

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	School Council Appreciation & Information Event
Date	October 6, 2016
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 involvement and 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. The workshops cover elementary, secondary, and school council subjects that are of interest to parents.</p> <p>Childminding, transportation, and translation services are offered.</p> <p>More information is available by contacting info@torontopiac.com</p> <p>Date: Saturday, November 19, 2016 Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Location: Earl Haig Secondary School 100 Princess Avenue Map</p>
Update	<p>Working group met on the following dates: July 3, September 8, and October 6.</p> <p>Theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and Parents Partnering for Student Achievement <p>Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per PIAC planning session in June 2018, more school council workshops will be offered this year. • Looking for PIAC members to facilitate in a couple of school council workshops (Fundraising and Working with principals). • List of planned workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What About Math? ○ Secondary & Post-Secondary Pathways and Transitions ○ My Blueprint ○ French Programs in the TDSB ○ Specialized Programs in the TDSB

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Financial Literacy ○ Science, Technology, Engineering, And Math (STEM) ○ Special Education - The Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Individual Placement Review Committee (IPRC) Process ○ Supporting Literacy at Home With Your Early Learner ○ (Kindergarten to Grade 3) ○ School Councils 101 ○ Engaging Parents in School Councils ○ School Councils - A Discussion Of Problems and Solutions ○ (This Year Will Include One Session Focused On High Schools) ○ School Councils – Communications 101 ○ School Councils - Fundraising ○ School Councils – Working With Your Principal ○ Community Use of Schools ○ Schoolyard Greening Projects/Outdoor Classrooms ○ Homework Help – Online Math Tutoring <p>Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Networking session will be run again this year during the lunchtime session. ● Suggested keynote speaker: Jennifer Kolari (to be confirmed) ● TDSB chair, Director, and Minister of Education have been invited to participate in opening remarks. <p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$20,000 approved at the September PIAC general meeting <p>Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To go live week of October 10-15 at www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference ● Closing date TBD, but should be noted on registration page ● Childminding, transportation, and translation services available by online registration only.

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	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flyers and letter to principals have been sent to all TDSB schools• TDSB communication plan was presented to the working group and included notices to trustees and staff, Directline, website, and social media.• PIAC communications will include Facebook pages (PIAC and TDSB School Councils), PIAC website, newsflash, Twitter, and an email to all PIAC reps asking them to forward flyer and information via any channels they use within their wards (e.g. ward forums, SAC meetings, newsletters, etc.). <p>Catering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working group decided to use the same caterers as last year (no other quotes were provided).• TDSB Food Services will cater the adult breakfast and lunch.• Food for Tots will cater childminding breakfast. Pizza will be ordered for the children’s lunch. <p>Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rania will coordinate student volunteers, with assistance from Heather. All student volunteers must be registered with Rania to receive student hours. An email with instructions and schedule has already gone out to students who have already contacted Rania.• All PIAC reps are asked to attend the event, participate in the networking session, and volunteer to help out during the event with registration, workshop note taking, etc. Volunteer sign-up sheet will be handed out at the regular October PIAC meeting. <p>Childminding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dagmar has confirmed that she is available to coordinate the childminding again this year. Quote for services has been sent to PCEO office.• PCEO will hire childminders based on registration numbers. <p>Vendors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All vendors will be vetted by the PCEO office.• More discussion at next meeting.

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	<p>Information to put into bags</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We already have enough bags and pens for this year’s event. • Working group will decide bag contents at next meeting. <p>Feedback form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working group members are working on updating last year’s form and creating an online version. <p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bussing will be provided again this year, although committee noted that number of actual users is low (many who register do not show up). Group will track numbers this year (if possible) and try to find a better way to balance costs vs. accessibility next year. <p>Working group files</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All meeting files (agendas, meeting notes, reports, flyer, etc.) can be found in a Google folder at http://bit.ly/2cElFwf
Motion(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
Question(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
Next Steps and Action items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget needs to be finalized • Keynote speaker needs to be confirmed • PIAC volunteer sign-up

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