

In attendance: Leslie Middaugh - Chair (Bruce), Bart Harvey - Chair (Monarch Park), Denise Martins (Principal – Danforth), Georgia Chatzis (VP - RH McGregor), Mike Gallagher (Superintendent), Jennifer Story (Trustee), Nelia Wong (TDSB Student Trustee), Tim Corcoran (Morse), Nicole Herbert (Riverdale), Laura Gage (Jackman), Katie Fisher (Frankland), Jennifer Huang (Leslieville), Mandy Chen (Marc Garneau), Bill Vatzolas (Westwood), Kyle Duncan (Danforth), Callum Reid (student, Danforth), Anita Filico Danforth), Alisa Metcalfe (Danforth), Sean Ingram (Danforth)

Regrets: Sarah Smith - FSLAC (RH McGregor), Pam Koch (Westwood), Kate Sanagan - PIAC (Leslieville)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Leslie welcomed everyone. The group introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

Katie moved to pass the agenda. Tim seconded.

PART 1 - Presentation by Heather Johnson, Mental Health Lead, TDSB

Heather gave an informative presentation on the **Mental Health Strategy**. The strategy, now in its second year, intends to build resiliency and be proactive in developing mental health for all by interweaving with all aspects of school life. Every school should now have a Mental Health Team that may look different in different schools. Some schools may combine this work with the Caring, Safe & Inclusive committee, or the School Support Team, or whatever format that suits the school community. Every team will develop an Action Plan and incorporate it into the School Improvement Plan (SIP). The strategy includes PD for staff. Year one focus: Foundations of Mental Health. Year two: Anxiety. Next year we will develop supports for staff and do more outreach to parents. Parents are encouraged to ask their School Councils how their school is implementing the team. Mental Health Parent Engagement Committee meeting May 25, at 5050 Yonge.

PART 2 – Regular Business

Minutes from the last meeting were distributed. Tim moved to pass the minutes. Bart seconded. A request for posting of the minutes online was made. Jennifer is still working on the website. It was suggested that she could send minutes out on her email list in the interim.

Host school Introduction: Alison spoke about the Danforth School Council, and shared their brochure for new parents, developed with a PRO grant. Schools would like to share this resource. Denise gave a history of Danforth, a school 92 years old, rich with history. Danforth is a truly inclusive school with many diverse programs in all pathways, including apprenticeship, technical, hospitality, Specialist High Skills Major, MaST, and Special Education.

3. Superintendent's Report

Labour situation. Elementary teachers are in strike position and are restricting non-classroom activities like meetings and report card comments. Principals have plans prepared, and strive to maintain positive relationships. The EQAO office has not distributed assessment materials to schools. In secondary, no decision yet beyond current actions in the province. Grade 9 EQAO math assessment is going forward at this time.

Good News: All schools were represented in the board's Aboriginal Training Day held in April. "Ed Up Hackathon" held at Monarch Pk. was a creative event where student teams worked to solve a tech problem. Monarch students placed second with an app for locating your devices.

Health & Sex Ed. Curriculum: A plan is being created for staff training in the new curriculum.

Long Term Program Accommodation Strategy:

The board has just passed the new 10 year strategy. Parents will be asked to help with the planning process.

4. Trustee's Report

Long-Term Plan: Jennifer will provide a link when it becomes available for the new **Long Term Program Accommodation Strategy**. It is a rolling plan that is updated annually. The TDSB is now able to proceed with Area Reviews, including our ward. Jennifer is not interested in truncating the consultation process, although the province now gives short-cut options to school boards. Mike and Jennifer recognize that our community and parent voice is vital to the process.

Integrity Commissioner; The last board meeting saw trustees pass an important motion to craft the position of Integrity Commissioner. TDSB has engaged the services of the City's former Integrity Commissioner, Janet Lieper, to advise on the structures, policies and procedures necessary to ensure the TDSB is effective in creating this role.

Ministry Governance Review: The panel is currently consulting, both in live events and through an online survey. Parents are encouraged to give input. Go to: <http://consultationsontdsb.ca/consultations-on-tdsb>

City-School Boards Advisory Committee: Jennifer has been elected to the city's **School Boards Advisory Committee**. This group will advise the City in relation to shared concerns around school closures, utilization of school space and grounds, and the value of schools as community assets.

Information: Jennifer distributed information on **Bike Month** (May 25 – June 25). Go to: www.bikemonth.ca/toronto Let your Principal know if you are registering your school.

Also, the TD **Summer Reading Club:** www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca

5. Committee Reports

PIAC update: A revision of PO66 Open Communication policy is underway at the board. This **Whistleblower policy** will provide a mechanism to enable all individuals to voice concerns in a responsible and effective manner when they discover information which they believe, in good faith, shows serious wrongdoing at the TDSB.

Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) PARENT CONFERENCE

"Empowering Parents to Inspire the Next Generation of STEM Professionals"

SATURDAY JUNE 6, 2015

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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<http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/stem-parent-conference-toronto-tickets-16398397047>

FSLAC update: No update at this time.

6. Roundtable Discussion: There was a brief discussion around parent outreach at the secondary level and school Dress Code. Due to lack of time, further discussion was deferred to next month.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Monday, June 9 at Eastdale CI. Guest: Fix Our Schools