

# School Councils: Funding 101

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# Funding available for school councils



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- ▶ All school councils are allocated some resources to do their work, so fundraising is optional and not a requirement. TDSB allocates the following funds to school councils:
  - Elementary and Secondary schools: \$1.25 per pupil
  - Allocation is set no less than \$300 and no greater than \$1,000 per school
- ▶ All school council funds are held in the school budget under GL 41500
- ▶ Funds are allocated by the council and are to be reported out to the council
- ▶ These funds are uploaded in the school budget in September
- ▶ Funds must be spent by the end of the school year

# TDSB School Council Allocation (cont'd)

Examples of school council related expenses that can be covered by this funding:

- ▶ Photocopying
- ▶ Office supplies
- ▶ Communications
- ▶ Childminding during meetings
- ▶ Refreshments at meetings
- ▶ Bank fees
- ▶ Professional development for council members

To find out your school's allocation:

1. Go to the TDSB website's School Budgets page at [bit.ly/TDSBSchoolBudgets](https://bit.ly/TDSBSchoolBudgets)
2. Select your school from the drop-down box
3. Find the amount under the line item called "School Council"

Please contact your principal to learn how to access these funds.

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# Ministry Parent Engagement Funding

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The Ministry of Education provides each school council a “Parent Engagement Funding Allocation.” This grant amount is \$500.00 per school council to support the work of school councils in their efforts to reach out and further engage parents at school and at home.

- ▶ **You do not need to apply to receive these funds.** Funds are given *to the school* under budget line GL41500 and should be in your school budget by December
- ▶ Funds must be spent by the end of the school year
- ▶ Please contact your principal to find out how your school council can access these funds

# Ministry Parent Engagement Funding (cont'd)

**This funding must be used on initiatives that focus on increasing parent engagement at home or at school.**

## **Funds should not be used for:**

- ▶ Capital projects, school furniture, landscaping, playground equipment
- ▶ Purchase of goods or services for which the Ministry of Education provides funds (textbooks, computer equipment, etc.)
- ▶ Student focused activities (agendas, planners, speakers for students)
- ▶ School anniversaries/reunions
- ▶ Any other non-parent involvement based initiatives.



# Ministry Parent Engagement Funding (cont'd)

## Ideas for using your parent engagement funding

- ▶ Communication tools (newsletter printing, website costs)
- ▶ Family math, literacy, or science nights
- ▶ Parent handbooks
- ▶ Volunteer handbooks
- ▶ Welcome packages for new parents
- ▶ Translating materials (brochures, notices, handbooks, etc.)
- ▶ Supplies to host a multicultural night
- ▶ Parent resource library (books and videos that parents can borrow)
- ▶ Promotional materials (magnets, school council t-shirts, school council name tags, brochures, notepads, etc.)
- ▶ Guest speakers or workshops for parents
- ▶ Food, refreshments, or babysitting for parent events (school council meetings, parent-teacher interviews, parent workshops or special presentations)
- ▶ Parent Engagement social event (less intimidating than formal meetings)
- ▶ Joint event between elementary and secondary school councils to help with transitions
- ▶ Prizes for draw for returned parent surveys/forms
- ▶ Host a breakfast or weekend brunch for parents who can not attend evening meetings
- ▶ Host a parent orientation night, back- to-school BBQ, or open house

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Ministry of Education  
Parents Reaching Out  
(PRO) Grants

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# Other Grants

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- ▶ Schools and school councils can access funds by applying to various grants offered by outside organizations
- ▶ TDSB's Business Development Department has reviewed and approved many grants to support students, schools, and school councils
- ▶ To apply, follow the process outlined in each grant application
- ▶ If your school is interested to apply for a grant and the information is **NOT** on the approved list, please contact **Business Development Coordinator, Michelle Davis @ 416-395-9695** or [michelle.davis@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:michelle.davis@tdsb.on.ca)
- ▶ Grants must be consistent with all TDSB policies and procedures

<http://bit.ly/TDSBapprovedgrants>

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# Fundraising

# Types of Fundraising

- ▶ Sale of products or services
- ▶ Donations (monetary or gifts-in-kind)
  - school
  - external charities
  - central equity fund
- ▶ Grants
- ▶ Sponsorships

Tax receipts can be provided for cash donations to the school via CashOnline.

# Fundraising

**Regulation 612 states that “a school council may engage in fundraising activities.” O. Reg. 612/00, s. 22 (1), provided:**

- ▶ the activities are conducted in accordance with any applicable policies established by the board; and
- ▶ the activities are to raise funds for a purpose approved by the board or authorized by any applicable policies established by the board.

<http://bit.ly/OntReg612>

<http://bit.ly/MinistryFundraisingGuidelines>



# Fundraising (cont'd)

**More information on the policies, procedures, and guidelines on fundraising can be found at:**

**[www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Fundraising](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Fundraising)**

or by contacting the TDSB Fundraising Hotline at 416-397-3510

**For information on specific fundraisers:**

- ▶ Connect to other school councils
  - ▶ Conferences
  - ▶ Ward forums
  - ▶ TDSB School Councils Facebook page

The fundraising policy is currently under review. Watch for consultations with school councils later this school year.

# Questions? Comments?

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