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PCEO UPDATES

Parent Reaching Out Grant 2019/2020

The Board, at its meeting on November 27, 2019, approved the allocation of the \$133,405.35 to the following areas:

Learning Centre Executive Superintendents will consult with Superintendents of Education, Trustees and the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee Representatives to identify initiatives that fall within the following areas:

- Supporting and enhancing school council capacity
- Enhancing the efficacy of families around mental health and wellbeing, equity or achievement and/or
- Engagement of diverse families and school councils in the School Improvement Process (e.g. workshops/training for families)

Learning Network / Centre & Ward Engagement (\$103,405.35)

2020 Parents as Partners (PAP) Conference (\$30,000)

PAP is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2020 and will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at [The Toronto Congress Centre](#). The day will offer families/guardians the opportunity to participate in day long learning, sharing and networking with families, staff and community partners. The day will feature a keynote address, informative workshops and a vendors' marketplace of local associations and agencies which provide many different kinds of support for children and families.

For further information on Learning Centre and Ward engagement initiatives, please visit: [Parent Reaching Out Grants \(PRO Grants\)](#)



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For information on the Parent as Partners Conference, please visit: parentsaspartners.ca

- The Board also decided that the Chair send a letter to the Minister of Education to express the Board's dismay with the changes to the overall funding amount and disbursement process for the 2019/2020 Parents Reaching Out Grants.

School Council Financial Information Webinar

The Boards Finance Support Unit had developed a school council financial webinar. The webinar can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/Rxe1DP9AGao>

While TDSBs help desk will be closed during the holidays, families may follow up on questions in the New Year.

PIAC Orientation

- The orientation for new and recurring members will be presented online on Tuesday February 25, 2020 6:00 p.m.

School Council Chair(s) Email Collection

- The school council chair contact distribution has been shared with the PIAC co-chairs for distribution to PIAC members. The list will be updated again on February 18, 2020.

P023 Parent and Community Engagement Policy Review

The Board at its June 19 2019 meeting approved the work plan for the review of P023. Staff discussed with co-chairs the following engagement of PIAC in the process:

- Seeking input from the Consultation Working group on the draft focus areas
- Seeking Ward representatives interested in co-hosting an online forum with staff in the New Year



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- Collaborating with Trustees in facilitating ward forums on the policy. Any member interested in co-hosting a forum or approaching their Trustee about a co-facilitation should inform Michelle.munroe@tdsb.on.ca

Parents as Partners (PAP) Conference 2020

- Planning has continued for the conference. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20 2020. Workshop spaces have been reserved for PIAC. Those interested in facilitating a workshop should contact the co-chairs.

School Council Messenger Protocol

The process for creating School council chair accounts in School Messenger is currently being completed, accounts will be available to school council chairs in early January. At the same time a communication that includes the link to school messenger, "how to" support materials and account information will be provided to school council chairs.

School Messenger is a web-based communication tool that will provide the ability for the school council chair(s) to communicate with the parents/guardians of their local school community similar to the way school principals communicate with their communities today.

Interim Expectations for Parent/Family Engagement in the School Improvement Process (SIP)

- The Board has approved interim expectations for engaging families into the SIP. Details of the expectation can be found at: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes/Type/A?Folder=Agenda%2f20190612&Filename=6.5.pdf>



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INFORMATION SHARING

TDSB Appoints First Indigenous Student Trustee

- Clarity M. Smoke has taken her seat as the first ever Toronto District School Board [Indigenous Student Trustee](#). A Grade 9 Anishnaabe student from Monarch Park Collegiate Institute, she has been actively involved in raising awareness of Indigenous history and cultures within post-secondary institutions, political agencies and community organizations.

Policy Consultations

Policy development and reviews are carried out in accordance with the policy review schedule that is approved by the Board of Trustees and is revised on a regular basis. To review the schedule visit:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Review>

Secondary Program Review

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is undertaking a review of secondary schools to ensure all students have equitable access to programs and opportunities, as close to home as possible.

The vision of the Secondary Program Review, which will address both under and over-utilized schools, includes fewer schools with strong programming and increased access to courses that support all pathways. In order to achieve that, the Board will consider potential consolidation and/or relocation of schools, repurposing secondary school buildings to address other system needs, and different models of school organization (e.g. full-year programming). For further details visit:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Secondary-Program-Review>

Continuing Education: Parent and Guardian Courses

Continuing Education can support schools/school councils in delivering parent/guardian/caregiver courses/workshops. For information, please contact Belkis Romero at Belkis.romero@tdsb.on.ca