

PIAC Fall Conference Planning Working Group REPORT

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| Working Group | Annual Parent Conference (2018) |
| Date | November 29, 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>*The wrap-up meeting for this working group took place on November 29, 2018, at 5050 Yonge Street in Committee room C</p> <p>In attendance: Nazerah Shaikh Christopher Levien Seema Mitchell Zena Shereck Heather Vickers</p> <p><u>The numbers</u></p> <p>Bussing Took the bus 120</p> <p>Attendance</p> <p>Adults Pre registered 593 Arrived at registration area 303 Walk ins 30 Total counted 333 **We approximate that there were at least 450 adults in total as all workshops were full and all food was consumed. **Attendees had bypassed the registration area because the main doors to the were left unlocked, had the only the doors closer to the auditorium been unlocked and the main doors locked with signage directing attendees to the doors closer to the auditorium we would have had all attendees that were pre-registered sign in.</p> <p>Children in childminding Pre registered 307 Re confirmed online registration 186 Cancelled for various reasons to include; the age of the child, childminding not needed anymore, complete information of child not given at the time of online registration 121 Checked in at registration 63 Walk ins 4</p> |

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| | <p>Budget The final amounts that were spent are all recorded with the exception of childminding and interpreters have been entered. The final budget spend for the conference will be available early in 2019.</p> <p><u>Feedback</u></p> <p>Feedback forms Additional feedback from the forms completed at the conference by attendees. 56 feedback forms were completed and returned at the end of the conference day.</p> <p>Positive feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*great guest speaker*looking for the workshop presentations to be available online*learned a lot and looking forward to next year*enjoyed having the keynote later in the morning*workshop topics were well received*vendors in the marketplace were approachable and provided helpful information*more information on the programmes offering what times the workshops are being offered <p>Areas to improve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*more time for workshops*more time for parents to share ideas and interact with others*more vegetarian food options as well as a breakfast and coffee, as well as a better food distribution system to ensure food is served to more attendees*late arrival because bussing was late <p>Looking forward to future PIAC conferences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*re-evaluate how transportation is provided (are CYWs, principals and superintendants able to support the transportation needs of the families in their community?)* the necessity of bussing and childminding*all food served at lunch to be vegetarian and use a ticket system to receive lunch*have the main doors to the school locked to ensure that attendees enter the school through the doors near the auditorium closest to the registration*have the School Community Engagement Lounge in a more visible and higher traffic area*more PIAC member volunteers <p>Items that were new that worked were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*using the library and the auditorium for workshop spaces |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *having access to the PA system for announcements *having attendees write their names on name tags which allowed registration to move faster *having the keynote speaker later in the morning |
| Motion(s) | None at this time |
| Question(s) | None at this time |
| Next Steps and Action items | None at this time |
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