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PCEO UPDATES

Parent Reaching Out Grant 2019/2020

Executive Superintendents have commenced meetings with Trustees and PIAC representatives to explore project initiatives within the ward Learning Centres or Learning. Learning Centre 1-4 met on January 15th 2020. Learning Centre 2 & 3 will be meeting again on:

Date: Thursday January 23, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m. (refreshments)
6:30 p.m. (meeting start)

Location: 140 Borough Drive, Main Floor
***Committee Room 3 & 4 ***

In the event that you are unable to attend the meeting, you may submit your suggestions, ideas and input by emailing Lisa **Podaras Wong**, Executive Assistant, Learning Centres 2 & 3 at lisa.podaraswong@tdsb.on.ca by Friday, January 24

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 \(PRO Grants\)](#)

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



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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.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/School-Council-Funds>

PIAC Orientation

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

Update on PIAC School Council Recommendations

The Board approved the following PIAC recommendations:

Recommendation #1 (April 2019)

1. PIAC recommends to the Board that school registration forms include a checkbox to allow parents to consent to the sharing of their email with the school's School Council to facilitate communication and increased engagement by the School Councils with the school community. PIAC requests that this be completed to be included in the 2019 Fall Welcome Packages to parents

Status

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

Recommendation #2- Supporting Principals In Strengthening School Council Awareness (May 2019)



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- 2.1 The TDSB distributes PIAC's Quick Guide "Fall Tips for Principals" to principals via their Superintendents at the beginning of each school year beginning 2019/2020. This guide is a convenient fact sheet on how principals can support their school council.
- 2.2 That PIAC's School Council Outreach Plan is used in schools identified as having no school councils. Superintendents can assist their principals in building school councils where they do not exist, by sharing and working through PIAC's School Council Building Quick Guides for principals and parents. PIAC suggests principal outreach occurs at year-end (June) to start identifying potential parents for school council for the following school year. We further recommend Superintendents attend a school council meeting in these schools by January of that school year.
- 2.3 The TDSB be held accountable to this process by providing PIAC & the PCEO with annual follow-up including an updated list of schools without school councils each November to allow for timely support of schools struggling with building their school council.

Status:

- PIAC's Quick Guide "Fall Tips for Principals" was shared with Principals and Superintendents in September 2019 as a tool for supporting and building school councils. Superintendents support Principals and school councils in various ways include attending meetings, when and where feasible.
- The school council chair contact distribution has been shared with the PIAC co-chairs for distribution to PIAC members in November. It will be updated and shared again in February 2020. The list includes schools that may not have an active school council will be updated again on February 18, 2020.

PO23 Policy Review Update

- Research team has completed a research scan to support the development of policy provisions/thematic areas for consultation



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- Policy provision thematic are being developed using the research scan, existing PO23 main themes and recommendations from the Enhancing Equity Task Force
- Work is being done to develop the on-online engagement forum
- Trustees have expressed interest in joint ward based consultation sessions
- Meeting is to be scheduled with the Consultation Working group to review policy provision/thematic areas and other areas for PIAC participation (e.g. ward representatives co-hosting an online forum with staff)

Parents as Partners (PAP) Conference 2020

- Planning has continues for the conference. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24th 2020.

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>

Parent Participation in Vice-Principal Interviews

The Toronto District School Board currently includes a Parent Representative on Vice-Principal Interview panels and is seeking interested parent volunteers to be part of the interview team. The interview team is composed of one superintendent, two principals and one parent representative.

In order to participate in the Spring 2020 Vice-principal interviews process parents are required to:

1. fill out an expression of interest survey- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Spring2020PVP> .
2. Attend a training session scheduled for February 11, 2020, 6-7:30 pm at 5050 Yonge Street.



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3. Be available all day to participate in two of the planned interview dates as listed below:

- Tuesday, February 25, 2020
- Wednesday, February 26, 2020
- Tuesday, March 3, 2020

.The survey closes on January 24, 2020.

INFORMATION SHARING

Toronto Public Health: Outstanding Vaccination Information

Attention Secondary Families:

Toronto Public Health (TPH) is issuing Suspension Orders for students with outstanding vaccination information commencing February 2020. During active suspension schools will receive a fax with the list of students who are actively suspended. The student may return to school immediately once Toronto Public Health receives the requested information.

For more information, please contact the Immunization Information Centre at 416-392-1250 or [**immunization@toronto.ca**](mailto:immunization@toronto.ca)

Toronto Public Health: Immunization Information for Elementary Schools

Toronto Public Health (TPH) began sending letters, in early January, to parents requesting their child's immunization information. Families may update information on at: <https://bit.ly/2TJRRTL> Suspensions will start April 2020.



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Families without a health card, can make an appointment at the [free vaccination clinic](#) Language interpreter services are available by phone line at 416-392-1250.

For questions, please call the immunization line at 416-392-1250 or email immunization@toronto.ca

Accessing the TPH services you may do so by visiting the online Booking and Searches www.tphbookings.ca page

Policy Consultations

Secondary Program Review and Optional Attendance Policy – Virtual Public Consultations: January 30, 2020

The TDSB is undertaking a review of secondary schools to ensure all students have equitable access to programs and opportunities. As part of this review, the Board is also reviewing the Optional Attendance Policy (P013), which allows students to apply to schools other than their designated school by home address. We have held four public meetings on both [Optional Attendance Policy \(P013\)](#) and [Secondary Program Review](#) in November 2019 and you can review this [presentation here](#). On January 30, 2020, we will be hosting two virtual information sessions as our public consultations. The sessions will take place at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. A link to these sessions can be found on our [Secondary Program Review](#) page. For more information, please contact SecondaryReview@tdsb.on.ca

To review the policy review schedule visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Review>

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. Families will continue to have the option of registering their child in-person at school or beginning the registration process via online registration (OLR) at www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten. Regardless of which process caregivers select, they will be required to visit the local school to validate registration information. See the attached outline of materials available to Principals to prepare for Kindergarten Registration. All Kindergarten



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registration materials and advertising will be posted on the Principals' site: <http://tdsbweb/site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=56&menuid=4765&pageid=4160>

Should you require additional information, please contact Anastasia Poulis, Centrally Assigned Principal Early Years @ Anastasia.poulis@tdsb.on.ca

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

For more family resources and information visit:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents>