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### ***PCEO UPDATES***

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#### **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. View the recording at: <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/HdKeeFxlzls>

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](mailto:michelle.munroe@tdsb.on.ca)



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### **P/VP Interview Process-Parent Involvement**

- Training took place on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Interviews were held Tuesday, February 26, 2019 and Tuesday, March 5, 2019
- Eighteen (18) new parents were trained and 15 along with previously trained members were utilized for both training session
- PCEO will meet with Employee Service to review the process and commence 2020 planning.

### **School Council Permit Fee Waiver**

- The PCEO is working with the Permit Unit to set-up a process for councils to access the permit system using the TDSB school council chair e-mail account
- 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



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- 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.
- 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](mailto: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



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- 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***

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#### **TDSB Partnership with Black Youth Helpline**

The TDSB is pleased to be working with the Black Youth Helpline (BYH) to support our students and families. BYH works in partnership with school boards to help youth remain and succeed in their education. Their primary focus is the “Stay-In-School Program,” which serves as a point of contact to build healthy relationships between schools, families and communities.

Please feel free to share the [attached](#) information flyer with the members of your school community. Should you wish to contact the Black Youth Helpline BYH to access their services as a Principal or V-P, or if BYH representatives contact your school, you may be secure in the knowledge that BYH will work hand-in-hand with you to support your students and families.

For more information, please contact Ted Libera, Centrally Assigned Principal, Caring and Safe Schools and Alternative Programs, at [Ted.Libera@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Ted.Libera@tdsb.on.ca) or 416-395-3437.

#### **TDSB Launches Budget Consultations**

As Trustees continue to consider the 2019-2020 budget, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is asking for help from parents/guardians, students, staff and community members. They're being asked to complete the online [2019-20 Budget Community Survey](#), so that this important public input can assist Trustees in developing this year's Operating Budget in alignment with its [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#).



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The survey provides a description of the eight proposed *Strategic Budget Drivers* that will help guide Trustees in their decision-making process. Following each *Strategic Budget Driver*, respondents are asked for their comments regarding the Driver. These drivers will be critical because they will help the Board to ensure that the budget funding decisions support student success.

TDSB Trustees have also begun hosting [Ward Forums](#) across the city to provide their communities with details on the budget process and an opportunity to provide further input. The Board is also presenting those budget details to three of its Advisory Committees.

### Quick Facts

- The deadline to respond to the Budget Survey is Tuesday, April 2.
- A final balanced budget is expected to be approved this June.

### TDSB Policy Consultations

The policy review schedule is now available. Please visit the Policy Consultation page at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>