

**Ward 20, Trustee Manna Wong
Virtual Ward Forum via Zoom
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

- Trustee Wong gave the [Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands](#)
- Trustee Wong introduced Superintendents Kathleen Garner LC10 and Courtney Lewis LC9.
- Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator Parent and Community Engagement, will join the meeting to give a presentation about the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)

TDSB Updates:

Superintendent Kathleen Garner:

- There is a new [COVID Daily Health Screening Protocol](#) that went into effect on Monday December 7th. One of the main changes is that siblings must now stay home if a student is displaying symptoms.
- TDSB takes the lead from [Toronto Public Health \(TPH\)](#) when it comes to protocols. School-wide testing decisions are also coming from [TPH](#).

Superintendent Courtney Lewis:

- There have been families requesting to move from [Virtual School](#) to [In Person Learning](#) and this is being accommodated by the schools whenever possible.
- The next official date to request a switch between Virtual School and In-Person Learning is [January 29, 2021](#) with the start date of February 16, 2021.

Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Ward 20 Representative, Christopher Levien:

- [Parent Involvement Advisory Committee \(PIAC\) website](#)
- PIAC's [Virtual Conference: Ready, Set, Engage](#), took place November 21 & 22, 2020
- PIAC is working towards more workshops for parents this year. Resources can be found [here](#)
- Parent Reaching Out (PRO) grants are now distributed by the Board. Find information [here](#).
- Vice Principal Selection Interviews will be taking place soon. There is always [parent representation](#) on this committee. If you are interested in [being involved](#) please contact Michelle Munroe at Michelle.Munroe@tdsb.on.ca. The deadline to join the committee is December 14, 2020.
- TDSB has a number of [Consultations](#) coming up. The parent voice is always very important in these consultations.
- At the [November 17 PIAC Meeting](#) a recommendation regarding Virtual School Engagement was made by PIAC to the Board
- [School Statement of Needs](#) (SSON) were submitted in November

Ward 20 PIAC Alternate, Zuojun:

- Please give us any feedback pertaining to Ward 20. We are here to represent you.
- [Ward 20 Facebook Group](#)
- [PIAC Facebook Group](#)
- Contact Zuojun at echohan218@hotmail.com to have your name added to the Ward 20 School Council WhatsApp group.
 - **Peter Holleley, Ward 20 Parent:** Wanted to compliment PIAC Rep Christopher Levien, “best PIAC Rep ever!!!” He is doing a lot of good work for the parents of Ward 20, particularly single parents. Thank you.

Ward 20 Trustee Manna Wong:

- TDSB is conducting it's [Director of Education Search](#). The search has been suspended until the new year due to lockdowns.
- 10 year outlook for [Long Term Program and Accommodation Strategy](#)
 - [David Lewis P.S is getting funding for an 8 classroom expansion](#)
 - [Tam O'Shanter Jr. PS is still undergoing an over-utilization review](#)
- [The Secondary Program Review has been completed](#)
- [The French as a Second Language program review has been completed](#)
 - Early French Immersion at Junior Kindergarten entry point starting September 2022
 - North Bridlewood will get a new French Program to accommodate increased applications
- [The Grade 3 Universal Screening is taking place now](#)
- [The Optional Attendance](#) Deadlines are approaching
 - January 29th for Secondary School
 - February 12th for Elementary School
- Mechanical Ventilation in Ward 20.
 - All schools have been reviewed and systems are working properly with more frequent filter changes and longer hours of mechanical ventilation operation.
 - 7 schools in the Ward will be provided with HEPA filters where there're only partial mechanical ventilation. Opening windows for periods of time remains one of the tools to promote ventilation.
- [International Language Classes](#) are still open for registration

Q & A:

- Q – Could you share more information on asymptomatic testing in schools? Are policies being implemented?
 - A – TDSB takes its direction from TPH. TPH looks at trends and statistics in neighbourhoods to determine need.
- Q - Are teachers receiving training in Brightspace and Google Classroom
 - A – Yes, training and support are provided to staff.

Parent Engagement Presentation: PIAC & Elections

Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator Parent and Community Engagement

- [PIAC Ward Presentation](#)

Workshop: How to Stay Virtually Creative Together

- A facilitated session by Artist [Diana Tso](#)

The forum concluded at 8:37 pm