

Ward 10 Council Meeting
Trustee Chris Moise
Thursday January 24, 2019 6-9pm
Kensington Community School, 401 College Street

Update on 650 Parliament Street & 260 Wellesley, Superintendent John Chasty: 70 families from Rose Ave public school, 16 Students from Jarvis C.I., 17 Students at Winchester JMS affected by most recent incident at 260 Wellesley St. Where a pipe burst causing damage in the electrical room. Rose Ave School is feeding the students. Some families are staying in the Wellesley Community Centre. Winchester School has opened its gym to the families after school for activities. Jarvis CI has opened the showers and laundry to affected students and are providing breakfast and lunch to students who need it.

Students affected by the 650 Parliament fire are still being supported by the schools in many ways, including nutrition programs, dinners to take home, also transportation is being supported as some students are still living in hotels or quite far with family members.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by Ward 10 Trustee Chris Moise.

2. Trustee Update, Trustee Chris Moise: Trustee Moise has been elected Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Sits on all standing committees of the board including, Governance, Finance, Budget, Enrollment, School Services. Trustee Moise also sits on the Black Student Advisory Committee, the Negotiations Committee, Community Use of Schools Committee and, the Toronto Lands Corporation. Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC) is where all the TDSB properties are held. Also and alternate on OPSA, Ontario Public School Board Association. The Trustee has been visiting schools including Horizon Alternative, Essex & Hoffmore. He will be visiting more schools over the next few weeks and will start School Council visits in February.

Information on EPO (Educational Program Other) Grants that have been cut or reduced by the Provincial Government was shared and can be found here: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/2019-20-Budget>

Some grants have been cut, some reduced. The Trustees have recommended that Community Use of Schools budget be supplemented from the existing budget.

Trustee Moise has met with the Minister for Education to speak to the unique needs of the TDSB. Hopefully money that has been deemed TBD will be issued to programs such as Focus on Youth. Based on the current predictions, there may be an 11 million dollar deficit. The Board must provide a balanced budget in June.

A discussion ensued regarding the articles published on possible release of class size caps in primary classes. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-ontario-education-minister-defends-consultations-on-class-sizes/>

The board is requesting consultation on the budget. Parents are encouraged to attend Board meetings where there will be extra sessions regarding the budget. See here for meeting dates: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/boardroom>

3. Introductions: Introductions were made around the room. Attendees representing the TDSB included Trustee Ward 10 Chris Moise, Executive Superintendent Sandy Spyropulos for Learning Centre 4, Michelle Monroe Central Coordinator Parent and Community Engagement, Superintendent John Chasty, Superintendent Mike Gallagher, Maria Yau Research Coordinator. Also present was University-Rosedale MPP Jessica Bell.

4. Elections: Elections for Ward Council Chair and Vice Chair, Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Rep and Alternate and, French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC) Rep were held. Michelle Monroe and D. Williams (outgoing Ward 10 PIAC Rep) spoke to the roll of PIAC Rep and Alternate. All elections were deferred until the next Ward 10 Meeting. Information on all positions can be found here: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Community-Advisory-Committees>

5. School Council 101 - Michelle Monroe, Central Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement: Michelle Monroe asked the parents what they wanted to know about regarding Parent Councils, the answers were; fundraising, parent involvement and school improvement. Ms. Monroe then spoke to the basics of School Councils. They are legislated by the Ministry of Education to advise at the school level. School Council members are elected. Any interested parent or guardian must be able to be on the Council. Council plans its own activities. Fundraising is an activity not a mandate. School Councils need to work with the school on the same goals as the school in regards to the School Improvement Plan. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Equity/School-Improvement-Process>
Questions were asked regarding communication and fundraising and a short discussion ensued. School Council 101 PowerPoint Presentation can be found here: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/Community/docs/SchoolCouncil101.pptx>

6. MPP Jessica Bell- University-Rosedale: <https://jessicabell.ontariondp.ca/> MPP Jessica Bell is concerned about Provincial Government Cuts to Education and the potential for increased class sizes. She will be hosting an Education Town Hall February 11th at 6:30pm, for more information contact Jessica Bell .

7. Parent and Student Census: Maria Yau, Research Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Parent and Students Census and gave a breakdown of some of the findings. The full Census finding can be found here: https://www.tdsb.on.ca/portals/0/research/docs/2017_Census.pdf
Superintendent John Chasty spoke to how the census data will be used and how the TDSB will move forward with this information. The TDSB received a grant to conduct focus groups in over 20 secondary schools with low well being indicators. These groups were made up of randomly selected students. The confidential process data is currently being analysed and will be available in a formal research report.

The TDSB census data has also been compared nationally and internationally. Moving forward the School Improvement Process is key. Student wellbeing is a top priority. Executive Superintendent Sandy Spyropulos made note of the Mental Health and Wellbeing which is a community group <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/elementary-school/supporting-you/mental-health-well-being/mental-health-and-well-being-resources>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.