

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	PIAC Annual Parent Conference 2017
Date	November 21, 2017
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 and community members. This year, we will be co-hosting this event with Middle Childhood Matters Coalition Toronto (MCMCT).</p> <p>The various workshops will cover elementary school topics, secondary school topics, school councils, as well as topics on special education, mental health, aboriginal learning, French, and Equity.</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 25, 2017 Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Location: Earl Haig Secondary School 100 Princess Avenue</p> <p>Map</p>
Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parent Conference headline title: “Nurturing Family Engagement”. • Conference schedule is as follows, reconvening in the cafeteria for closing remarks by Michelle Monroe on what Family Engagement means and looks like: <p>8 am – Registration/Refreshments/Market Place 9 am – Opening Remarks 9:30 am – Keynote Speaker (Dr. Stuart Shanker) 10:30 am – Workshop #1 11:40 am – Workshop #2 12:45 pm – Lunch and Market Place 1:45 pm – Workshop #3 3:00 pm – Closing Remarks (Michelle Monroe-PCEO, & PIAC members)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic Save-the-Date messages sent September 21st. • Flyers and invites stuffed on Friday October 13th and sent off by Monday October 16th. • Online registration opened October 20th.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration completely filled to capacity on November 7th. • Will be welcoming 600 attendees and just under 300 children. • Keynote Dr. Stuart Shanker to speak on Self-Regulation. • Dagmar Grasser is booked as Childminding Coordinator. • Buses Booked. MCMCT will staff a Bus Marshal on 5 of the bus 6 bus routes (short volunteers for the Route #1 and #2 area). • Boxed lunches have been chosen for attendees from Food for Tots – veg and non-veg option. Coffee/tea will be provided during the morning by Board Nutrition Services with a Continental style breakfast. Food for Tots Continental breakfast and Pizza Pizza lunch for the children. • MCMCT was approved for a \$3000 funding increase to add to the Conference. • Given the size of our attendance, alternate eating areas will be created. 400 max. capacity in the Cafeteria. The boxed lunches will give attendees freedom to move around with their lunch. • 30 workshops have been developed and offered. • Vendor tables are fully booked. Some creating revenue for PIAC according to new table fees for profit-gaining groups. • November 1st deadline for swag bag material. • Swag bags stuffed on Nov.13 by working group/MCMCT at Peckham Place. • Conference Evaluation Forms created and placed in swag bags • Decided against the purchase of volunteer t-shirts due to budget constraints.
Motion(s)	None at this time
Question(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would PIAC members like to get involved this year? We will be using volunteers in the following positions during the Event: Student Volunteer Coordinator, Friday Night Set-up, Registration, Greeters/Guest Information, Guest assistants, PIAC Table, Student Childminding Help, Runners for Facilitators, Photographers, Tear-down/Clean-up. • Some of the above mentioned tasks can be completed by student volunteers. If you have a teen who would like to help out while earning volunteer hours, contact Conference Leads or CoChairs. • Greatly in need of a Student Volunteer Coordinator • We ask that all PIAC members make the time to attend (even if briefly) to connect with parents at the PIAC table.

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Next Steps and Action items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create VOLUNTEER lanyards/tags for the event. • Registration site will continue to be monitored for questions/comments. Strongly encouraging interested participants to sign-up for the wait-list. Those on list will be contacted first for the Parents as Partners conference in April. • Michelle Monroe will assist with rental of tables/Chairs, mics/sound system, projector/laptops.
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