

TDSB WARD 15 COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Jennifer Story, Trustee, Toronto District School Board, Ward 15 Toronto-Danforth

Tuesday, November 29th, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00pm

William Burgess Elementary School

Attendees: Charlene Dunstan (Leslieville), Nicole Herbert (Riverdale), Jeremy Bender (William Burgess), Jennifer Zurba (Principal, William Burgess), Sophie Neill (Chester), Tatiana Jaunzems (Councillor Fragedakis Office), Matthew Hall (Equinox), Tim Corcoran (Morse), Angela Pyle (Jackman), Rocky Tesa (Pape), Lizzy Nemethy (Queen Alexandra), Lucy Giannotta (Superintendent - LN28), MaryJane McNamara (Superintendent - LN23), Marguerite Campbell (Principal, Morse), Kurt Uriarte (Leslieville), Kate Sanagan (Leslieville & Equinox), Josette Chen (Withdraw) , Kevin Chan (Presenter), Jennifer Story (Trustee Ward 15 Toronto-Danforth). Minute Taker: Tyler Johnson (Shared Service Liaison).

ITEM	TYPE	NOTE
1. Welcome, Introductions and Host School Presentation	AGENDA	<p>Kate Sanagan, Ward Council Chair, welcomed everyone and went around the room for introductions.</p> <p>The Principal of William Burgess welcomed everyone to the school and spoke a bit about their priorities and accomplishments. They are grateful to have a new playground, they have a community garden program which teaches students about nutrition from “garden to plate” and donates the fresh produce to Bethany Baptist for their foodbank.</p>
2. Presentation: Active Transportation & Safer Streets Near Schools	AGENDA	<p>Kevin Chan from the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation gave a presentation on their newest report/guide on Safer Streets Near Schools.</p> <p>Livestreamed and available for viewing on Trustee Jennifer Story’s Facebook Page (facebook.com/enniferstory).</p> <p>You can download the report here: www.saferstreetsnearschools.ca</p> <p>Visit the TDSB’s Active Transportation Page: http://www.tdsb.on.ca/aboutus/innovation/activetransportationcenter.aspx</p>
3. Rep Reports		<p>Parent Involvement Advisory Committee</p> <p>The last PIAC Meeting was very well attended. PIAC is in the process of forming working groups, which are also open to the public.</p>

Funding from the Ministry of Education allows Continuing Education to provide financial and in-kind support to schools for the delivery of hosting educational workshops/information sessions for parents/guardians of students from JK to Grade 12.

Workshops offer parents/guardians the opportunity to learn about and discuss topics that directly support student success.

- Workshops can be held at any time that is convenient for your community
- Workshops may be held in partnership with other schools or community groups.
- There is no limit to the number of workshops that can be offered at each school.
- Participants must be parents/guardians or caregivers of students in grades JK to 12.
- **NOTE: IPRC meetings, Parent-Teacher Interviews, and curriculum nights are not eligible for this funding.**

Funding in the amount of \$3.00 per parent/guardian participant (based on fully completed sign-in sheet) will be sent to school's main cost centre in the special events account via journal entry upon receipt of sign-in sheets.

Dorr prizes will be sent prior to the workshop, provided sufficient notice is given. Please allow 10 business days.

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Every school is allocated a School Council budget of \$1.25 per pupil. Plus \$500 Parent Engagement Grant Funding from the Ministry of Education.

The next PIAC meeting is Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 5050 Yonge Street in the Boardroom.

French-as-a-Second Language Advisory Committee Report

There will continue to be newsletter (Fall, Spring, Summer). You can view the past newsletters and reports at:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/community/howtogetinvolved/communityadvisorycommittees/frenchasasecondlanguageadvisorycommittee.aspx>

TDSB retention rates in grade 12 from extended french is 42% and from early immersion is 47%; dramatically higher than the country

		<p>averages!</p> <p>The next FSLAC meeting is January 10, 2017 at 7:00pm at 5050 Yonge Street in Committee Room A. They are open to the public.</p>
<p>4. Trustee Report</p>	<p>AGENDA</p>	<p>Equity & Racism</p> <p>White Supremacist Posters were put up around various communities across Toronto since the conclusion of the US election. The community in the area created the East End Anti-Racism Collective: https://www.facebook.com/groups/330610790645554/</p> <p>Councillor Janet Davis also responded by creating “East York Everyone Belongs” buttons. I will be printing buttons for each school; for example “McGregor Everyone Belongs”, “Leslieville Everyone Belongs”, etc. More details on their production and delivery to come.</p> <p>At the TDSB, the Director and Chair sent a system-wide email on events happening reinforcing our commitment to equity and inclusion through our Integrated Equity Framework. The email also included various links to resources to help educators have discussions with our students about equity and racism.</p> <p>Safety</p> <p>The Premier recently announced her government’s intention to implement photo radar in school zones.</p> <p>TDSB trustees recently passed a motion requesting the province forward funds raised to the corresponding school board.</p> <p>Childcare</p> <p>The province has announced that it plans to create 100,000 new childcare spaces in Ontario.</p> <p>The Ministry of Education is developing a Renewed Child Care and Early Years Policy Framework to support an integrated system of child care and early years programs focused on quality, affordability, access and responsiveness. Staff from the Ministry of Education are hosting a series of regional sessions across the province to engage child care and early years sector partners, community organizations, and families. The purpose of these consultations is to inform the development of the renewed framework and expansion strategy for child care and the early years.</p>

		<p>Location: Ralph Thornton Centre, 765 Queen St. East</p> <p>Date: December 7, 2016</p> <p>Time: 7:00-9:00 pm (light refreshments will be provided)</p> <p><u>Registration is not required.</u></p> <p>French Immersion</p> <p>December 1 is the deadline for immersion applications!</p> <p>The topic for the next ward council meeting will be french immersion.</p>
4. Superintendent Report	AGENDA	None
5. Other Business	AGENDA	None
6. Adjourn	AGENDA	The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm