Ward 7 Council and Community Meeting

Tuesday January 30, 2024 6:30 pm

Via Zoom

[Meeting Slideshow](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EsLapYYu-MbZWupnVQ2pCU4CN-eG9tqg/view?usp=sharing)

### Welcome and Introductions

* [Land Acknowledgement](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/indigenouseducation/Home/About-Us/Indigenous-Schools/Land-Acknowledgement)
* Review of Agenda, Community Agreement and Meeting Norms ([slides 2-4](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EsLapYYu-MbZWupnVQ2pCU4CN-eG9tqg/view?usp=sharing))
* Introduction of Ward 7 Superintendents Debbie Donsky, Learning Network 19 and Erin Altosaar, Learning Network 20
* Introduction of meeting participants

### Guest: Bhutila Karpoche, [MPP Parkdale-High Park](https://www.bhutilakarpoche.ca/)

* Bhutila shared her [pre-budget consultation-education](https://www.bhutilakarpoche.ca/2024-budget-education) form ahead of the [Ontario Budget consultations](https://www.ontario.ca/page/2024-budget-consultations). (Deadline Thursday February 1st).

### Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)

* **Elections:** for PIAC were on the agenda for this meeting; however, there was only one nomination, Alice Romo, the incumbent Ward 7 Representative.
	+ Alice Romo is acclaimed as Ward 7 PIAC Rep. Leaving 1 position open for a Co-Representative.
		- [PIAC Website](https://www.torontopiac.com/home): <https://www.torontopiac.com/home>
		- [PIAC Information and meeting schedule](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Parent-Involvement-Advisory-Committee): <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Parent-Involvement-Advisory-Committee>
* **Update**: [Ready. Set. Engage Conference](https://www.torontopiac.com/whats-happening/conferences), Saturday February 3, 2024 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

### French as a Second Language Community Advisory Committee (FSLCAC)

* Ward 7 Representative, Elizabeth Carvalho
	+ [Middle French Immersion](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Application-Process/Middle-French-Immersion) application deadline is Friday February 3rd, 2024
		- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Application-Process/Middle-French-Immersion>

### Trustee Report ([Slides 8-12](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EsLapYYu-MbZWupnVQ2pCU4CN-eG9tqg/view?usp=sharing))

* Reports:
	+ [Student Census](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/research/docs/Student%20Census%202023_%20Report%20for%20P%26P_V4.pdf).
	+ [Multi-Year Strategic Plan Update](https://pub-tdsb.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=16692)
	+ [Capital Revitalization Strategy](https://pub-tdsb.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=16692)
* Advocacy:
	+ [TDSB/TCDSB/Toronto Youth Cabinet Advocate for a Youth-Friendly City Budget](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/home/ctl/Details/mid/43824/itemId/239)
	+ [Provincial Budget Consultation Survey Deadline: January 31, 2024](https://www.ontario.ca/page/2024-budget-consultations)
	+ [Federal Pre-Budget Consultation Deadline: February 9, 2024](https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/programs/consultations/2023/pre-budget-consultations-2024.html)
* Recent Motions of Interest:
	+ [Legacy Technical and Commercial Boundary Review](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Strategy-Planning/Search-All-Reviews/id/189): Ward 7, Western Technical-Commercial School
		- Discussion from the community around what these boundary changes would mean.
	+ Motion for Policy on Cell Phone/Mobile Device Use in Schools to Ensure Student Achievement and Well-Being: [On the agenda for approval at January 31, 2024 Board Meeting](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/boardmeetings/livemeeting.html)
		- Discussion from community members in support of this acknowledging challenges
	+ Motion to Ban Gambling Ads
		- Discussion from the community in support of this ban.

### Upcoming Ward Meetings and Events

* Tuesday, February 13, 2024 6:30 pm via Zoom: [Ward 6 & 7 Joint Math Strategies Forum](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UOYIg6R951ndnXTSsHD85ZyIijpgTIzC/view?usp=sharing)
* Friday, March 1, 2024 6:00 pm at Alexander Muir/Gladstone PS, Ward 7 & 9 Parents of Black Children Social Gathering
* Thursday, March 7, 2024 via Zoom, Ward 7, 9 & 10 [CIVIX](https://civix.ca/home/) [CTL-F](https://ctrl-f.ca/en/) Digital Literacy.

### Questions & Discussion from the Ward 7 Council and Community

* Looking to create partnerships between schools and community athletic clubs to improve fields for use and permit to the community
	+ [Provincial level advocacy](https://www.ontario.ca/page/2024-budget-consultations) for school improvements
	+ Connection with TDSB [Permit Office](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/community/permits)
* Looking for information on Business Development Policies for getting sponsorship at schools.
	+ <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Partnership-Opportunities/Business-Development>
	+ <https://www.torontopiac.com/school-councils/funds-fundraising>
* Schools experiencing gender based bullying.
	+ Have established and equity committee and brought in guest speakers
	+ New Multi-Year Strategic Plan will address some of these issues