include important information about the French Immersion application timelines and parent/guardian information evenings hosted this year at 11 secondary sites across TDSB.

Information from Toronto Public Health (TPH) - Immunizations and Avoiding Suspensions

The Immunization of School Pupils Act requires that students in our schools will be suspended in situations in which the Medical Officer of Health has not received one of the following:

- immunization information showing that the student has completed the prescribed program of immunization; or
- a statement of medical exemption; or
- a statement of conscience or religious belief; or the Medical Officer of Health is not satisfied that the student has completed, has commenced or will commence a prescribed program of immunization.

Toronto Public Health (TPH) has already issued two notices to parents of Grade 2, 3 and 4 students, requesting updated immunization information. Failure to submit the information will result in student suspension.