

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	Annual Parent Conference (2018)
Date	June 18, 2018
Description/Objective	<p>PIAC hosts an annual Parents Make a Difference Conference each year in the fall. The goal of the conference is to promote and support parent engagement in their children’s education.</p> <p>The conference offers workshops, networking, and information from various educational organizations to all parents/guardians with children in the TDSB and community members.</p>
Update	<p>*This meeting took place on Monday June 18, 2018 from 6:30pm-8:00 at 5050 Yonge Street, Foyer, Conference calling was available and members of the group attended in person and on the phone.</p> <p><u>Venue</u></p> <p>Tours were taken for consideration for the conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *York Mills C.I. *John Polyani C.I. *Georges Vanier C.I. *York Memorial <p>Factors that made the locations a challenge were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *No elevators or not enough classrooms on the main floor of the high school to support the number of workshops that are to be held. *Availability of the school without it interfering to greatly in existing TDSB programmes on a Saturday. <p>We are looking to secure a permit for Earl Haig for the time being and are awaiting on a response from the Toronto Congress Centre to see if this convention facility could work within the budget for the conference.</p> <p>When looking at Earl Haig we are requesting rooms that are closer together, we are also requesting additional spaces that have never been used for the conference.</p> <p><u>Workshops</u></p> <p>*We are aiming to have a complete list of workshops that will be offered before the end of the summer.</p> <p><u>Theme</u></p> <p>The theme for the PIAC Fall 2018 Conference will be “Ready! Set! Engage!”</p>
Motion(s)	None
Question(s)	<p>What workshops would you like to see at the conference?</p> <p>Are there any particular keynote speakers the group should look into?</p>

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Next Steps and Action items	<p>*Confirm the venue for the conference.</p> <p>*Confirm workshops that will be presented at the conference.</p> <p>*Gather a group of volunteers that will be ready to support the pre conference efforts in September.</p>
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