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PCEO UPDATES

PIAC Meeting Dates

- Dates will be the third Tuesdays of each month pending significant holidays. Dates can be found at: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Community-Advisory-Committees/Parent-Involvement-Advisory-Committee>

PIAC Orientation

- Orientation for new and recurring members will be held on:
 - i. Tuesday November 5, 2019 6:00 p.m. 5050 Yonge Street, Boardroom
 - ii. Tuesday February 25, 2020 6:00 p.m. 5050 Yonge Street, Cmte. Rm. A

School Council Chair(s) Email Collection

- The collection cycle for school council chair contacts for PIAC distribution to PIAC co-chairs will be as follows:
 - i. November 19, 2019
 - ii. February 18, 2020

P023 Parent and Community Engagement Policy Review

- The Board at its June 19 2019 meeting approved the work plan for the review of P023. Staffs have commenced work. PIAC will be kept informed of the process.

Parents as Partners (PAP) Conference 2020

- Planning has commenced for the conference. An invitation has been extended to the co-chair for PIACs participation. More information will follow.



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Interim Expectations for Parent/Family Engagement in the School Improvement Process (SIP)

- The Board has approved interim expectations for engaging families into the SIP. Details of the expectation can be found at: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes/Type/A?Folder=Agenda%2f20190612&Filename=6.5.pdf>

2018 2019 Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO Grant) Reporting

- The Board has received no information on the 2019/2020 PRO Grant.
- Schools that received PRO Grant funding for the 2018/2019 who have NOT submitted a final report should do so asap by completing the annual report and submitting it to PRO@ontario.ca

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

School Council Updates

Elections

- Regulations 612 require school council elections be held within the first 30 days of September. These elections are for parents who wish to be voting members of the school council ONLY. Executive positions (chair, secretary etc.) are elected from the school council membership. For information visit the schools council page. For school council elections information visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils>

Activation of Council Chair TDSB E-mail Account

- 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 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



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Advisory Committee. In addition, the account enables councils to gain access to grant opportunities, and other school council chair contacts within their Learning Centre. With a new password manager function accounts are now 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

Workshops & Training

- Throughout the school year there will be varied online and face to face training opportunities for school council members. For workshop dates online training webinars visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/Workshops>

INFORMATION SHARING

Transportation Portal

Families can now access information specific to your child's transportation, including route number, stop location, times and bus company contact details. For information and registration visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Kindergarten/Transportation>

Toronto Public Health: Informed Consent by Secondary School Students at School Vaccination Clinics

As a result of a recent change in Toronto Public Health (TPH) policy, as of September 2019-20 students 14 years of age and older will be able to provide consent to receive immunizations at Toronto Public Health clinics hosted in secondary schools. This means that students will be able to access vaccines in a timely manner at a convenient location without parental consent and will improve the health of students at your school. Note that there that there is no legal age of consent in Ontario's Health Care Consent Act and TPH nurses obtain informed consent from each student before vaccinating.

Communications regarding this change will begin with a letter from TPH to be distributed to TDSB parents. During the first two months of the coming school year, we will be working collaboratively



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with TPH to educate staff, students and parents about this change prior to any clinics being scheduled in secondary schools. For further information contact the school.

Update to School Crossing Guard Program for 2019-2020

Beginning in September 2019, the City of Toronto will be assuming full responsibility for the School Crossing Guard Program and has contracted two separate vendors who will provide school crossing guards at 704 locations across the city to help children travel safely to and from schools.

For further details contact ShoolCrossingGuard@toronto.ca

Artsjunktion Update

The TDSB's ARTSJUNKTION program provides schools with access to materials and supplies to enrich art programming, and is an innovative solution for recycling and reusing materials. For further information please contact Mary Moynihan, Program Coordinator, The Arts: Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Media Arts Mary.moynihan@tdsb.on.ca or 416 394 7281