

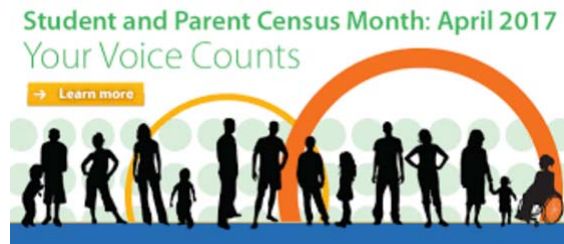


TRUSTEE REPORT, APRIL 2017

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 2017 is Census Month

TDSB will conduct our third *Student and Parent Census*, which will include Grade 4-6 students for the first time, along with Grade 7-12 students. Students will complete the *Census* in class. Parents of JK-Grade 6 students will also be invited again to fill out the *Parent Census* form.



The participation of all students and parents in this third *Census* is crucial to ensure the continued success of our *Census* efforts, but more importantly to assure that the data collected represent the voices of our all students and parents. The resulting analysis from the *Census* and the Enhancing Equity Task Force will guide us in providing the right supports for every student to achieve their full potential. <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/census>

Proposed Balanced Operating Budget for 2017-2018

The Board is proposing a balanced position for the 2017-2018 operating budget based on the assumption that the current funding model remains in place. To read the full report: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes.aspx?Type=A&Folder=Agenda%2f20170413&Filename=170413+Budget+17+18+3092.pdf>

In late 2016, the Board approved an extensive budget review and priority setting exercise through the work of the Enhancing Equity Taskforce, which is expected to report out in November 2017. It is expected that recommendations from this work will reshape the Board's budget in future years starting with the 2018-19 budget. As part of the 2018-2019 budget process, the Board will revisit past resource allocation decisions and consider new funding directions.

We have worked very hard over the last few years to balance our operating budget and sustain programs and services that are outside the funding model and ensure maximum attention is brought to our Capital needs to repair schools. We will continue to advocate for funding formula changes and access to Education Development Charges while drawing attention to funding shortfalls in our **Financial Facts** document.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/AboutUs/Budget/FINAL%20Financial%20Facts%202016.02.05.pdf>

Education Development Charges (EDCs)

EDCs provide school boards with the ability to charge a levy on new developments, which can be used to purchase land for future school sites. In order to qualify for an EDC, a school board must show that the number of students that it needs to accommodate is larger than the space available across the board. The TDSB does not meet this condition because there is surplus space across the city, which puts the TDSB at a disadvantage.

While other school boards are entitled to EDCs to address their growth related needs, the TDSB does not have this ability despite undergoing massive residential intensification and population growth in many areas. The TDSB is not treated equally. There is a solution.

The Ontario government needs to amend existing EDC regulations to provide greater flexibility as to their use (i.e. school expansions, new schools and repairs rather than just land costs), and allow the TDSB to access EDC revenue. This would substantially increase the TDSB's ability to make adequate investments in schools as development continues across the city.

Staff will be presenting a report that proposes a multi prong approach to developer/city/provincial discussions and EDCs soon. I will continue to keep you posted.

Public Consultation: Before- and After-School Programs

Trustees passed a motion to review TDSB's before- and after-school programs and lunchtime supervision for children in Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) classrooms, so we can learn about areas of strength and areas for improvement. Please share your experiences with us at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/tdsbfk2017

A consultation session will take place on April 22, 2017, 9:30 – 11:30 am at The Toronto District School Board's office located at 5050 Yonge Street. Child minding will be available. <http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20170407/d0/89/d3/71/dbb21b7144f203ae9c046338/Consultation.pdf>. Your feedback is important to us.

Clean Toronto Together



On Friday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m. students, staff, and parents from across Toronto are

encouraged to help rejuvenate our city's green spaces by picking up litter in their schoolyard, park, or local community. Visit the Clean Toronto webpage below for resources:

http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools/Home/FeatureArchive/CleanTorontoTogether2017.aspx?utm_source=EcoSchools+Newsletter+March+2017&utm_campaign=March+Newsletter&utm_medium=email

TDSB Summer Programs



Elementary programs are offered from July 5 – 28 at:
Brookmill Blvd. Jr PS
Lynngate PS
Highland Heights Jr PS
International Languages available at Sir Samuel B. Steele Jr PS

For **Secondary students**, there are 15 sites offering courses to high school students and adults under 21 years of age. In our ward, **L'Amoreaux CI** is offering courses.

For all summer programs:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Innovation/SummerPrograms.aspx>

TDSB e-Summer School is available to all Ontario residents, age 14-20. This FREE* high school credit program is for Ontario secondary school students who wish to pursue courses online: <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/elearning/e-SummerSchool.aspx>

Continuing Education – Adult High School

New semester begins April 25, 2017. Tuition is free. Earn credits in 9 weeks and gain Canadian work experience. Discover programs in business & technology, social science, mathematics and specialty programs such as accounting, office administration, Personal Support Worker (PSW), and more. www.adultschooltoronto.ca

French as a Second Language Advisory Committee – Ward 20 Rep Needed

Read the March newsletter for news including enrollment update, gifted and immersion French, and summer French programs:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/FSLAC%20Newsletter%20-%20March%202017.pdf>

HOLD THESE DATES



Eco Fair 2017

Saturday, April 22, 2017, 11 am – 2 pm
L'Amoreaux CI, 2501 Bridletowne Circle

I am pleased to present the first annual Eco Fair, a fun day of information and activities in promoting green healthy living.

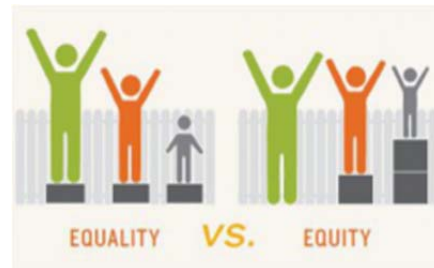
Schools will be bringing their EcoTeams, displays, robots, interactive games, water tests, art work, and more to this event. Environmental organizations will be on hand showcasing their great projects in the community.

Enjoy free hotdogs (including veggie and halal) and cast a ballot for the best Poster Design contest entry.

Stephen Leacock and John Buchan Fun Fair – Saturday, May 13, 2017, 10 am – 3 pm
A fun day for all!

Terry Fox PS Addition Community Meeting – Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 7 – 9 pm
Learn about the plans and options and share your ideas and vision for the addition.

Enhancing Equity Task Force Ward Forum Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2017, 6:30-8:30 pm, Georges Vanier SS, 3000 Don Mills Rd.



The first of a two-part public consultation process where we will be sharing information and seeking advice that will help the Board improve equity. The Ward Forum will focus on understanding people's experience today (both good and bad) with equity in TDSB schools. The second part of consultation will take place this Fall to share and seek feedback on the draft recommendations developed to address the feedback received.

What is Equity? One advisor to the Task Force puts it this way: **Equality means every child has a pair of shoes. Equity means every child has a pair of shoes that fits.**

2017-18 Parents Reaching Out Grants (PRO) – application deadline: May 25, 2017
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.html>

COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES

VPI Working Solutions

The online Learning Centre offers free workshops for job seekers: www.vpi-inc.com/introducing-the-learning-centre/

BRAVE T.O. – Obstacle Race in support of the Scarborough and Rouge Hospital.
Saturday September 30, 2017 Morningside Park. www.brave.to

Moorelands Camp - a subsidized summer leadership overnight camp serving children and youth. Focus on building Leadership by teaching positive habits and character qualities. Fees start at \$25 for the entire camp session. www.moorelandscamp.ca

**AS PARENTS, YOUR PARTICIPATION IS CRUCIAL TO STUDENTS SUCCESS.
FELLOW PARENTS AND PIAC REPS, CHRIS LEVIEN AND LAURIE POIRIER, INVITE YOU
TO JOIN AND VISIT THEIR NEWLY CREATED FACEBOOK PAGE:**



TDSB WARD 20 MEMBERS

NEXT WARD COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Kennedy Public School, 20 Elmfield Crescent