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PCEO UPDATES

TDSB Shared E-mail Account Update

Due to phishing activity on the Boards network some PIAC, School Council and Community Advisory Committee accounts required a password reset. In addition the “automated forward feature” that enabled TDSB Outlook accounts to be forwarded to personal email addresses had to be turned off. Therefore this feature will no longer be available to all TDSB account users. Over the next few days staff will be notifying users who have been directly impacted.

Whereas in the past, School Councils, CACs and PIAC member’s accounts have been accessible via webmail, all are now encouraged to set up the TDSB account on a personal device. Instructions for setting up account on personal device will be circulated soon.

As requested at the PIAC Executive meeting, instructions for account activating a School Council account can be found at: <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/schoolcouncil>

School Council Zoom & Messenger Update

- All School Councils have been assigned a zoom account for engaging members and parents/caregivers. Many School Councils have commenced activating their zoom accounts, however there still a number of council who have not yet done so. Please note that account can be accessed by contacting the Principal.
- School Messenger was approved for School Council to enhance communication with members and parents/caregivers. The proposed launch date was September 2020, however the Virtual School implementation and rollout has delayed the messenger for school councils. A rollout messenger is being discussed for the New Year.



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School Statement of Need (SSON)

As a reminder Councils are required to update the School Statement of Needs (SSON). Please note that due to our later start this year, although our forms outline November as the deadline, School Councils may take up until **December 4 2020** to update the SSON document.

For SSON supports visit: <http://www.torontopiac.com/school-councils.html>

Program Priorities Funding (PPF) –Parent Reaching Out Grant (PROG)

- The Ministry of Education has informed the Board that it will be receiving funding under the 2020-2021 Priorities and Partnerships Fund for the PRO Grant. The PRO Grant program provides funding to district school boards and school authorities to lead projects with a focus on the identification and removal of barriers that prevent parents and families from participating and engaging fully in their children's learning;
- TDSB was allocated \$131, 563.00 for projects that demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents in students' educational experiences. All funds must be spent and reported to the Ministry by August 21, 2021;
- A proposed allocation document is attached for the Committees consideration and feedback as stipulated by the Ministry.

Parents as Partners (PasP) Conference 2020

PasP was delivered via Zoom on Saturday October 24 and Sunday October 25, 2020 from 10:30 am to 3:45 pm. The two days featured two amazing keynotes, over 40 workshops, and a closing conversation with TDSB Director, Associate Director and Managers responsible for Virtual Schools and Health and Safety.

Conference workshops and presentations can be viewed at: www.parentsaspartners.ca



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School Council Insurance

While purchasing insurance is always optional and dependant on the risk appetite of the school council, please keep in mind that if you are engaging in multiple virtual activities the insurance is recommended. School councils that are not active in fund raising, for example, there only activity is a monthly meeting, insurance is not generally purchased. For further information on insurance visit: <http://tdsbweb.tdsb.on.ca/businessservices/insurance-and-enterprise-risk/school-council-insurance>

2020/2021 School Generated Funds and School Needs Assessment

The annual School Generated Funds Financial Plan and School Needs Assessment is now ready for completion. Your schools submission is due **on or before December 11th, 2020.**

The School Generated Funds Financial Plan is required as funds must be raised for specific purpose(s) and spent according to the purpose(s) communicated to the school community. This document is your planning document that outlines the fundraising initiatives and the intended use of the funds. To begin planning **please click [here](#)**

INFORMATION SHARING

Post-Secondary Information Session for Grade 12 Families

- TDSB Guidance will be hosting a virtual event for grade 12 parents/guardian and students on Tuesday November 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm. To participate click: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/93579224917?pwd=WFFzMDhaamFORFpDOWJCQVBJYXc5dz09#success> Code 130289

Brightspace, Google Classroom and Other Virtual Information for Parent/Caregivers in Virtual Schools

Parents/caregivers are encouraged to [create a "Brightspace for Parents" account](#) which will provide a window into their child's online classroom.



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- Information available includes, Upcoming Work, Recent Grades, Portfolio Items and any items that may be overdue;
- Please note, in order to create a Brightspace for Parents account, the parent/caregiver must have an email address already on file in our Student Information System. If you already receive emails from TDSB and your child's school, you are ready to create an account. If you do not, contact the school to provide an e-mail address.

For information on Google Classroom and other virtual supports visit:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o2qPvYkLNGZoucHB_BmNTKjDWsqlsv7yJXU8jCp3oE/edit

Helpful Links

- Information on Return to School Virtual & In-person <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/>
- Information on supporting your child www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents
- Resources for [mental health and well-being](#), [homework](#), [safety](#), [curriculum](#) and other ways to [get involved](#).