

**Ward 3 School Council Night Out**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday March 1, 2018 7:00-8:30 pm**  
**Second Street JMS, Staff Room**

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm after guests signed in and helped themselves to hors d'oeuvres and mocktails. Trustee Pamela Gough gave an acknowledgement of traditional lands and thanked:

- Trevor Burnett, PIAC Rep for Ward 3, for giving his time and services to provide Spiced Hibiscus Mocktails;
- Christy Heath, Ward Rep, for her organization of the event;
- Chef Steven Bauer of LCI and LCI student Dallas Lukacs for providing and plating the hors d'oeuvres.

Principal Stephen McLean gave an introduction to Second Street JMS. Second Street SAC Co-Chair Darlene Wong welcomed everyone to Second Street JMS.

**2. Ward 3 Representative Reports::**

- **Parent Involvement Advisory Committee** - representative Trevor Burnett: registration is opening March 1st for the free Parents as Partners Conference to be held Saturday April 28th 2018 at the Beanfield Centre. Visit [www.parentsaspartners.ca](http://www.parentsaspartners.ca) to register.
- **Special Education Advisory Committee** - SEAC Chair & Ward 3 representative, Richard Carter: for the latest information on SEAC please click [here](#).
- **French as a Second Language Advisory Committee** -representative Melanie Amadasun: At the most recent FSLAC meeting, Executive Superintendent Manon Gardner reported that there would be an environmental scan of all French programming across the system this Spring. No recommendations will go to the Board of Trustees. A status report of all French programs will be shared. Information will be gathered through focus groups including, student, parents, staff and community members. The report will go to Board in June.

Chair's Report. Director John Malloy and Executive Superintendent Manon Gardner will attend the April 10 meeting. Andrew Gowdy from Planning will be asked to attend the May 8 meeting. Student Census results will be released in April.

**3. Superintendents' Reports:**

- Superintendent Sandra Tondat - The Board is going through the process of hiring Vice Principals. Interviews took place last week and successful candidates will receive notification on March 8th. Secondary Vice Principals will be interviewed next week on March 6th. Staffing allocation will take place after March Break. SAC chairs will be contacted regarding staffing models by their principals. Thank you to Lakeshore Collegiate again for the catering of tonight's event.

- Superintendent Tracy Hayhurst -TDSB Excellence Awards are open for nomination. Excellence Awards are for TDSB staff who go above and beyond the call of duty. Nominations are open until March 19th and the application form is on the TDSB website. Summer School applications will be posted soon. Canada's updated gender neutral version of O Canada has received Royal Assent and you will begin to hear it in your schools. March is Greek Heritage Month.

#### 4. Trustee Report:

- Trustee Pamela Gough drew attention to her e-newsletter as the main mode of dissemination of Ward 3 news. Subscribe via the link on Trustee Gough's TDSB website. With the newsletter having just come out, she reviewed highlights very briefly;
- Castlebar Jr. School is currently a satellite of Norseman JMS, and since Norseman's enrollment continues to grow, a Program Area Review Team of the TDSB is looking at a recommendation to reopen Castlebar from kindergarten to Grade 5 to relieve Norseman. Castlebar is recommended to open in 2019 on a phased-in basis to minimize disruptive transitions for students coming into it from other schools.
- Bloorlea Middle School is a Vision Zero school and traffic patterns in the vicinity are being analyzed to improve pedestrian safety for students. Laura Zeglen, school travel planner with Green Communities Canada, has been brought in by the board to work on this project. All schools in the ward are welcome to observe, and Trustee Gough invited interested people to contact her to arrange observations.
- Upcoming ward meetings: March 27 2018: Navigating special education at the TDSB, at Islington JMS, 7 pm; April 25: Road Safety and Vision Zero, at Norseman JMS, 6:30 pm; May 17: Screening of the film Screenagers at John English JMS, 7 pm.

#### 5. School Council Success Stories:

- Patricia Bulley, SAC Chair of Karen Kain School of the Arts: Arts Express TASAM- Patricia spoke of how she worked with the Arts Express owner in 2014 to create a new program to teach mental health management for elementary kids. The result was Tackling Anxiety and Stress through Arts and Mindfulness (TASAM) <https://www.artsexpress.ca/educators/tasam/> which is now being used at a number of schools in the area.
- Darlene Wong, Growing Parent Engagement at Second Street JMS - Darlene spoke of how their SAC has grown in a year from five parents to about 20. This has been accomplished through formalizing the running of SAC by creating bylaws, as well as integrating parents from all programs including French Immersion, Extended French and Intensive Support Programs. Darlene recognized the cultural diversity at Second Street. Building on the events that exist at the school and adding some new events that involve parents and teachers, more and more parents are becoming engaged. Advice: contain expectations and be reasonable about what can be accomplished. Work towards the future- change takes time and won't happen overnight.
- Bryony Lewicki, David Hornell's Golden Sneaker Award - Bryony spoke of the success that David Hornell Jr. School's SAC has had in increasing active transportation to the school through using the Golden Sneaker initiative and the Walk on Wednesday

program. <http://www.saferoutestoschools.org/SR2Simages/GoldenSneaker-Guide-2010.pdf>

**6. Fast Blasts - a chance to share school successes in quick 1 minute blasts:**

- Christy Heath shared how George R Gauld JS has had great success in increasing the number of students walking to school by using the recently established Golden Sneaker Award.
- Julie McMillan from Seventh Street JS SAC shared that they have just reached their 100th blog post on their parent run blog! Also they have had great success with the school's annual Heritage Night. Families from the diverse cultures that make up the school come to the school with dishes that reflect their heritage, and everyone enjoys eating together.
- Jasmine Dooh from LAMP applauded the Ward 3 community for how involved the parents are in the schools and spoke of the programs available at LAMP <http://www.lampchc.org/>.
- Peggy Aitchinson, Principal at Etobicoke School of the Arts spoke to the ESA Community Choir made up of parents, alumni and staff.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with a door prize draw.