



To: School Council Chairs and Treasurers
CC: All School Principals, Budget Secretaries, Office Assistants
From: Craig Snider, Comptroller of Budget, Revenue and Financial Reporting
Date: April 9, 2010
Re: School Council Support

I would like to at this opportunity to ensure that your School Council is aware of funding available to assist your School Council in performing its important role in the school.

There are three possible sources of funds for the use of School Councils to support their work in schools as follows:

- **Annual Budget Allocation** – each year school councils are provided funds to operate the school council as part of the school budget allocation. This allocation for school councils was first allocated back in 2000 when School Councils were officially established by the Ministry and is based on the number of students at the school. The amount of funding for school councils is \$1.25/student, with a minimum of \$300 to a maximum of \$1,000 per school. These funds are to offset the costs of the school council for such administrative expenses as photocopying and paper supplies. As part of the annual school budget process, Principals are to inform School Councils of their annual allocation.
- **Parent Engagement Funds** – this grant allocation was first established in 2005-06 and is made up of two elements, the first is \$500 per school to assist in enhancing school council communications to parents, so that parents have to the opportunity to have a stronger voice in the education of their children. The second component is a board allocation of \$5,000 plus \$0.17/pupil to support the work of the Board's Parent Involvement Committee.
- **Parent Reaching Out Grant** – this grant was first established in 2008-09 and provides funding up to \$1,000 per school for those school councils **who apply for the funding**. If your school council was successful in applying for this grant the funds have been transferred to your school per the memo issued by Michelle Munro, Central Co-ordinator, Parent and Community Involvement.

In Spring 2008 the Parent and Community Involvement Office and the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) facilitated spring workshops in each quadrant for School Council members, Principals and Vice-Principals on finance and budget issues, such as public and non-public funds, insurance and proposal writing. The link to the web-site with a copy of this material is as follows:

http://www.tdsb.on.ca/_site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=91&menuid=12210&pageid=10779

In addition to this training, a copy of the “Procedures for School Council Funds” has been included in this package for your reference.

Should you require further assistance or require training on any of these materials, please contact a member of our School Support Team for your region:

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