

Ward 10, Trustee Chris Moise
Virtual Ward Forum: What will a school day look like
Via Webex
Thursday September 3, 2020 7:00-8:30

[Slide Presentation: Ward 10 September 3rd, 2020](#)

- Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Chair, Nigel Lawson
- Nigel gave the Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands
- Virtual meeting guidelines were reviewed and participants were informed that the meeting would be recorded.
- The [agenda](#) was reviewed

- **Trustee Chris Moise** gave some context for the meeting:
 - Thank you for joining
 - TDSBs Senior Team and Trustees have been working hard this summer to prepare for a safe [back to school](#)
 - Our \$22 million [budget for the 2020/21 school year](#) has been approved and we have added 2% from our reserve fund (\$6 million) to purchase PPE, hire additional teachers, custodians and support staff to help keep schools safe
 - Last week the Federal Government announced \$2 billion in funding to help with safe return to school TDSB's share of that will be approx. \$223 million. We were able to use these funds to support our school communities by hiring more support staff and teachers and adding more schools to the high risk neighborhoods who may need additional support
 - Parent/Guardian [Registration](#) came back with an 89% response rate. In Elementary 70% indicated an in person option and 30% of respondents indicated a virtual option. In secondary 78% indicated an in person option and 22% indicated a virtual option.
 - Working closely with [Toronto Public Health](#) and [The Ministry of Education](#)
 - The TDSB is looking to other jurisdictions and here at home for best practices
 - We continue to be nimble and flexible
 - Parents are encouraged to continue to put pressure on the [Provincial Government](#) to adequately fund the school boards.

- **Executive Superintendent, Sandy Spyropoulos:** Registration (see [Slides](#))
 - Introduced Ward 10 Superintendents Mike Gallagher and Mary Linton
 - [Staggered Entry](#) starting on Tuesday September 15th
 - In the case of split grade classes, the Principal will contact you with your start date.

- Questions about staggered lunch and recesses should be addressed directly to the principal
 - Online Registration is now complete: Elementary, 70% in person and 30% virtual. Secondary, 78% in person and 22% Virtual
 - There is opportunity to switch between in class and virtual learning at [set entry points in the school year](#). If a change is required outside of these entry points exceptions can be made on a case by case basis.
- **Steve Shaw, Executive Officer, Facility Services:** Health and Safety (see [slides](#))
 - We are taking guidance from Toronto Public Health and focusing on Physical Distancing, Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette. [Return to School Health and Safety](#)
 - All staff and students [required to wear face coverings](#)
 - Created a [Health and Safety Checklist](#)
 - Each school will have a Wellness Room for students and staff who get ill at school
 - Daily Self Screening at home will be required for staff and students and there will be a brief screening or check in at the school. More information [here](#) there will be staggered start times to limit traffic flow into the schools
 - Only essential visitors will be allowed to enter the school
 - Enhances cleaning Measures. Along with routine daily cleaning there will be enhanced cleaning of high touch areas twice a day. To facilitate this, additional custodial staff are being hired and shifts are being rearranged to get more custodians into the schools during the school day.
- Nigel Lawson posed questions regarding Health and Safety:
 - Fire Alarm Drills?
 - Fire drills and fire alarm testing will be done as required by the Fire Department. Students will exit the building via the set fire routes for these drills.
 - TDSB App for Self Screening?
 - There is one in development
 - It is to assist with self screening. It is in the beta stage and more info will be available next week once testing is complete.
 - The app will be optional
 - Questions will be similar to these: <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/95f0-Survey-Screening-poster-TPH.pdf>
 - App is for home screening only. There is no contact tracing or shared health or personal info
 - Protocol for hydration during class?
 - Students can hydrate using their own water bottle. Water fountains will be closed.
 - Water bottle refill stations are being installed and with new funding this has been escalated.

- **Vicky Branco, Superintendent of Education: Elementary** (See [slides](#))
 - [Elementary class size info and start dates](#)
 - Class sizes in TPH identified [High Risk areas](#) will endeavor to have smaller class sizes
 - Virtual School will be centralized with its own principals and superintendent. Virtual School students will be registered to the Virtual School and not their home /community school.
 - All Virtual School classes will be delivered via [Brightspace](#)

- **Jim Spyropoulos, Executive Superintendent Human Rights & Indigenous Education: Secondary** (see [slides](#))
 - Jim thanked the TDSB staff for all the work they have been doing
 - Secondary students will not have staggered entry. They will all start class on September 15th.
 - Secondary schools will operate on a [Quadmester model](#)

- **Q & A**
 - Many answers can be found [Here](#)
 - [Mental Health and Well-Being information & Supports](#)
 - [Outbreak Protocols](#)
 - The TDSB will work with [Toronto Public Health](#) to mitigate risk and assess outbreaks. [TPH Tips for Parents](#), [TPH Guidance for Schools](#)
 - Synchronous Learning classes will not be recorded. Like any missed class, students must speak with their teacher to catch up on work.
 - Playground playscapes/play equipment will not be open to students during the school day because of [cleaning protocols](#)
 - Assessments? <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/The-Classroom/Progress-Assessment>
 - [Ministry Requirements for Remote Learning](#)

- **Sandy Spyropoulos, Executive Superintendent**
 - Apologies for not answering all questions. Please contact your school principal for school specific questions.

- **Trustee Chris Moise**
 - Thank you to the staff on the call helping upfront and behind the scenes.
 - Thank you to all the participants
 - Please keep checking the website [Toronto District School Board](#) Information is being updated everyday.

- If you have questions for your specific school please contact the principal. They are in the schools now.
- We are all in this together.
- Thank you to everyone, you are appreciated.

- **Nigel Lawson, Ward 10 Chair**
 - Speaking as a parent; Thank you to everyone. All the work is appreciated
 - Thank you to participants
 - The meeting minutes will be distributed with slides and links attached.
 - Please keep checking the [TDSB website](#)

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm