

Ward 3 Council Meeting
Thursday March 2, 2017, 7:00pm
Second Street JMS

Minutes

1. Acknowledgement of Ancestral Lands, Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Trustee Pamela Gough welcomed everyone and acknowledged that the meeting was happening on the ancestral lands of the indigenous peoples. Christy Heath, Ward 3 representative, introduced the host school representative, Second Street JMS Vice Principal Beverly Tratnik, who welcomed everyone to Second Street JMS and gave a brief introduction to the school.

2. Advisory Council Updates:

Christy Heath informed the attendees on behalf of Parent Involvement Advisory Committee representative Trevor Burnett of the Parents as Partners Conference, April 1, 2017: <http://www.parentsaspartners.ca/> and encouraged all parents to register for this free and very informative parent education event.

Christy Heath introduced Ward 3 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) representative Richard Carter: SEAC is currently working on the special education portion of the upcoming academic year's budget and is refining a motion on improving the effective inclusion of students with special needs in the TDSB (see link below). All are welcome to attend SEAC's meetings. <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/BusinessServices/BudgetsandFinancialStatements/201718Budget.aspx>

3. Superintendents' Reports:

Christy Heath introduced the Superintendents of Ward 3. Superintendent Tracy Hayhurst, who covers schools in Ward 3 north of the Gardiner, reminded everyone that it is Greek Heritage Month. She also informed everyone that the Parent Census will be coming out in April and encouraged everyone to take part in the census.

Superintendent Sandra Tondat, who covers schools in Ward 3 south of the Gardiner, spoke about the system's plans for changing the Home School Program (HSP) at the elementary level. The HSP program, which sees students withdrawn from regular classes for part of the day for special education support in smaller classes, will be remodeled as part of the board's Enhancing Equity initiative. As of September 2017, Grade 1 HSP will be phased out throughout the TDSB in favour of more inclusive models of learning in regular classrooms for Grade 1 students with special needs. These more inclusive teaching strategies are now being explored by staff in some demonstration classrooms. Teachers and principals will be given opportunities to refine their knowledge of inclusive teaching strategies over the months prior to the implementation of the phase-out. Supports to the regular classrooms will be provided and the overall budget for

special education will not be reduced after the phase-out of Grade 1 HSP. Students currently in the HSP program in the grades will continue in the program which will run from Grades 2 to 8. More information will follow.

4. Trustee's Report:

Trustee Pamela Gough reported on a number of education matters currently before the board of trustees, and reminded those present that she provides regular updates to the community through her trustee e-newsletter, which can be subscribed to electronically by clicking on her trustee [website](#). The electronic newsletter is produced every month and past issues are archived on Trustee Gough's [website](#).

5. TDSB 2017\18 Budget

Craig Snider, Comptroller of TDSB, gave a presentation on the 2017/18 Budget.
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/BusinessServices/BudgetsandFinancialStatements/201718Budget.aspx>

A brief question period followed.

6. Long Term Planning for Etobicoke-Lakeshore Schools and Programs

TDSB Manager of Planning, Daniel Castaldo, gave the following presentation:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B8_mBejoZIDhMVc4TndLRDjxLTg

A question and answer period followed the presentation.

Trustee Pamela Gough invited anyone with further questions to contact her and she would secure answers and get back to them.

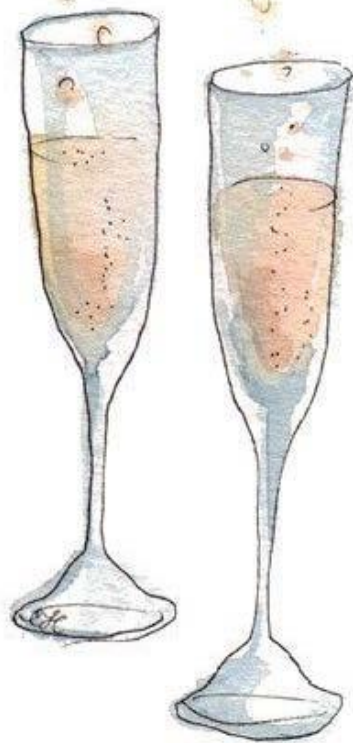
7. Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next Ward 3 Council Meeting will be held Tuesday March 28th, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Islington JMS. This will be a "Parent Council Night Out" social event, a chance for school councils to network informally and share success stories with one another (see poster below).

Trustee Pamela Gough Ward 3 Council

School Council Night Out



Tuesday March 28, 2017
7:00-8:30 pm
Islington JMS
44 Cordova Ave

*An evening to
share, learn & network*

Featuring:

Mocktails & Hors D'oeuvres

Child minding craft party available for children ages 4-10. Please pre-register with Araz Hasserjian araz.hasserjian@tdsb.on.ca