

Minutes
Ward 3 Council Meeting
Vision Zero: Traffic Safety in School Zones
Wednesday April 25th, 6:30-8:00
Norseman JMS, 105 Norseman St.

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Trustee Pamela Gough welcomed everyone to the Traffic Safety meeting and gave an Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands. Principal Carolyn Wright welcomed everyone with some information about Norseman JMS. SAC Co-Chair Tabitha Brown highlighted the work of the Norseman JMS School Council.

2. **Ward 3 Ward Rep Reports:** Reports were printed on the back of the agenda :

PIAC - Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (Trevor Burnett, PIAC representative)

- The TDSB's Parents as Partners Conference is taking place Saturday April 28th at the Beanfield Centre (105 Princes' Blvd, Toronto) we look forward to seeing many Ward 3 parents there. Ward 3 PIAC representative Trevor Burnett is giving a workshop called "The Dad Project" on the importance of fathers getting involved with their children's schools.

FSLAC - French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (Melanie Amandasun, FSLAC representative)

- The TDSB is reviewing its French programs, including French Immersion and Extended French. The review will focus on structure, content, and policies and procedures for these programs as viewed through an equity lens. Students, parents and community members are welcome to attend open meetings. For Ward 3, the public consultation will be on May 3 at ECI at 7 pm.

3. **Superintendents' Reports: Tracy Hayhurst** - April is Earth Month, our schools are using resources for Earth Day, from Earth Day Canada. Upcoming week is Children's Mental Health Week May 7-13. **Sandra Tondat** - May is Asian Heritage Month and Jewish Heritage Month. EQAO for grades 3 & 6 will be held May 22 to June 4th.

4. **Trustee's Report:** Trustee Gough gave a short report, bringing everyone up to date on the recent board approval of the local Program Area Review Team's recommendation to reopen Castlebar Junior school in September 2019. This school, situated just south of Norseman, will relieve Norseman's overcapacity problems. Currently Castlebar is being used as a satellite school to Norseman, and houses the grade 4 and 5 students while construction of the school's new addition goes on over the next year. Trustee Gough also mentioned the TDSB's new strategic plan, which is in a consultation phase, and encouraged everyone to contribute their opinions via the online link on the TDSB website.

5. **Keynote - Roger Browne, Manager of Traffic Safety, City of Toronto**

Roger Browne gave a presentation on the City of Toronto Road Safety Plan which is called the Vision Zero plan. Specifically he focused on traffic safety in school zones, including the use of gateway features on the roadway near schools, and the planned use of automated speed enforcement cameras and red light cameras to catch/fine speed limit violators. More information is [here](#). **Kristen Evers, TDSB EcoSchools Green Projects Manager**, followed up with a short presentation on the TDSB EcoSchools' plans for Active, Safe, and Sustainable Transportation (ASST) and its new traffic management plan. More information is [here](#) .

6. **Vision Zero Road Safety in School Zones Panel Discussion:** Trustee Gough facilitated a panel discussion of road safety experts. Each panel member gave a brief introduction to their work on Vision Zero & Traffic Safety:

Sgt Brett Moore, Toronto Police Services Traffic Safety Lead
Jill Cheyne, Toronto Public Health, Injury Prevention and Harm Reduction Lead
Julie Chisholm, Norseman JMS Parent Safety Committee,
Kristen Evers, TDSB EcoSchools Green Projects Manager,
Tracy Hayhurst, Superintendent Learning Network 23,
Roger Browne, Manager Traffic Safety, City of Toronto.

Following introductions the floor was opened to questions. Questions generally focused on what techniques can be used to calm traffic in school zones, how to get more crossing guards in the vicinity of schools, how schools can access TDSB bicycle safety training for students, and how to get speed humps, Watch Your Speed signs and other traffic calming devices put in on roads around schools.

7. Trustee Gough drew the meeting to a close at 8 pm with a thank you to all the guests and a door prize draw.