

Minutes Ward 3 Council
Trustee Pamela Gough TDSB
Wednesday October 22, 2015 at Lakeshore Collegiate Institute
350 Kipling Ave, Toronto

Trustee's Report

Newsletter

Trustee Pamela Gough reported that she updates parents on TDSB activities, locally and citywide, through her electronic newsletter which is published monthly. Parents can sign up for the Trustee's monthly newsletter through her website at <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward3/Ward3.aspx>. Check the website for other information of importance about local education matters.

Norseman Junior Middle School Expansion

The Ministry of Education has approved \$6M for an addition to this overcrowded school.

Labour Action

At the present time, there are three Labour actions affecting the TDSB:

1. Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario
 - a. ETFO is in a legal strike position
 - b. EFTO's members have been without a contract for more than a year
 - c. Starting next week EFTO's members will start withdrawing from some activities and they will start cancelling their extra-curricular activities.
2. Ontario Secondary Teachers' Federation settled its contract. It was ratified centrally but not yet locally.
3. CUPE is also in a legal strike position on behalf of the support workers. Some of CUPE members are withholding their services already.

The labour actions have the greatest impact at the Elementary School level as the only person not on strike at some schools is the school principal.

Solar Collectors and Roofs: School Infrastructure Improvements

At present, 311 schools within the TDSB have been equipped with solar panels on the roof. In Ward 3, the latest school that received solar panels is Norseman Junior Middle School. The solar panels project is a result of the partnership between a private company and TDSB. The partnership provides hundreds of schools with roof repairs in exchange for revenues from power generation carried out by school rooftop solar collectors. There are a number of schools within Ward 3 that will receive solar panels over the next few months.

Extended French Program Plans

John English JMS has three program-tracks in it: the regular English program, Early French Immersion (starting in SK), and Extended French (starting in Grade 4). The school has reached its capacity and has currently over 900 students. To relieve congestion, the

Extended French language program will be moved from John English JMS to nearby Second Street JMS. The current classes will continue at John English JMS but all new students will start at the Second Street as of September 2016.

Additional sites are being set up in the city to expand the accessibility of the TDSB secondary gifted program to gifted students in parts of the city who have in the past had to travel long distance to receive education for the gifted exceptionality. Secondary school boundaries for the gifted students' program will be changed in some cases. The change of boundaries will not affect the Etobicoke Lakeshore gifted students, who will continue to be within the catchment area of Martingrove Collegiate.

PIAC's Election Tina Chan Kim outlined the role of PIAC within the TDSB. She also indicated that all school boards have PIACs. Not all wards within TDSB have an elected representative, so the TDSB is formalizing this process. Tina Chan Kim was acclaimed as Ward 3 representative on PIAC.

FSLAC's Election David Kim has been FSLAC's representative for Ward 3 and was acclaimed to the position. Laura Steele of KKSA agreed to serve as the Alternate for FSLAC.

Jane Phillips-Long Superintendent Jane Phillips-Long and Principal Alison Gaymes San Vicente (Lanor JMS) delivered a special presentation on de-streaming at the Grade 9 Level program currently adopted by the TDSB. The details of the program can be found attached.

After the above-mentioned presentation, Ms Phillips-Long summarized the anticipated effects of the current labour action. There should be no impact on the Special Education students. All teachers are following the mandate set by the unions. The anticipated effects will be as follows:

- Elementary report cards will not go out as normally scheduled
- Managing of the school fundraisers might be impeded staff that normally count and deposit the funds are not doing this during the labour action
- As there is no specific definition for the teacher's basic job, some confusion remains as to what are the duties that should be complied within the normal working day and what are the extra duties that may not be done during the labour action.

On the TDSB, Trustee Gerry Chadwick participates in the labour negotiations. The negotiations take place at two levels: firstly the Province, the Provincial Trustees' Association, and the Unions (central table) and secondly the local level (local table).

Panel Discussion

Norseman JMS Over-Enrolment Committee

Norseman Junior Middle School is currently 140% over capacity and it was one of the eight schools that the TDSB submitted business cases for to the province for capital funding. To

complicate matters, the enrolment at the school is growing and even when the addition is completed the school will be back to more than 100% capacity at 2020 if the forecast holds

Ward Council Process

The Trustee and Ward Chair, Christie Heath, will set an agenda and distribute it to the participants by email in advance of meetings.

The Trustee will post the minutes of the meetings and all presentations on her website within a week of the meeting date.

Dates for the Next Meetings

The following dates were agreed upon for the next five meetings:

1. Tuesday, November 24 2015 from 7 to 9 Pm
2. Tuesday, January 12, 2016 from 7 to 9 PM
3. Tuesday, February 23, 2016 from 7 to 9 PM
4. Tuesday, March 29, 2016 from 7 to 9 PM
5. Tuesday, May 10, 2016 from 7 to 9 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.