

PIAC Fall Conference Planning Working Group REPORT

Working Group	Annual Parent Conference (2018)
Date	July 16, 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>*A meeting for this working group took place on July 16, 2018 from 3:00pm-5:00pm North York Central Library, Third Floor, Room 3A</p> <p>In attendance: Nazerah Shaikh (W13 Rep) Sharon Beason sharonbeason@hotmail.com Christopher Levien christopher.levien@gmail.com Payal Khazanchi payalkhazanchi@gmail.com Seema Mitchell seemamitchell@gmail.com Heather Vickers Zena Shereck (W5 Rep) zs.piac@gmail.com</p> <p>*Workshop Format **Moving to a more dynamic format for the conference with workshops with a focus on school councils, school community engagement and PIAC work and consultations in the morning and parenting engagement workshops with a focus on parent engagement in the area of student learning, support and wellbeing in the afternoon.</p> <p>*Have a School Community Engagement Lounge **Available throughout the whole day for parents to drop in and network, reach out, and foster sharing “wins” and challenges that they are experiencing in any aspect of school community engagement. This lounge will have PIAC members and WG committee members within the lounge throughout the day to connect with parents. This will also be a space for parents to “chill” when they they need a non workshop space to be. It was also suggested that this lounge would be lightly catered throughout the day based on available resources. Commination through various forms in this lounge to include a Maker Mosaic and Sticky Notes. Also a great place to have an additional location for PIAC outreach materials.</p> <p>*Worksop topics included: -School Council-Bylaws/Reg 612/Elections -Funding (PROG/PSAB/permits/cont’ed/fun fairs) -Technology (websites/social media/etc.) -PIAC consultations -SSON/Leadership/Relationship w/P,Trustee,SO</p>

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	<p>-Permits/Use of schools -General Q and A (HS/ES) round table -SIP -Parent Engagement-Special Educations -IEP process (include resources within the TDSB) -IPRC process (include exceptionalities and giftedness) -Mental Health and Wellbeing --Navigating a mental health crisis—panel (similar to the workshop at the April 2018 conference) --Social Media how it affects mental health and wellbeing with Cyber Bullying included --Finding Calm with Less Stress Parenting -Indigenous learning in the TDSB -Math (What About Math, or what the current focus is in math curriculum) -Literacy, supporting early literacy -French programmes in the TDSB/FSLAC -Technology in the classroom k-12, software,hardware, online sources (ie. Google Classroom, Youtube), BYOD policies -Secondary Planning/MyBlueprint/HS 101 -Equity/Multi Year Strategic Plan -Dads</p> <p>Keynote speakers are still to be determined but five were put forward we are keeping a mindful watch on the budgeted amount that we have for speakers.</p> <p>Speakers put forward so far are:</p> <p>-Valerie Tih (guest speaker or a workshop leader) -Boxer Chuck "Spider" Jones -A speaker from the Aboriginal community -Olympic rower Marnie McBean -Michael Lutrell "Pinball" Clemons</p> <p>Vendors *We are gathering up vendors and confirming if they are currently vendors of the Board and requesting they bevetted if they are not already vendors of the Board. *We will also be looking at the floor plan of the space we have permitted to see the most effective location for the Marketplace.</p> <p>Conference Poster *We are keeping it simple with fewer words and simple images. *We are making sure to broadcast new items for this year's conference such as the School Community Engagement Lounge, and the workshop conference format.</p>
Motion(s)	None at this time
Question(s)	What workshops would you like to see at the conference?

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	Are there any particular keynote speakers the group should look into?
Next Steps and Action items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Confirm catering, workshop presenters and keynote speaker *Finalize the registration form *Outline volunteer tasks and call out for volunteers for the conference as well as pre and post conference tasks
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