

**Ward 3 Ward Council**  
**Thursday October 27, 2016, 7:00pm**  
**Second Street Jr. Middle School, 71 Second Street**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called order at 7:05 pm. Trustee Pamela Gough gave a recognition of Indigenous Lands and introduced Christy Heath, Ward 3 Chair. The Chair asked attendees to introduce themselves.
2. Updates from TDSB Community Advisory Committees: Tina Chan-Kim, outgoing Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) rep sent regrets so Trustee Gough gave a short promotion for the PIAC, Parent Involvement Makes a Difference Conference, Saturday Nov. 19th 2016:  
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/HowtoGetInvolved/Conferences.aspx>  
French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC) Outgoing Rep David Kim sent regrets. Richard Carter, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) rep, gave an introduction to the Special Education Advisory Committee and spoke of this year's focus on equity and inclusion. He also offered himself as a contact for anyone with questions regarding Special Education.
3. Elections: Elections were held for the positions of Ward 3 Chair, PIAC Rep and FSLAC Rep. Christy Heath of George R. Gauld JS school council was nominated for Ward 3 Chair and acclaimed. Trevor Burnett of Seventh Street JS school council was nominated for PIAC Rep and acclaimed. Melanie Amadesun of Islington JMS school council was nominated as the FLASC Rep and acclaimed. Christine Monague of Second Street JMS put forward a suggestion that Ward 3 adopt a new position, Aboriginal Representative, and volunteered for the position. Trustee Gough welcomed this idea. All newly elected Representatives were congratulated.
4. Trustee's Report: Trustee Pamela Gough explained her role as Trustee and informed everyone of her e-newsletter, which is a major communication tool for her in keeping the community informed. Those wishing to be subscribers can sign up on her trustee website at [www.tdsb.on.ca/Gough](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Gough). She informed us of highlights of the first Board Meeting of the school year, which took place October 26th 2016. October is Muslim Heritage Month and Somali Heritage Month. Highlights of the October Board meeting: 1) the board approved the First Nations School of Toronto (FNST) to move from its current overcrowded location on Dundas Street to the spacious and well located Eastern Commerce Collegiate building near Danforth and Donlands subway station. The move will take place in January 2017. Next fall, FNST will begin

expansion from a junior middle school to become a full JK to Grade 12 school. 2) A new Equity Framework for TDSB has been approved by trustees and will be a major thrust for the next three academic years. 3) The TDSB has just gone through a re-organization, and has been divided into a regional model with four Learning Centres that will each operate under an Executive Superintendent. Ward 3 (Etobicoke Lakeshore) falls into Learning Centre 4 which is long and linear, running along the lakeshore from Etobicoke in the west through the downtown area and out to the Beaches in the east. The Learning Centres will act to bring resources and supports closer to schools.

5. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Sandra Tondat began by following up on Trustee Gough's introduction of the Learning Centres. In Learning Centre 4, there are seven Learning Networks, each headed by a Superintendent of Schools who will work directly with the schools. Learning Network 27 and 22 fall within Ward 3. Sandra Tondat is Superintendent of Network 27 (schools south of the Gardiner Expressway) and Tracy Hayhurst is Superintendent of Network 22 (schools north of the Gardiner Expressway). The Executive Superintendent for our Learning Centre is Sandy Spyropoulos <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/AboutUs/Director/docs/SeniorTeamDirectory.pdf>. The Superintendents are responsible for working with the schools directly, bringing resources into the schools to support students and staff in closing the achievement gaps that exist. The three foci for the TDSB going forward are Achievement, Wellbeing and Equity. The TDSB is working to achieve these foci at the school level with the introduction of Learning Coaches. Tracy Hayhurst reiterated that the Learning Centres are creating an enhanced learning culture with shared leadership and increased access to resources to help students achieve success. <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/DirectorofEducation/VisionforLearning/YearsofAction/StudentAchievement.aspx>
6. Second Street Travel Planning Update: Armi De Francia, Travel Planner for Second Street JMS, presented on behalf of Canada Walks and Green Communities Canada. She reviewed the work that has been done to improve active transportation at Second Street JMS. See Armi DeFrancia's presentation [here](#).
7. Guide to Safer Streets Near Schools: Katie Wittman, Toronto Urban Fellow, presented an overview of the Guide to Safer Streets Near Schools <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-96414.pdf>. Katie Wittman's presentation can be found [here](#).
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 with a reminder from Michelle Murdock from the Parent Engagement Office that all are welcome to a meeting on "School Councils 101" November 22nd at 7:00 pm at Second Street JMS.