



**Tuesday January 15, 2019**

***PCEO UPDATES***

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**2018/2019 PRO Grant Reporting:**

- The Ministry announced on December 21, 2018 the approval of the PRO School Council grant. TDSB was funded for a total of \$369,901.00 for 374 schools.
- A reduction of \$ 41,437.00 and 43 schools from 2017/2018.
- PRO Grant School Council budget has been loaded to the school PRO Grant School Council cost centre xxxx0565. The GL is 41500, School Council Supplies.

All schools who receive PRO Grant funding for the 2018/2019 school year are required to:

- Complete project and expend funds by June 30, 2019. After that date, any unused balance of funding will be a debt due and owing to the Ministry and must be returned to the Ministry.
- Spend all PRO Grant funds against CCxxxx0565 GL 41500
- Submit a report of the completed project to <http://education.factorial.ca> no later than July 15, 2019
- Submit a copy of the report to the Director's Office via the Parent and Community Engagement Office at [PCEO@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:PCEO@tdsb.on.ca)
- File all receipts at the school according to Board policy (government funded initiatives are subject to audit, therefore, records must be retained for seven years)

For additional information, please contact [Michelle.Munroe@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Michelle.Munroe@tdsb.on.ca), Central Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement Office (PCEO).



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### **School Council Permit Fee Waiver**

- The PCEO is working with the Permit Unit to set-up a process for councils to access permits
- Information will be shared with schools very soon

### **School Council Insurance**

School Councils who engage in any of the following fundraising activities are required to purchase insurance:

- fun fairs
- Wine and cheese socials
- Home coming class reunions (including functions involving alcohol)
- Santa Clause parades, etc.

The cost of purchase is \$ 151.20. For insurance purchase or policy coverage contact:

### **Christopher Russell**

Account Executive

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### **Staff Professional Development**

PCEO continues the training for the Essential Training program for new Vice-Principals and Principals. Sessions will be delivered over the school year and explore the following areas:

Principals

- Leading Engagement
- Engaging Families in the School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Supporting the School Council

Vice-Principals

- Understanding Engagement
- Supporting School Council

### **P/VP Interview Process-Parent Involvement**



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Training details:

Tuesday, February 12, 2019  
5050 Yonge St – Boardroom  
6:00 to 7:30 pm

Interview dates will be held on **two of the three** planned interview dates below:

Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019  
Tuesday, March 5, 2019

- Any parent/guardian interested in the training should contact [Latha.john@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Latha.john@tdsb.on.ca)

***INFORMATION SHARING***

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**Student Dress Code Policy (P042) – Policy Review (Phase II),**

- Public consultations have commenced and will close on February 28, 2019.
- On-line feedback can be provided at: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations> For more information, please contact Ken Jeffers, Senior Manager, Equitable and Inclusive System Culture, at [kenneth.jeffers@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:kenneth.jeffers@tdsb.on.ca)

**Restrictions on Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Use Policy (P0XX)**

- Public consultations have commenced and will close on January 31, 2019
- On-line feedback can be provided at: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>

**School Council Chair E-mail Activation**



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- TDSB has established school council e-mail accounts for school council chairs/co-chairs. This shared account is to be activated by the school even if the council has already established its own external account.
- The TDSB account enables the council chair to gain access to grant opportunities, access permits, communicate with other school council chairs within the Board receive valuable school council related information and events from the Board and the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC).
- Regulation also requires that the Board post the School council chair contact at the local school level and share the name and contact with the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee.
- School Council e-mail now has a **password manager function and an annual activation period** making accounts easier to access and manage.
- Councils should contact the Principal to get the account activated. For further information or support contact [John.manalo@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:John.manalo@tdsb.on.ca)

### **School Council Funds**

School Councils are *allocated funds by the Board to support their* work. The Board has allocated \$1.25/student with a *minimum of \$300.00 and a maximum of \$1,000* to all councils. The funds can be accessed by contacting the Principal

- The *Ministry allocate \$500.00 each year* support activities that are geared to reaching parents who are not accessing council/school activities. These funds will be arriving in the school by December and can be accessed by contacting the Principal
- TDSB Business Services has researched a number of **grants that councils** may explore. To access this list of grants school council chairs must request that the school activate the school council TDSB e-mail account. Once the account is activated councils may visit: <https://oursite.tdsb.on.ca/org/DOM/pages/Contests,%20Grants,%20Scholarships.aspx> for a list of grants.