



Toronto District School Board

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Environmental Advisory Committee

Date: Monday, February 22, 2016

Time: 6:00pm

Present: Trustee (Co-Chair) Cary-Meagher; Trustee Gough; Trustee Laskin; Trustee Wong; Paula Gallo (Parent Co-Chair); Rodica Alexander (Parent); Pegah Baratzadeh (UofT, student); Sharon Beeson (Parent); Aaron Curran (Bag2School); Andrew Davies (No.9); Katie Harper (Project Neutral); Sunday Harrison (Green Thumbs Growing Kids); Brenda Heyer (Environmental Defence); William Humber (Seneca College); Hilary Inwood (OISE); Ruth Kenny (Parent); Tricia Lee (Parent); Catherine Leighton (TRCA); Debby Martin (Evergreen); Lisa Milne (Parent); Abasi Sanders (TREC Education); Kristen Schaffer (OISE, student); Nancy Simich (Parent); Stefan Sommer (Toronto Education Workers); Rachel Stewart (TRCA); Chris Trussell (Parent); William VanderBurgh (Parent); Georgia Ydreos (Parent)

Regrets: Barbara Falby (For Our Grandchildren); Karen Goodfellow (Parent); Esther Grossman (Parent); Lahaina Hsiung (Parent); Alessandra Leopardi (Parent); Catherine Mahler (Ministry of Education); Erin Sperling (Parent)

Staff: Richard Christie (Senior Manager Sustainability); Cynthia Chan (Sustainability Office); Jenn Vetter (Sustainability Office); Erin Wood (Sustainability Office)

Recorder: Erin Wood (Sustainability Office)

#	ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ MOTION
1	Welcome and Introductions	All participants were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
2	System Change – Looking back and Thinking Ahead	Presentation by Richard Christie [Presentation PDF – pp.3-50]	
3	Community Advisory Committee Overview	Presentation by Erin Wood [Presentation PDF – pp. 51-56]	
4	Voting in a Community Co-chair	Candidates Rodica Alexander and Paula Gallo spoke regarding their interest in running for the Community Co-Chair Position and committee members voted.	Paula Gallo was voted into the position of Community Co-chair. To learn more about Paula view her Candidate Profile.

5	Potential Focus Areas	<p>Members were given an opportunity to split into groups to discuss environmental issues they would like to see addressed by the EAC.</p> <p>Themes/issues discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active transportation • Planning relationships: enough schools to meet growing city populations • Green buildings: TDSB design standards – does it include green buildings • Waste diversion: composting, textiles • Cleaning supplies: how eco-friendly/safe are they? • Bio-capacity and the carbon footprint; clear definition of sustainability goals; asking for clarification; do we pick solar panels or trees • Teacher educator programs: preparing teachers to work at the TDSB as environmental educators • EcoSchools: water not strongly represented in EcoSchools; better integrated waste audits; more broad uptake in the whole community • Governance of the EAC itself: long-term planning process well informed by staff • School communities: how do you integrate the broader community • Equity: transformative change; what about the schools that are not participating; is it smart to mandate EcoSchools and/or to try to understand why some schools are not certified • EAC and community partners: challenges, but also opportunities; what is needed? Perhaps policy? NGOs want to get involved in schools. Partnerships between teachers and professionals. • Portables: is there an educational opportunity? Water catchment. • School champions – community champions: somehow to focus something more long lasting • Getting things done: tension between staff and the passion of parents to get things done • Water: storm water and how water is used • Better communication online • Fleet review 	
6	Solar Signage	To be discussed at a future meeting.	
7	Adjournment – timing for next meeting	The EAC Co-chairs will create a meeting schedule . Once the schedule is created it will be sent to members and published.	