

PIAC Working Group REPORT

Working Group	PIAC Annual Parent Conference 2017
Date	September 15, 2017
Description/Objective	<p>PIAC hosts an annual Parents Make a Difference Conference each year in the fall. The goal of the conference is to promote and support parent involvement and engagement in their children’s education.</p> <p>The conference offers workshops, networking, and information from various educational organizations to all parents/guardians with children in the TDSB and community members. This year, we will be co-hosting this event with Middle Childhood Matters Coalition Toronto.</p> <p>The various workshops will cover elementary, secondary, school councils, special education, mental health, aboriginal, French, and Equity workshops.</p> <p>Childminding, transportation, and translation services are offered.</p> <p>More information is available by contacting info@torontopiac.com</p> <p>Date: Saturday, November 25, 2017 Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Location: Earl Haig Secondary School 100 Princess Avenue</p> <p>Map</p>
Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On July 11th, Zena Shereck, Heather Vickers, Trixie Doyle and Michelle Monroe met with Middle Childhood Matters Coalition Toronto (MCMCT) Shaden Jebahi and Cindy Himmelstein for the first time. They are an organization who focuses on children 6-12 years of age, raising awareness for the needs of these children in this age range. They have worked with the City of Toronto and with TDSB in the past. They have a grant from Trillium and would like to work with us to spend it (about \$8,000). They will be given roughly 1/3 vendor spots without extra charge (seven based on last year’s numbers) and space to hold seven workshops geared towards parents of children in the education system. ● Working Group, as a whole, also met on July 27th, and August 22nd, 2017 since the last report in June. ● Theme has been selected: Nurturing the Family Engagement Journey/Experience. ● Noted that there were 400 adult participants and 400 children

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	<p>in attendance at last year’s Conference. Childminding covers children between 2 and 12 years of age.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looked at Dr.Steve Constantino, Aric Bostick, Maria Paredes, Michelle Brooks and Stuart Shanker as possible keynote speakers this year. May have Shanker deliver a keynote about self-regulation. ● Busing (and routes) remains the same this year with the addition of Bus Martials to aid with communication between us (PIAC), the bus driver and the parents being picked-up and transported. Roughly 10-15 buses. ● Trixie has completed our EventBrite layout - In testing phase. ● Vendors will be charged a fee this year based upon the level of exposure they wish to have (full day or half the day at a table. Swag or no swag in the bag for all participants). ● Flyers being drafted. ● The Director and the Chair have already been invited.
Motion(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Parent Conference Working Group would like to bring forth a motion that PIAC will allocate \$20,000 for use for the November 2017 Parent Conference, as it has been done in previous years, to maintain and/or enhance our ability to provide an informative and enjoyable day of learning for the many parents who will be joining us from across the Board.
Question(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How would PIAC members like to get involved this year? We ask that all PIAC members make the time to attend (even if briefly), to connect with parents and reflect on PIAC as a whole or to just chat about your particular Ward. Parents do appreciate this.
Next Steps and Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Permit Revisions ● Finalize and approve the Conference Program/schedule with special attention to timing ● Book Keynote Speaker ● Review and finalize posters/printed material for distribution ● Begin promotions/communications after Thanksgiving ● Ensure online registrations are ready to open roughly one month prior to the event. ● Review workshops and ensure facilitators have what they need ● Review quotes for childminding ● Review quotes for catering (collaborate with MCMCT) ● Book buses ● Assign bus martials with MCMCT’s help ● Finalize feedback forms for bag stuffing ● Have translators available to assist with answering these feedback forms. ● Next Working Group Meeting has been scheduled for

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Thursday September 21 at 7pm at 5050 Yonge St.	
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