

Ward 10 Forum

Helping Your child Through COVID-19

Thursday March 11, 2021 6-8 p.m.

Via Zoom

Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Ward 10 Chair D. Williams
 - [Land Acknowledgement](#) was given
 - A moment of silence was held to acknowledge the [National Day of Observance for COVID-19](#), March 11 2021
 - Introductions:
 - Superintendents for Ward 10, [Mike Gallagher](#) and [Mary Linton](#)
 - Guest Trustee Jaine Klassen Jeninga, Trustee Townships of Alnwick/Haldimand and Hamilton; Town of Cobourg, Municipality of Port Hope
 - Felicia Seto-Lau, Co-Chair Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)
- We have 3 guest speakers with us tonight to discuss Helping Your Child Through COVID-19
 - **Shameen Sandhu**, Leader for Mental Health and and Professional Support Services TDSB
 - **Adolph Williams**, Manager Social Work and Attendance Services TDSB
 - **Amanda Lamb**, Community Coordinator at [Pine River Institute](#)
- Presentation: [Mental Health and Well-Being During COVID](#) - Adolph Williams and Shameen Sandhu
- Presentation: [Stress, COVID and Parenting for Positive Mental Health](#) - Amanda Lamb
 - **Resources and Links:**
 - [TDSB Mental Health and Well-Being Resources during COVID-19](#)
 - [Search Institute](#)
 - [Everyday Mental Health Classroom Resources](#)
- **Trustee Update:** Ward 10 Trustee Chris Moise:
 - On February 16th all in-school bricks and mortar resumed and it was a smooth transition across the TDSB.
 - Nelson Mandela School which had an outbreak prior to the holidays returned to in-class learning on February 16th as well

- During the lockdown period the congregated sites remained open. In Ward 10 Beverly St. School is a congregated site and they continued to support our most vulnerable students throughout the lockdown.
- Trustees passed a motion last month to request the Ministry of Education to prioritize vaccination for staff who work at congregated sites.
- March Break has been postponed until April 12th -16th.
- [Ward 10 Student Device Update](#)
- [Impact of COVID-19 Update February 23, 2021](#)
- [School Based Staff Allocation 2021-2022*](#)
- **Superintendent Update.** Superintendent [Mike Gallagher](#):
 - Starting off with some good news (which Chris already mentioned), our congregated site at Beverly has remained open. There have been some cases of COVID-19 meaning some cohorts have had to isolate. The school has continued to support these vulnerable students and the [Globe and Mail](#) did an article highlighting the work the staff and school are doing and the fact that our schools can remain safe.
 - Staffing allocations rolling out this month. *See link above.
 - Ward 10 may lose some Vice Principals with funding cuts. Those conversations are ongoing and Trustee Moise will be informed of any decisions.
 - [Chris Moise, Mary Linton](#) and myself joined the [Long Term Planning and Accommodation Strategy](#) meeting a couple of weeks ago. This committee looks at the future needs of schools and issues around enrollment capacity etc. to look for future planning.
 - We had to make a tough decision last week; In person Graduations will not be held this year.
- Superintendent [Mary Linton](#):
 - We continue to update and inform parents and caregivers of the [COVID-19 Safety measures](#) to keep our schools safe. We take our [guidance from Toronto Public Health](#) and follow their recommendations when COVID-19 cases are in our schools.
 - As the nice weather approaches let's work together to think of creative ways to get our students outside.
- **[Parent Involvement Advisory Committee \(PIAC\) Update:](#)**
 - Save the Dates; May 1 & 2 for an Event on the topics of anti-racism, anti-oppression and mental health.
 - [The Parent and Community Engagement Office](#) is holding a Parent Council Town Hall on March 16th at 6:30 p.m..
 - Also check out the [TDSB Conversation Series](#) for upcoming events
- **[French as a Second Language Advisory Committee \(FSLAC\) Update:](#)** Ward 10 Rep Polina Martins

- [FSLAC Decisions](#)
- [TDSB Human Rights Office Annual Report](#)
- Ward 10 Chair D. Williams concluded the meeting with thanks to all for supporting and attending. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.