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PCEO UPDATES

School Council Webinars

The Parent and Community Engagement Office are offering three webinars for school councils regarding understanding the basics of school councils, bylaws and school council effectiveness. The webinars will take place on the dates and times below. All webinars will be available via YouTube. Links are below but do not go live until the date listed.

Thursday, February 28, 2019, 7:00 p.m.: Basics of School Councils <http://youtu.be/7CJ9OK8PwWk>

Whether you are new to School Council, or looking for a refresher course, this webinar will help you. We explore the basics of Regulation 612 (governing school councils), elections, funding and budgets. It's never too late to go back to the beginning.

Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 7:00 p.m.: School Council Bylaws <http://youtu.be/HdKeeFxlzs>

One can't hope to have an effective School Council without a firm foundation. This webinar will take participants through the need-to-know of writing School Council Bylaws. Whether you're looking to update your current document or to write a new one, this workshop will keep you focused on what's important - and how to get there.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m.: School Council Effectiveness <http://youtu.be/LGMxJGulPQk>

School Councils are most successful at engaging their families when they work effectively. This webinar examines how communication, committees and volunteers will connect with your community.

For more information, please contact Michelle Munroe at 416-397-3529 or michelle.munroe@tdsb.on.ca

P/VP Interview Process-Parent Involvement



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Training details:

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Earl Haig Cafeteria

6:00 to 7:30 pm

Interview dates will be held on:

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

African Heritage Month - Parent Information Session February 27, 2019

During the month of February the TDSB recognizes African Heritage Month and this year's theme is *Out of many we are one: Across differences our commonalities uplift our African heritage, culture and people.*

A Parent Information Session on the topic of ***#the talk.....Talking Race & Racism With your Child*** has been organized. The session will be facilitated by Michelle Munroe, Manager, Parent and Community Engagement.

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Scarborough Civic Centre, 140 Borough Drive, Meeting Room 3 & 4

School Council Permit Fee Waiver

- The PCEO is working with the Permit Unit to set-up a process for councils to access permits



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- Information will be shared with schools very soon

School Council Insurance

School Councils who engage in any of the following fundraising activities are required to purchase insurance:

- fun fairs
- Wine and cheese socials
- Home coming class reunions (including functions involving alcohol)
- Santa Clause parades, etc.

The cost of purchase is \$ 151.20. For insurance purchase or policy coverage contact:

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Staff Professional Development

PCEO continues the training for the Essential Training program for new Vice-Principals and Principals. Sessions will be delivered over the school year and explore the following areas:

Principals

- Leading Engagement
- Engaging Families in the School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Supporting the School Council

Vice-Principals

- Understanding Engagement
- Supporting School Council

School Council Chair E-mail Activation

- TDSB has established school council e-mail accounts for school council chairs/co-chairs. This shared account is to be activated by the school even if the council has already established its own external account.



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- The TDSB account enables the council chair to gain access to grant opportunities, access permits, communicate with other school council chairs within the Board receive valuable school council related information and events from the Board and the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC).
- Regulation also requires that the Board post the School council chair contact at the local school level and share the name and contact with the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee.
- School Council e-mail now has a **password manager function and an annual activation period** making accounts easier to access and manage.
- Councils should contact the Principal to get the account activated. For further information or support contact John.manalo@tdsb.on.ca

School Council Funds

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: <https://oursite.tdsb.on.ca/org/DOM/pages/Contests,%20Grants,%20Scholarships.aspx> for a list of grants.

INFORMATION SHARING

Kindergarten Come Learn with Us!



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Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child! You may choose to register in person at your local school or by using our new online registration system.

Children who will be four by December 31, 2019, can start Junior Kindergarten in September 2019.

For registration information visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/KindergartenMonth>

TDSB Policy Consultations

The Board is reviewing the following policies:

- Caring and Safe Schools Policy(P051)
- Student Dress Code Policy (P042) – Policy Review (Phase II),
- Restrictions on Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Use Policy (P0XX)

To provide, comments suggestions and/or feedback please visit the Policy Consultation page at: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>