**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Committee Name:** Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee

**Date:** November 6, 2018

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Jessie Sawyers (Community Co-Chair), Hilary Inwood (OISE); Allison Penner (Reimagine Agriculture), Erin Pan (SustainEd), Andrea Stevens (Parent), Brenda Simon (Earth Day Canada).

**TDSB:** Richard Christie (Sustainability); Esther Collier (Teacher); Priyan DeSilva (Office Administrator); Kristen Evers (Sustainability); Karen Kenn (Teacher); Serita Lawson (Sustainability); Jenn Vetter (Sustainability).

**Regrets:** Lindsay Bunce (Ontario EcoSchools); Sheila Carey-Meagher (Trustee Co-Chair); Paula Gallo (Evergreen); Sunday Harrison (Green Thumbs Growing Kids); Catherine Leighton (TRCA); Peyton Leung (Teacher); Lisa Milne (Parent); Linda Naccarato (Earth Day Canada); Kristen Schaffer (Community Co-Chair); Gigi Shanks (Teacher); Stefan Sommer (CUPE 4440).

**Guests:** Leila Barati (Earth Day Canada); Orlando Gomez (FoodShare).

**Recorder:** Kristen Evers (Sustainability)

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION** |
| Call to Order | 6:36 p.m. |  |
| Approval of Minutes |  |  |
| Play Policy Update – Nov 1st PSSC Meeting | ESAC’s Community Co-Chairs made a verbal presentation to the Board’s Programs and School Services Committee (PSSC) on November 1, stating that ESAC intends to return to the committee in the spring to make a play policy recommendation.  The Co-Chairs received positive feedback from Trustees that were in attendance.  Earth Day Canada hosted the OPAL Symposium on November 2; approximately 150 representatives from the TDSB were in attendance.  Over the next several months, a document that will help to support this recommendation will continue to be developed. |  |
| Agriculture in regards to Climate Change  *Allison Penner* | Allison Penner from Reimagine Agriculture delivered a presentation on the impact of agriculture on climate change.  Agriculture is a large source of global greenhouse gas emissions.  With education, individuals can be better equipped to make decisions about the environmental impact of:   * Animal agriculture * Food waste * Local/organic food   The [3% Project](http://www.3percentproject.com/the-3-project) is an opportunity for Canadian youth to mobilize and take action on issues of environmental sustainability relevant to their school. |  |
| Burnhamthorpe Farming Project  *Orlando Gomez* | Orlando Gomez, Urban Agriculture Manager with FoodShare, presented on the programs being delivered by FoodShare at TDSB sites.  FoodShare formed in 2012. Since that time, they have employed 175 youth, paid out $273,641 in youth wages and grown 100,588 lbs of food harvested from food gardens.  Currently, FoodShare delivers about 25 different programs on access to healthy food in the city.  FoodShare operates food gardens at Heydon Park SS, Eastdale CI, and Thistledown CI.  Through Focus on Youth, FoodShare offers students with an opportunity to acquire paid employment and earn 2 co-op credits.  The TDSB recently approved a new two acre farm at Burnhamthorpe CI, planned to have 200 row beds. The farm will grow storage crops, flowers, berries, grapes, apples, and pears.  The TDSB’s field renovation crew will be breaking ground soon. |  |
| Other Business | **SustainaEd**  Erin Pan provided an update on the work of [SustainEd](https://sustainedgroup.org/).  SustainEd is a sustainability education focused not-for-profit that helps teachers facilitate sustainability projects.  Focused on real-life projects with an emphasis on engineering.  They are currently running a pilot project with Riverdale CI on lighting and will be doing a second pilot with Cummer Valley MS focusing on food.  **EcoSchools/OISE Conference:**  Held on October 13, 2018.  A record number of people attended (approximately 300), with 32 workshops delivered by 18 presenters, focusing on the theme of ecojustice  **Platinum school visits:**  Several Platinum EcoSchools are opening up their doors after school to share best practices, highlight EcoSchools certification "look-fors", and set aside time for questions and discussion.  TDSB staff can register on [Key to Learn](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00197afOPEy7ke9ePZiUfGCzWDlY8igcIDzsnk-wlNrfeQqlfg5LU5phBizSdYfSoS20XhpHWigCbcMQTjUM3aMadWL3T2dU9nzIaSb7PBmnLyR1noLfUWA7Ia-zWixD08sNlfbQwygQwRlxgu6qD4y-_lSnFvfeVqxHc8YeExyTDT6ZZaKo8pCtvUoCyuBPjswr1Z5U5j2JRyqbZZEP0J2Xv7l9IiHeN_azcyvqqgquncsErDq4kjzic-OtVUyFwVytKjEVpuGqcCJ1aPIYt8DlHFf1T-OLzTuFCibvk0Meuymufma0iGyx9_5EL2qA7jVn_tbGjEt3KoUkC4lb39L0VpgYFfOHMT2a46DqQn1jRpQvF4ey7VDOg==&c=yOhCTT_ahtKGk2xz39KOnFKWnkXHot0NsXx-qmsjPOxv4MfMZI4blA==&ch=FmHtOtdI2TNA4GTc8olRnF1xVZ-dtJ1eeFs-ff1uTXC818aL6dmoSQ==)  for any of the following sessions:  Wednesday, December 5, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., West Rouge JPS  Thursday, December 6, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Harbord CI  **Questions?** Contact [Pam.Miller@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Pam.Miller@tdsb.on.ca) |  |
| Next Meeting Date | Tuesday, December 11, 2018 – 6 p.m.  Central Technical School, Room 208 |  |
| Adjournment | 8:11 pm. |  |