

PIAC Working Group Report

Working Group	School Council Appreciation Dinner & Information Evening
Date	January, 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 a formal Working Group meeting on February 6 followed by a mini meeting on February 15, 2017 (which was also a bag stuffing meeting). • Hard copies of the Dinner's invitation was distributed the week of Jan. 16 and three email notices/reminders have been sent out afterwards to all Council members, PIAC members and Trustees: Jan. 26, Feb. 9 and Feb. 16 • Director Malloy and Chair Pilkey confirmed to be present at the event to speak to parents. No word from Hon. Minister of Education Mitzie Hunter. • Walk through of the Montecassino venue site was completed on Feb. 3 • Menu items/options have been looked at and selections made on Feb. 3 • On-line registration was officially closed as of February 17. At last count, we have just over 220 people registered online. Expecting more as walk-ins. • May continue to briefly explore ideas surrounding TDSB's newly created Learning Centers...May not fit into our overall vision anymore • Plan to conduct open discussions around Fundraising, Community Building and Advisory Roles in schools and what it all means to schools, Councils, and parents at the Event. Q&A time may encompass this (but could really be about anything, thus far...) • MC's Script has been developed by Aretha in consultation with the working group. She and Jess will MC the Evening. • Budget: We are keeping within our limit of \$13,000. Budget Committee will have the full details. My have a little room to cover a few give away gifts to attendees. • As noted in last report, Mirian will continue with Registrations and lead the group to capture all necessary information for future reference and guidance

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher will assist the MC's in relaying information back and forth to the kitchen. May not have enough student runners to assist with similar duties. • Call out for volunteers was made to help with before/during event duties. • We need more High School student volunteers! (Please speak to the Chairs or Heather if you have an interested student) • Feedback form created (as well as many other helpful school council documents) and included in our give-away bag to be given to all participants and filled out
Motion(s)	None
Question(s)	None
Next Steps and Action items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIAC members are continued to be encouraged to attend. Walk-in registration tables would be ready and waiting to see you! • Again, please speak to the Chairs or Heather if you have an interested student who would like to volunteer for this Event • Solidify our plans for Q&A/Open Discussion time • Continue to be prepared if Hon.Minister of Education Hunter decides to attend our Event at the last minute • Donations of appropriate items for a prize draw to be done throughout the evening continue to be gladly appreciated. Mirian will look into give-away donations from TDSB Continuing Education Department • Continue to help registrants online with any questions or concerns that they may have...especially about registration confirmations (seems an email confirmation was not made and sent out to registrants as stated).
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