**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Committee Name:** Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee

**Date:** December 11, 2018

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

**Present:** Sheila Cary-Meagher (Community Member); Trixie Doyle (Trustee, Ward 14); Andrew Davies (No. 9); Kathleen Grybowski (Parent); Amanda Humphreys (Community Member);, Hilary Inwood (OISE); Lisa Milne (Community Member); Jessie Sawyers (Community Co-Chair); Kristen Schaffer (Community Co-Chair); Steve Shallhorn (Labour Education Centre); Brenda Simon (Earth Day Canada); Stefan Sommer (CUPE 4400); Jennifer Storey (Trustee, Ward 15).

**TDSB:** Richard Christie (Sustainability); Esther Collier (Teacher); Priyan DeSilva (Office Administrator); Kristen Evers (Sustainability); Hongliang Hu (ECE); Serita Lawson (Sustainability) Peyton Leung (Teacher).

**Regrets:** Rebecca Carriere (Teacher); Kelly Crosthwaite (Teacher); Catherine Leighton (TRCA); Linda Naccarato (Earth Day Canada); Gigi Shanks (Teacher); Andrea Stevens (Parent); Christopher Mammoliti (Trustee, Ward 4); Manna Wong (Trustee, Ward 20).

**Guests:** Rick Ciccarelli (Labour Education Centre); Ticia Heibein (Teacher); Adrienne Rigler (Teacher).

**Recorder:** Kristen Evers (Sustainability)

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION** |
| Call to Order | 6:34 pm |  |
| Land Acknowledgment | Jessie Sawyers began meeting with a Land Acknowledgement. |  |
| Approval of Minutes | November 6, 2018 meeting minutes were approved. |  |
| Terms of Reference | ESAC’s Terms of Membership were reviewed.  ESAC’s updated Terms of Reference will be included in the next Board Summary Report. |  |
| Hilary Inwood  *Lead, Environmental & Sustainability Education,*  *OISE* | Hilary Inwood presented on OISE/TDSB collaboration.  OISE and the TDSB formalized a collaborative enterprise in October 2017, centred on environmental and sustainability education.  The collaboration is supported by the TDSB’s Environmental Legacy Fund.  This initiative provides support to TDSB teachers already involved in EcoSchools and aims to attract more teachers to the program in the future by bringing together teachers and teacher candidates.  Outcomes of this collaboration have included:   * Annual TDSB/OISE Conference * Environmental education-focused events * Afterschool talks and workshops * Annual year end celebration (“Pollinating Partnerships”) * Professional development for alumni of Environmental Education Additional Qualification courses * EcoSchools Action Research Professional Learning Community (PLC)   Action research: is a form of systemic, applied research with practical applications; supports evidence-based practice; recognizes teachers’ role in educational research; supports collaboration between teachers; and encourages teachers to be critical and reflective.  OISE/TDSB annual conference will be merging with the Environmental Education and Communication (EECOM) Conference in 2020. |  |
| Adrienne Rigler  *TDSB Teacher/Action Research PLC member*  Ticia Heibein  *TDSB Teacher/Action Research PLC member* | Adrienne Rigler and Ticia Heibein are primary-level TDSB teachers.  Adrienne and Ticia presented on their experiences as members of the OISE/TDSB Action Research PLC and how this work has influenced their teaching.  Adrienne’s action research question: How can I support students’ connections to water issues that result in student participation in collaborative action projects?  Ticia’s action research question: How do I encourage children’s connection to nature? |  |
| Adrienne Rigler  *TDSB Teacher/Action Research PLC member* | Adrienne presented on the experience of growing food in the classroom with a [Good Food Machine](https://foodshare.net/program/goodfoodmachine/) food tower with support provided by FoodShare. |  |
| Other Business | *Play Policy Update*  ESAC Co-Chairs attended the November 2018 PSSC meeting and informed Trustees that they can expect a play policy recommendation from ESAC in spring 2019.  *Climate Change Action*  Esther Collier, TDSB Teacher, presented that climate change action planning be integrated into all levels of the TDSB.  As a next step, Esther will be meeting with staff from the Sustainability Office to discuss further.  *Beach Community Energy Cooperative (BCEC)*  BCEC entering into a second 10 year plan and is looking for partners to assist. Contact Bob Spencer ([robertgspencer2@gmail.com](mailto:robertgspencer2@gmail.com)) for more details.  *PD Opportunity for teachers on inquiry and play*  Jessie Sawyers shared details on a PD opportunity for teachers occurring on February 8, 2019. See flyer for more details. |  |
| Next Meeting Date | February 5, 2019, 5050 Yonge (Committee Room A) |  |
| Adjournment | 8:38 pm. |  |