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P/VP Interview Process-Parent Involvement

- The PCEO has confirmed with Employee Services that changes to the interview process will not impact the training. Therefore those parents/guardians who have been trained do not need to be retrained. However, the Expression of Interest Form must be completed. PCEO will send out the Expression of Interest the week of December 19th. The parent *Training Session* is scheduled for:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

5050 Yonge St – Boardroom

6:00 to 7:30 pm

- The interviews are scheduled for **two** of the proposed three interview dates:
 - Tuesday, February 27, 2018
 - Friday, March 2, 2018
 - Tuesday, March 6, 2018
- Information will be distributed to families/school council this week.

School Council Funds, Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants & Other Grants

- School Councils are *allocated funds by the Board to support their work*. The Board has allocated \$1.25/student with a *minimum of \$300.00 and a maximum of \$1,000* to all councils. The funds can be accessed by contacting the Principal
- The **Ministry allocate \$500.00 each year** support activities that are geared to reaching parents who are not accessing council/school activities. These funds will be arriving in the school by December and can be accessed by contacting the Principal
- **Approved 2018 PRO Grant funds have been uploaded** to school budgets. Councils are encouraged to commence implementing their projects Funds can be accessed by contacting the school



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- *TDSB Business Services has researched a number of **grants that councils** may explore. To access this list of grants school council chairs must request that the school activate the school council TDSB e-mail account. Once the account is activated councils may visit: <https://oursite.tdsb.on.ca/org/DOM/pages/Contests,%20Grants,%20Scholarships.aspx> for a list of grants.*
- **Continuing Education provides financial & in-kind support to schools** hosting educational workshops/information sessions for parents of students in Grades 1 to 12. Funding in the amount of \$3.00 per parent participant (based on parent sign-in sheet. Schools/councils may also access door prices/TDSB promotional items. For further information contact:

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

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

NOTE: IPRC meetings, Parent-Teacher Interviews, and curriculum nights are not eligible for this funding.

School Council & CAC E-mail to Gmail Process

- PCEO is piloting a staffing share with IT to try and address the technical staffing supports for CACs and school councils having challenges with e-mail accounts and Academic Workspace
- 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 for 2018



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Permit Fee Waiver for School Council Events

- At its September 2017 meeting, PIAC inquired as to the feasibility of the Board to waive permit fees for council events/meetings (e.g. event planning, executive or committee meetings etc.) that are beyond 6 pm and the availability of the Principal.
- This was explored with the Executive, who has requested a few case examples for review.
- PIAC members are asked to share any examples (name of school, scenario) with Latha.

Enhancing Equity Task Force-Family Engagement Follow-Up

- There are a number of Family engagement recommendations outlined in the draft report. One which focuses on the need for the Board to draft standards of family engagement in the future.

Parental leave rules set to undergo major shift as provinces adjust to EI changes

- Ontario is adjusting its parental leave policy to align with the new federal employment insurance regulations. Currently in the province, parental leave is 35 weeks, if the employee also takes pregnancy leave, and 37 weeks otherwise. As of Dec. 3, 2017, parental leave will rise to 61 weeks, if the employee takes pregnancy leave and up to 63 weeks otherwise. The pregnancy leave of up to 17 weeks of unpaid time off work will remain unchanged. For more information visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/your-guide-employment-standards-act/pregnancy-and-parental-leave>

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Consultation Opportunities

- TDSB is seeking input from CACs, family and community on the the TDSB's Draft Early Learning and Care Policy and the draft Equity Policy. For further details, visit: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>



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Severe Weather

- From time to time it is necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs due to severe weather. For information on TDSB policies/procedures and practices and visit: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Severe-Weather>

20th Anniversary of the Toronto District School Board

- Celebrates TDSBs 20th Anniversary on Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the TDSBs Museum and Archives

Ontario's Deteriorating Schools

At its meeting on December 12, 2017 the Board decided "the School Board continue to support the Fix Our Schools Campaign by sharing the Mackenzie report with the Board's community advisory committees. To review the Ontario's deteriorating schools: The fix is not in report commissioned by Campaign for Public Education please visit: http://fixourschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Hugh_MacKenzie_Report_Ontarios_deteriorating_schools.pdf