Ward 7 Council Meeting

Trustee Debbie King

Wednesday December 14, 2022

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Via Zoom

[Slide Presentation: Ward 7 December 14, 2022](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YOpO3OJxTOuN-2YU1EmDLn1D5fEgT6Du/view?usp=sharing)

[Zoom Meeting Recording](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/rec/share/B6qRTLVvAge_J7gD28X55e4WFsYafScS_MosCNAL8IodqFMFH3Hrn1s5vsUCF3wd.-bVTENAVxmeTrkaq?startTime=1671059496000)

### Welcome and Introductions

* Trustee Debbie King opened the meeting at 6:34 pm
* [Land Acknowledgement](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Search/Search?q=land%20acknkowledgement)
* The Agenda was reviewed:
  + Community Agreement & Introductions
  + Trustee introduction
  + Working together
  + PIAC ward rep vacancy PIAC ward rep election
  + Trustee update Superintendent update
  + PIAC rep update
  + Q&A
* Community Agreement was read:

**By participating in this meeting, we all agree to**:

Treat everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required.

No bullying, harassment or hate speech at any time

Make space, take space

* Introductions:
  + [Trustee Debbie King](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward7)
  + [Superintendent of Education](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/portals/0/aboutUs/docs/SeniorTeamDirectory-AODA-2022-10-03.pdf) LC4/LN20, Erin Altosaar
  + [Superintendent of Education](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/portals/0/aboutUs/docs/SeniorTeamDirectory-AODA-2022-10-03.pdf) LC4/LN19, Debbie Donsky
  + [Parent Involvement Advisory Committee](https://www.torontopiac.com/) (PIAC) Ward 7 Representative, Alice Romo
  + Introductions of participants were made individually

### Trustee Introduction

* [Information on the Board of Trustees and their roll](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom)
  + [TDSB Wards](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Municipal-Election/New-Ward-Boundaries)
  + [Ward 7 Schools](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward7/Ward-7/Ward-7-Schools)

### Working Together

* Ward 7 Working Together
  + [School Councils](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils)
  + [Ward 7 Council](https://www.debbieking.ca/ward_7)
  + [Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Representatives](https://www.torontopiac.com/parents-caregivers/vacancies)
  + [Community Advisory Committees](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Community-Advisory-Committees)
  + [Ward Community Forums](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward7)
  + Trustee Contact Information
    - Trustee Email: [debbie.king@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:debbie.king@tdsb.on.ca)
    - Voice Mail: 416-395-8787
    - Ward 7 Facebook Group: [www.facebook.com/groups/TDSBWard7Coucil/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TDSBWard7Coucil/)
    - Social Media: @debbiekingphp
    - Newsletter and website: [www.debbieking.ca](http://www.debbieking.ca)
    - TDSB website: [www.tdsb.on.ca/ward7](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward7)
* [TDSB Steps to Address Questions and Concerns](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/contact-us/steps-to-address-questions-concerns)

### Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)

* Ward 7 PIAC Rep, Alice Romo
  + [Slide Presentation](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jlwbp4pFKfUXCr1NLv2rBDnImDpINIfv/view?usp=sharing)

### PIAC Election Guidelines and Timelines

* PIAC nominees, electees and electors must be:
  + Current Toronto District School Board Parents/Guardians
  + Reside in the ward
  + Have a TDSB enrolled child who resides in the ward or, have a child enrolled in a TDSB School in the ward
  + Electees will be elected for a two year term
* PIAC Election Process:
  + Elections will be held using the Election Buddy Platform.
  + Voting information will be shared on the evening of the election and only if an election is required. An election will be required if there is more than one nominee for an available vacancy.
  + Election results will be shared by the Trustee and posted on [PIAC’s TDSB web page](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Parent-Involvement-Advisory-Committee)
* Ward 7 Election Timeline
  + **Tuesday December 20, 2022 -** Nominations open
  + **Tuesday December 20, 2022 -** Voter registration opens
  + **Tuesday January 10, 2023 -** Nominations close
  + **Tuesday January 17, 2023 -** Election if needed
  + **Wednesday January 18, 2023 -** Trustee announces results

### Superintendent Update

* Superintendent Erin Altosaar:
  + What we do as Superintendents - We are each responsible for 24 schools. We respond to parent concerns, plan professional learning for staff and make sure operations in all our schools are running smoothly.
  + We want to share some joy from Ward 7 schools: One art class made snow art, circles around trees, writing on the school walls etc.. When the other students were let out for recess, they found joy in the art that was in the playground waiting for them. Also, 3 schools from Ward 7 are participating in the **Biidaaban: Truth and Reconciliation Project** with the Urban Indigenous Education Centre**.** Biidaaban means the first light before dawn. **This project aims to:**

Enact the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to enhance Indigenous student well-being and achievement and ensure Indigenous education for ALL educators and students through School Improvement

Investigate ways to support district and school leaders and staff to build reciprocal relationships with Indigenous students, families, and community members

Support collaboration among school leaders to identify and enact Truth and Reconciliation/Indigenous Education Goals for school improvement

### Trustee Update

* [Labour Update](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Labour-Negotiations)
  + A tentative agreement has been reached between CUPE and the Ontario Government. It is in the process of being ratified.
  + There are ongoing negotiations with the Secondary School Teachers and Elementary School Teachers.
* [Education Funding](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/Developing-the-2023-2024-Budget)
  + OPSBA is participating in pre-budget consultation with the province and advocating for changes in funding for the Grants for Student Needs
  + TDSB is advocating for the reinstatement of funding for communities, [Priority Schools Initiative (PSI)](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Home/ctl/Details/mid/42864/itemId/51)
  + Calling on the Ministry of Education to Extend and Expand the Funding of the Tutoring Supports Program
* Addressing School Safety
  + There has been a very concerning rise in violence across the city and in our schools. [Joint Statement Re: Meeting with the City of Toronto on Youth Violence](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Home/ctl/Details/mid/42863/itemId/48)
  + Special meeting of the [Planning and Priorities Committee to address school safety](https://pub-tdsb.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=14824).
* Toronto Public Health (TPH) Reminders
  + [Get Vaccinated](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Home/ctl/Details/mid/42863/itemId/50)
  + [CMOH Letter to Parents and Guardians](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Home/ctl/Details/mid/42863/itemId/45)
  + [Reducing Spread of Respiratory Virus](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Home/ctl/Details/mid/42863/itemId/42)
* Winter Break
  + The last day of school is Friday Dec 23, 2022
  + Students return to school on Monday January 9, 2023
  + [School Year Calendar](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar)

### PIAC Update

* [Parents Reaching Out Grant](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Grants-for-Student-Need)

#### The next Ward 7 Council meeting will be held Tuesday January 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm