

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	School Council Appreciation Dinner & Information Evening
Date	January 13, 2017
Description/Objective	<p>PIAC hosts an annual School Council Appreciation and Information Evening every year in February. This evening is organized to recognize and show appreciation for the parents and caregivers who support student achievement and parent engagement in our schools and communities.</p> <p>School Council representatives are invited to a dinner and a chance to share ideas, ask questions, and network with other school council members.</p> <p>Registration for the 2017 dinner event went live December 19, 2016 online at: www.tdsb.on.ca/community/howtogetinvolved/schoolcouncils.aspx</p> <p>Registration limited to 2 parents/school council representatives per school.</p> <p>Child minding, translation services, vegetarian meal offered through online registration only.</p> <p>Online registration will close February 17, 2017.</p> <p>More information was available by contacting Heather Vickers at: appreciationevent@torontopiac.com</p> <p>Date: Thursday February 23, 2017 Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Location: Montecassino Banquet Hall 3710 Chesswood Drive Toronto, Ontario M3J 2W4 Map</p>
Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The committee held its first meeting on December 13, 2016, followed by January 12, 2017. ● In attendance during first meeting: Trixie Doyle, Wilmar Kortleever, Jess Hungate, Latha John, Heather Vickers. Heather designated as Working Group Lead. ● Comments and notes from previous years looked at and taken into consideration for this year's event. ● Speakers on invitation list: Minister of Education, Director, Chair of the Board, PIAC Co-chairs. ● Save-the-date messages prepared and sent by email to all Trustees and Principals to share with their School Council Chair(s)/involved parent(s). ● On-line registration is open and completed forms are slowly being submitted. ● Formal information cards/invitations written and printed. Jess, Wilmar, Heather and Latha gathered on Friday January 13 to stuff envelopes (roughly 600 of them). Will be mailed directly to School Councils (bypassing school administration to ensure delivery), all Trustees, Chair Pilkey, Director Malloy and Hon. Minister Hunter. Will be mailed out within the week. ● Themes for the Dinner event were discussed. Will explore ideas

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	surrounding TDSB's newly created Learning Centers and what it all means to schools, councils and parents.
Motion(s)	None
Question(s)	None
Next Steps and Action items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hard copies of invitation in process of being mailed out week of January 16. ● Discover who of our invited guests will be present to speak to the group (and then plan around that). ● Obtain estimates from Montecassino venue site. Plan a site visit ● Review menu items/options and make selections. ● Continue to review last year's attendance registration numbers (and all other data collected) to aid in this year's planning. ● Enlist volunteers to help before and during event. ● Contact Rania Saleh for her help to coordinate volunteers. ● PIAC members wanted! ● Miriam will help this year with registrations. ● Feedback form will be created and given to all participants. ● Event take-away bags to be stuffed later in February. ● Donations of appropriate items for a give-away-draw at the end of the evening are gladly appreciated.
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