

PIAC DEC. TRUSTEE CHERNOS LIN UPDATE

Bussing – You may recall that last year in the June budget, it was indicated that bussing would be further cut in year 2 (which would be this June for the 2020-2021 school year). In my last update, I believe I mentioned that staff had recommended that we keep bussing status quo for the 2020-2021 school year due to various factors (LOI more complicated, French applications due now, but roll out of french review implementation still in process...etc) and at our last PIAC meeting this had passed through committee of the whole but was awaiting board approval. At the Nov 28 Board meeting, trustees passed a motion to keep bussing status quo for next year so I am happy to report that there will be no change to bussing for next year. There will be changes to BELL TIMES so that buses can do two routes each morning if possible, reducing costs and environmental impact -- but this is something that may significantly affect families and parents should be aware they may see some changes to their child's start time of their school day.

Our board has also written a number of letters to various groups to assert our position on a number of issues. Some recent ones include...

- 1) PRO GRANT: Our board wrote a letter on Dec 13 to the Minister of Ed asking for original funding level to be restored; and also that the grant allocation model be reinstated for next year.

This letter can be accessed through this link:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1394/Parents-Reaching-Out-Grants-Letter-to-Minister-of-Education>

- 2) E-LEARNING: On Dec 4, our Board wrote to the EDU to raise our concerns about mandatory e-learning. We also indicated that we would be polling our students and communities in the new year and bringing that feedback back to the EDU.

Link can be accessed here:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1384/Concerns-with-Mandatory-E-Learning-Letter-to-Minister-of-Education>

- 3) We also wrote to Health Canada about vaping and e-cigarettes... (can't remember if I updated on that recently?)

Link can be accessed here:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1378/Concerns-About-Vaping---Letter-to-Health-Canada>

A few other updates:

LTPAS: At the Dec Board meeting, trustees passed the LTPAS – Long Term Program and Accommodation Study – basically a ten-year plan for the board – this is updated each year. This

is a pretty large document but one filled with a lot of important information and I encourage you all to go in and look at plans for your ward. Trustees have also asked planning staff to provide trustees with ward sections so that we can disseminate the sections related to our ward in an easily digestible format. Stay tuned!

The LTPAS can be accessed here:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Strategy-Planning/Long-Term-Program-and-Accommodation-Strategy>

Photo Radar – ASE – Automated Speed Enforcement cameras. 2 per ward, they have to go in school zones. 90day grace period where city will issue letters, then tickets will begin to be issued.

Our understanding is the cameras will be mobile and will be moved every 3-6 mos throughout the ward. The city has not sought our input but we are giving it anyways! Staff is touching base with principals seeking hotspot areas as well as trustees for a sense of most crucial spots to advocate for...

New student trustee! Trustees also welcomed our first Indigenous Student Trustee: Clarity M. Smoke at our last Board meeting (Dec 11) – very exciting and we know she will be a terrific addition to our board and community of student trustees!!

I hope everyone has a lovely winter break filled with rest, relaxation and lots of fun!