**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Committee Name**: Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee

**Date:** February 6th, 2018

**Time:** 6:30 P.M.

**Present:**  Alan Collier (Community Member), Leslie Domenico (parent), Hilary Inwood (OISE), Sharon McNutt (Parent), Linda Naccarato (Earth Day Canada), Janelle Richards (Green Change), Jessie Sawyers (Community Member), Kristen Schaffer (Student, OISE), Vince Schutt (Environmentum), Stefan Sommer (CUPE 4400) Rachelle Winton-Dean (Community Member) and Manna Wong (Trustee).

**TDSB:** Richard Christie (Sustainability Office), Esther Collier (Teacher), Kristen Evers (Sustainability Office), Serita Lawson (EcoSchools Certification Specialist), Mauro Paluzzi (Principal), Jenn Vetter (Sustainability Office), Ashleigh White (Teacher), Doug Whiteside(Teacher) and Kathryn Winton (Teacher).

**Regrets:** Rebecca Carrier (Teacher), Priyan De Silva (Office Administrator), Paula Gallo (Evergreen), Pamela Gough (Trustee), Sunday Harrison (Green Thumbs Growing Kids), Catherine Leighton (TRCA), Debby Martin (Evergreen), Annie Slater (Vice-Principal).

**Guests:** Shelly Candel (Bee City Canada)

**Recorder:** Kristen Evers (Green Projects Team Leader, Sustainability Office)

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** |
| Call to Order | Meeting called to order.  Welcome and introductions. |  |
| Approval of December 5th Minutes | The December 5th, 2017 meeting minutes were approved. |  |
| Shelly Candel, Bee City Canada School program  Ashleigh White & Doug Whiteside, Teachers at Tredway Woodsworth PS | * Shelley Candel introduced Bee City Canada, a charitable organization modeled after Bee City USA, aimed at inspiring Canadians to take action to protect pollinators * Bee City Canada now offers a School Program. Participating schools must commit to: * Forming a committee * Planting a pollinator garden * Educating * Celebrating * Teachers at Tredway Woodsworth PS, described some of the benefits they’ve experienced through the school’s participation in the Bee City School Program: * Hands-on learning to help students understand the connection between content and their environment * Students learn and apply problem solving model to situations that offer a real-world context * Students feel successful * STEM and Global Competencies connections |  |
| Play Policy Updates | * ESAC hosted a “Lunch and Learn” session at the January 19th OPAL Symposium to gather feedback from attendees on the development of a play policy. * In small groups, attendees commented on the following: * General thoughts on the TDSB creating a policy on play * Questions and concerns regarding a play policy for the TDSB * Features that would be important to include in a policy * Parties that should be included in the conversation * Next steps: * ESAC will prepare a document to share with Trustees, outlining research to support the importance of play and recommendations for a policy * Once document is prepared, ESAC will make a recommendation to the Board that a Play Policy be developed | Anyone interested in helping ESAC Co-Chairs prepare a document in support of a play policy that will later be presented to Trustees can contact [kristen.evers@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:kristen.evers@tdsb.on.ca) |
| New Business | *Joint Labour/Management Environment Committee*   * The Toronto and York Labour Council recently approached the TDSB, expressing an interest in forming a joint labour/management environment committee. * Richard Christie and Chris Chandler (OSSTF) will co-chair the committee * Two subcommittees will be formed, focusing on: * Curriculum, EcoSchools and Waste Management * Energy/Green Buildings * It is recommended that the committee connects with ESAC, and does not work in isolation   *OISE/TDSB EcoSchools Conference*   * The second annual OISE/TDSB EcoSchool Conference was held on January 27th * 220 people attended * Pollinating Partnerships, a year-end Learning Carousel open to all TDSB staff, will be held on June 12   *Ward 20 EcoFair*   * Trustee Manna Wong will be hosting the Ward 20 EcoFair on April 21 at L'amoreux CI |  |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.  Next meeting scheduled for March 6th, Central Technical School, Rm 208 |  |