PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	2018-2019 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant
Date	April 2018
Description/Objective	 Working group is tasked with gathering ideas for next year's PRO Grant submission and completing the grant application and report back forms.
Update	 On April 9, 2018 the GW members discussed ideas for PRO grant submissions from PIAC.
	 Last year the PRO GW submitted two grant applications for; i) the November PIAC Conference, and ii) Parents as Partners Conference. However, the WG would like to only submit one PRO grant application this year, focused on supporting the funding needs of the November PIAC Conference.
	 This year the November PIAC Conference was a huge success, with a waiting list of over 100 people. The November PIAC Conference is expensive and funding from partners may not be available for next year. Thus, the PRO GW members reasoned that focusing on securing PRO funding for the November PIAC Conference should be the priority of the GW.
	 The PRO GW members also reasoned that in recent years PRO grant applications have become more competitive, and focusing PIAC's support behind one regional PRO grant application may improve the probability that PIAC will receive full funding (\$30,000).
	 As well, the GW members reasoned that focusing on a PRO grant application for the November PIAC Conference would not prevent the Parents as Partners Conference from receiving the funding it needs, because other TDSB committees are planning to submit PRO applications for this purpose.
	 The PRO GW members also discussed that if PIAC submits a PRO grant application for the November PIAC Conference and it is approved, then the Conference WG may wish to plan and budget with consideration to the possibility that approval of PRO funds may be delayed again this year.

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Motion(s)	 The PRO WG motions that PIAC submits one PRO grant
	application this year to request funding for the November 2018 PIAC Conference.
Question(s)	None.
Next Steps and Action items	 The PIAC PRO WG will meet again on Monday May 7, 2018 at 1:30 pm (via conference line) to discuss the first draft of PIAC's PRO submission for 2018/2019.
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