

Minutes

Ward 3 Council

Navigating the TDSB: Special Education 101

Tuesday March 27th, 2018 7:00pm

Islington JMS, 44 Cordova Ave.

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Trustee Pamela Gough gave an Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands. Principal Rocco Coluccio welcomed everyone to Islington JMS and gave a brief history of the school, and highlighting the programs run at Islington JMS including Early French Immersion, Platinum EcoSchool, a strong nutrition program and an inclusion model for Special Education. Islington JMS Co-Chairs Alex Song & Surer Osoble spoke about the activities of Islington's school advisory council, highlighting the culture of celebrating diversity of students at Islington JMS.
2. **Ward 3 Community Rep Reports:** Felicia Lau of PIAC, encouraged people to sign up for the Parents as Partners Conference Saturday April 28th 2018.
<http://www.parentsaspartners.ca/>
3. **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Tracy Hayhurst - April 3rd is World Autism Awareness Day. April is a busy month, Latin American Heritage Month & Sikh Heritage Month & Happy Spring! Superintendent Sandra Tondat - April 10th is the OSSD Literacy Test for students in grade 10. April 11th is International Day of Pink, a day of action in support of diversity and to stop discrimination, gender based bullying, homophobia and transphobia.
4. **Trustee's Report:** Trustee Pamela Gough gave a short overview of the most salient events happening in the TDSB, and encouraged everyone to check out her newsletter for more details.
5. **Special Education Advisory Committee Report:** SEAC Chair and Ward 3 Representative, Richard Carter - Richard took a survey to see how many attendees were parents of children with special needs. He reiterated that the Parents as Partners Conference which is jointly run by SEAC and PIAC is coming up on April 28th
<http://www.parentsaspartners.ca/> Richard gave an overview of SEAC and the issues they are dealing with at the moment. <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Community-Advisory-Committees/Special-Education-Advisory-Committee>
6. **Navigating the TDSB: Special Education 101 with Special Education Coordinating Principal Jennifer Newby:** Trustee Gough introduced Central Coordinating Principal Jennifer Newby - Ms. Newby gave a presentation on Special Education and encouraged parents to ask questions during the presentation. Principal Newby introduced and thanked the other members of the Special Education Team who were in attendance: Julian Small from Learning Centre 1 who is note taking, and Executive Superintendent for Special Education, Uton Robinson. Principal Newby provided everyone with the Guide to Special Education for Parents/Guardians. She spoke of IPRC, IEP, IST and Special Education Recommendation Committee process. All the information is available here: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Special-Education>.

7. **Presentation of TDSB 2018-2019 Budget:** Executive Officer Finance, Craig Snider gave a brief presentation of the budget, encouraging questions during the presentation. A copy of the budget was distributed to all in attendance. Craig Snider spoke to the Capital vs Operating Budget, assumptions and risk, enrollment projections and financial forecast and, the staff allocation process. All information of the TDSB budget is available here <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/AboutUs/docs/Presentation-BalancingtheBudget-18-19.pdf> <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/2018-19-Budget>.
8. Door prize was given and the meeting adjourned at 8:55pm. The next Ward 3 Council meeting is on the topic of Vision Zero: Road Safety in School Zones It will be held at 6:30 pm, Wednesday April 25th at Norseman JMS http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/ward3/docs/2018_04_25%20P_%20Gough%20Ward%20Council%20Flyer%20Traffic%20Safety.pdf *Please note the start time of 6:30pm.