



TRUSTEE REPORT, APRIL 2016

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

TDSB Welcomes Integrity Commissioner

TDSB Integrity Commissioner Suzanne Craig began her appointment on April 4, 2016. Serving the Board of Trustees, the Integrity Commissioner will provide advice, and conduct inquiries and complaint resolution in an independent manner. The TDSB is the first school board in Ontario to appoint an Integrity Commissioner.

www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/IntegrityCommissioner.aspx

TDSB 2016-17 Operating Budget

On March 24, The Ministry of Education announced the 2016-17 Grants for Student Needs. We're projecting a negative financial position at \$15.8 M. In order to mitigate the deficit, staff have proposed a number of central department reductions. Trustees will vote on the TDSB's Proposed Plan at the Board meeting on May 25, 2016. To review the **2016-17 Proposed Budget Plan**:

www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes.aspx?Type=A&Folder=Agenda%2f20160414&Filename=160414+Budget+Plan+2812.pdf

TDSB Sets New Transparency Standard by Posting Director's Contract

TDSB is one of the first school boards in Ontario to post the Director of Education's employment agreement with the Board on its website:

www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/DirectorofEducation/EmploymentAgreement.aspx

Learning Centres to Support Schools and Communities

The TDSB will be creating four new Learning Centres that will improve the Board's responsiveness to schools, teachers and parents. Our vision is that Canada's largest school system can act and feel local when our schools are well-supported and highly responsive and when our parents and communities are more connected.

The emerging plan calls for four Learning Centres with approximately seven Superintendents in each centre, led by an Executive Superintendent. This will allow 32 members of senior team to work directly with schools. Please note, Learning Centres are not necessarily a geographic building. Each Centre will have access to coaches that will support effective instruction in classroom. Coaches with different specialties will also assist with areas such as the arts or digital literacy. In order to ensure the key commitment for every student to be able to read at grade level by the end of Grade 1, 20 early reading coaches will work directly with students and teachers. In addition, the plan is to assign a minimum of 60 learning coaches (Kindergarten to Grade 12) to work alongside teachers to improve learning and achievement as well as a dedicated team of 8-10 co-curricular lead teachers who will support system-wide activities and events such as co-curricular Arts, Athletics, etc.

Each Superintendent in the learning centre will also have a co-ordinating function to ensure coherence across the entire system while some Executive Superintendents will continue to work at the Board level so that the work of our Learning Centres is coordinated and coherent.

School Year Calendars, 2016-2017

At the March 22, 2016 Regular Board meeting, Trustees approved the 2016-17 school year calendars for elementary, secondary and year-round alternative schools. On Thursday, April 14, 2016, the Ministry of Education approved the 2016-2017 school year calendars. For a complete list of dates, click on:

www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Calendar

For agenda and minutes of TDSB regular board meetings:

www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes.aspx

SUMMER PROGRAMS

tdsb.on.ca/summer

Summer International Languages Elementary and African Heritage Programs

Encourage your child's natural curiosity and enroll them in TDSB's half and full day international languages summer programs. Open to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 8, our language learning programs engage students in cultural activities like games, songs, dance, storytelling, traditional crafts and writing. Registration is open now. Visit www.ILEprograms.ca for more information.

Summer Music Camps

Enrich your child's summer vacation with music camp through three unique programs.

Credit Courses for Summer High School, July 5 - July 29, 2016

Get ahead with secondary summer programs! Reach ahead or catch up on high school credit courses. Of Special note, five credit courses will be offered in the summer at Dr. Norman Bethune CI for the first time.

e-Summer School

Ontario high school students can keep cool and earn credits online this summer. There are dozens of courses available in July or August. For details, visit: schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/elearning/e-SummerSchool.aspx

Summer EduTravel Programs Earn credit while you travel this summer! Be part of an exciting, affordable, experiential learning program this summer, that enables you to earn high school credits on the road. TDSB and EduTravel are offering a variety of courses in locations across Canada and the US.

Summer ESL Program for International Students July 11 - July 29, 2016

Learn English and explore Canadian culture, with the Toronto District School Board this summer! International students, aged 12-17, will enjoy intensive English classes - taught by our qualified teachers - at world's most multicultural and multilingual school board. www.ESLstudytoronto.ca

2016 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

On Tuesday, May 3, 2016, we will be honouring thirteen outstanding staff members at the annual Excellence Awards ceremony. The event will take place during Education Week in the Boardroom at 5050 Yonge Street, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. This year's winners will include one of ours:

- **Frank Tromposch**, Teacher (Retired), John Buchan Sr. PS

Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/excellence for highlights from last year's event. Biographies of the winners will be posted following the event.

FIX OUR SCHOOLS

You would have read or heard about the TDSB raising awareness of the need for capital funding to help address the condition of our school facilities. Even with the additional renewal funds provided by the Ministry last year, our maintenance backlog still sits at \$3.3 billion and continues to rise. The TDSB continues to argue for a change to the Education Development Charges (EDCs) legislation to allow all school boards access to EDC revenue for school capital. Current legislation mandates that EDCs can only be used for the purchase of land to support schools in growth areas. This needs to change to include repairs and renovations to schools throughout Toronto, especially in high residential growth areas.

If you want to help us advocate, please consider joining Fix Our Schools, a parent-led advocacy group: www.fixourschools.ca.

“MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BELONGS TO US” – Monthly Newsletter

This month's publication features “Children's Mental Health Week – Belonging #BelongingMatters”. This edition as well as all previous editions can be found by clicking the following link: www.tdsb.on.ca/ElementarySchool/SupportingYou/MentalHealthStrategy/Newsletter.aspx.

2016 CENSUS

Canada's next census will be conducted in May 2016. In early May census packages will be delivered to households across Canada, providing residents with the information they need to complete their questionnaire online or on paper. Information obtained through the census is needed to plan services such as child care, schooling, family services, housing, public transportation and skills training for employment.

SAVES THESE DATES

TDSB's First Public Interactive Webcast: May 3, 2016, 8 – 9 pm

Director John Malloy and Chair Robin Pilkey will be talking via live webcast and will also be taking your questions to answer. We look forward to the conversation. See you then!

www2.tdsb.on.ca/stream/Director/LiveWebcast.html

TransformTO: Climate Action for a Healthy, Equitable and Prosperous Toronto: May 3 & 9, 2016

The Environment Energy Division and Toronto Atmospheric Fund invites you to help shape Toronto's future as a low-carbon city by participating in a series of community conversations. Participants will be engaged in co-creating a vision for Toronto's low-carbon future that reflects various community perspectives and explores the actions, behaviour and lifestyle changes that will be needed to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 80 per cent by the year 2050. www.toronto.ca/transformto.

Tuesday, May 3, 7 – 9 pm at Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr.

Monday, May 9, 7 – 9 pm at North York Memorial Hall, 5110 Yonge St.

Applications for Parents Reaching Out Grants 2016-17 Now Open

Grant applications for the 2016-17 schoolyear are now open and will be accepted until May 29, 2016. In the 2015-16 schoolyear, the province funded more than 2,200 projects that helped identify barriers to parent engagement and found local solutions to help more parents be engaged in their children's learning. For more information, click on www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.html

The Social Change and Youth Leadership Conference: May 28-29, 2016

The annual conference, hosted by the Engineers Without Borders (UofT Chapter), is an exciting opportunity for ambitious high school students to develop leadership skills and learn about international development issues.. This year, the conference "Risk It!" is themed around risk and resource management in an international development context.

scylc2016.weebly.com

TDSB Healthy Schools 5k Run/Walk: June 4, 2016

On Saturday, June 4, 2016 the Health and Physical Education Department is hosting a celebration of all the healthy active living that happens in our schools and communities every day. Students, staff, parents/guardians and community members are invited to join us at Downsview Park for the TDSB Healthy Schools 5k Run/Walk.

www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Innovation/HealthySchools5kRunWalk/RunWalkEventDayInformation.aspx

Next Ward Council Meeting – Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Dr. Norman Bethune Collegiate Institute

200 Fundy Bay Blvd.

Topic: Eco School and Environmental Sustainability