**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

 **Committee Name**: Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee

 **Date:** November 7th, 2017

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

**Present:**  Alan Collier (Community Member), Leslie Domenico (parent), Barbara Falby (For Our Grand Children), Hilary Inwood (OISE), Pamela Gough (Trustee), Debby Martin (Evergreen), Kristen Schaffer (Student, OISE), Brenda Simon (Earth Day Canada), Bob Spencer (Beach Community Energy Co-operative), Stefan Sommer (CUPE 4400), Linda-Sue Thomas (retired Principal) and Manna Wong (Trustee)

**TDSB:** Rebecca Carriere (Teacher), Richard Christie (Sustainability Office), Esther Collier (Teacher), Kristen Evers (Sustainability Office), Serita Lawson (EcoSchools Certification Specialist), Marion Shanks (Teacher) and Jenn Vetter (Sustainability Office).

**Regrets:** Sharon Beeson (Parent),Sheila Cary-Meagher (Trustee), Paula Gallo (Evergreen), Catherine Leighton (TRCA), Samara Newman (Earth Day Canada), Paul Ramses (Parent), Jessie Sawyers (Community Member), Annie Slater (Vice-Principal).

**Guests:** Vanessa Alsop (ACER), and Alice Casselman (ACER)

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

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ACTION** |
| Call to Order  | Meeting called to order.Welcome and introductions. |  |
| Approval of October 10th Minutes | The October 10th, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.  |  |
| Barbara Falby, For Our Grandchildren | * Barbara Falby, For Our Grand Children, presented the attached letter to the committee, describing For Our Grandchildren’s interest in having more climate change curricula delivered in schools.
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| Presentation: ACER Climate Change Programs  | * Alice Casselman and Vanessa Alsop presented on ACER’s climate change programs: 1. Measuring our Resources, 2. Community Mapping, 3. Community Preparedness
* ACER is a charity founded 50 years ago, focused on tree planting and monitoring through citizen science
* Through their programs, students participate in the planting, monitoring and measurement of trees
* Programs help acquire skills for climate change mitigation and adaptation
* ACER can be contacted via office@acer-acre.ca
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| Play Policy! - Quick Update to Timeline | * ESAC Co-chairs and Brenda Simon (Earth Day Canada) will be delivering a presentation on “play” at the November 23rd Health and Mental Well-being Committee meeting
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| Future Directions for ESAC | * ESAC spent the latter portion of the evening identifying members’ interests in future directions/topics of interest for the committee. Ideas generated include:

*ESAC Meetings** Invite more speakers to ESAC meetings (eg. Indigenous Ed, Ministry Officials)
* Focus on climate change. Keep things flexible and topical.
* Indigenous connections to the land – help us connect
* Schedule an ESAC meeting with the expressed purpose of having each member bring a new guest to grow our ranks and skill set
* Spend more time on tangible/active projects.

*Long-term** Commit to all schools as energy hubs as well as community hubs
* Commit to climate literacy by 2020
* Incorporate green industries into all subjects: eg. math, careers etc.
* Set ambitious goals; climate positive building vs. GHG reduction
* Impact of climate change on mental health
* Work towards making environmental sustainability mandatory for schools as part of Board policy
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| New Business | * The OISE/EcoSchools conference will be occurring on January 27th. Registration will be opening in early December.
* Opportunities for sharing EcoSchools best practices:
* EcoSchools kick-off workshops occur each fall and provide EcoTeams with an opportunity to connect with other schools, plan for the year and learn discover best practices
* New this year, a Google Drive has been set up for each ward to share resources.
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| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.Next meeting scheduled for December 5th, Central Technical School, Rm 208 |  |