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PCEO UPDATES

PROG 2018-2019

- All schools/school councils have received information on the 2018-2019 PROG application process
- Applications for 2018-19 PRO Grants are now being accepted on-line by the Ministry of Education. Deadline to apply is June 5, 2018 at 11:59 PM EST.
- Under the Ministry's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants for School Councils program, school councils are eligible to receive up to \$1000 to support projects that help identify and remove barriers that may prevent some parents from fully participating in their children's learning.
- For information on the application process, please visit Parents Reaching Out Grants at: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.HTML>

2017/18 PRO Grant recipients please note:

- Schools that received PRO Grant funding for the 2017-2018 school year must ensure that the following steps are completed:
- Spend all PROG funds by June 30, 2018
- Charge all PROG 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 receipts at the school according to the Board policy (as government funded initiatives are subject to audit, these records must be retained for seven (7) years)
- Complete the final report on-line at <http://education.factorial.ca> by August 31, 2018.



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

Occasional Child Care Attendants

Occasional child care is a service provided by TDSB schools to facilitate parent engagement and attendance at meetings. It is an informal, unlicensed arrangement for the care and supervision, on a non-recurring basis of children whose parents/guardians or families are receiving and/or participating in TDSB Board/school activities.

Childcare Attendants

- Childcare Attendants are Casual-School Support staff who offer occasional child care services **on school sites** while parents/guardians and families are attending school related events and activities (e.g. parent-teacher interviews, School Councils etc.).
- Schools/councils are required to use Child Care Attendants for parent/family events
- PCEO is presently working with Employee services to explore, training for attendants and automated access.

PIAC FOLLOW UP ITEMS

PIAC Annual Planning Session

The planning session will be held on:

DATE: Saturday, May 12, 2018

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Novotel Hotel (Stagedoor Ground floor of the hotel) 3 Park Home Ave. North York



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Permit Fee Waiver for School Council Events Update

- The Community Use of School Space Policy is being reviewed. PIAC, council members and parent/guardians may provide feedback at <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>

School Council & CAC E-mail to Gmail Process Update

- School councils with TDSB e-mail challenges may contact John.manalo@tdsb.on.ca
- Gmail will be rolled for the beginning of the next school year 2018-2019 (Sept/Oct)
- For the 2017-2018 school year, Council accounts will continue as a shared mailbox
- Passwords have been extended to one year
- Password management (ability to change own password) will be explored for council supports for 2018

TDSB Fundraising Policy

- The fundraising policy is presently at stage 2 in the Board's policy review process. It was scheduled for the April 2018, Governance and Policy Committee meeting however, it may be delivered in fall of 2018.
- PIAC will be kept updated on the process and will be consulted.

INFORMATION SHARING

School Year Calendar, 2018-19

- At its meeting on 2018 03 21 the Board decided that the school year calendar for 2018-19 for elementary, secondary and year round alternative schools be approved.

School Bus Pilot Project: Cameras on Buses Status Update



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At its meeting on 2018 03 21 the Board decided:

- (a) That the Toronto Student Transportation Group develop key performance indicators related to the use of cameras both in and outside of buses;
- (b) That a report be presented in November 2018, with supporting data on the effectiveness of the cameras on buses and a recommendation as to whether the use of cameras should be expanded.

French Review

- As part of the Director's Response to the Enhanced Equity Task Force Report, a review of all French Programs will begin in Spring 2018. In collaboration with the TDSB Research Department, this review will focus on the current status of all French Programs, including the structure, content of the teaching and learning, and policies and procedures related to French
- Consultation meetings will be held throughout the month of May. For details visit: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Public-Consultations/French-Review>

School Council Funds & 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
- *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:*



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<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:

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

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