Minutes

Ward 7 Council Meeting

Monday Feb 27, 2023 6:45-8:30pm

Via Zoom

## [Slide Presentation](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vva8xsqI_L3XjJJuRoNLmwKVO5IyfY5k/view?usp=sharing)

### Welcome and Introductions

* [Land Acknowledgement](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Indigenous-Education/Resources/Land-Acknowledgement)
* [Agenda Review](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SHrlJjBbuklW6iyMlNkxwS-aPsk9LEvq0vROv0nYvCs/edit?usp=sharing)

### Moment of Joy

* [African Heritage Month: Black Joy Video](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OmYHlGcX3ky-3PEfUPVVsYo9powKOvDr/view?usp=sharing)

### Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Update

* The first meeting that the Ward 7 Co-Representatives will be attending is [Tuesday](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/96319198355#success) Feb 28, 2023 [at 7:00 pm](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/96319198355#success).

### Superintendent Update

* Superintendents Debbie Donsky and Erin Altosaar

#### Presentation: [Applying to Programs in the TDSB](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QVVUSyME2sNpq30qpE1BpK-tB2Tojwqe/view?usp=sharing)

* + [Early French Immersion](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Application-Process/Early-French-Immersion)
  + [Middle French Immersion](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Application-Process/Middle-French-Immersion)
  + [Student Interest Programs](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Secondary-Program-Review/Student-Interest-Programs-Policy)
  + [Secondary Central Student Interest Programs](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Secondary-Central-Student-Interest-Programs)
  + [Elementary Central Student Interest Programs](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/Elementary-Central-Student-Interest-Programs)
  + [TDSB Alternative Schools](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/alternativeschools/)

### Trustee Update

* Trustee Debbie King

#### [Trustee Update](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ajjs7qEAbDpvdv0bgAxPBG2eXgA8mG3Y/view?usp=sharing)

* + [Math Strategy](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/190070%20TDSB%20Mathematics%20Action%20Plan_Final.pdf)
  + [Student Census 2023](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/research/Research/Parent-and-Student-Census)
  + [Addressing School Safety](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Caring-Safe-Schools/Addressing-School-Safety)
  + [2023-2024 Budget](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/Developing-the-2023-2024-Budget)
  + [Ontario Human Rights Commission Statement](https://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/news_centre/letter-community-anti-black-racism-education)
  + [Upcoming Board Meetings](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/Leadership/board_room/BoardMeetingSchedule.pdf)
  + [TDSB Excellence Awards](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Excellence)
  + [Online Screening of Scarborough](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/CEBSA/Community-Engagement)

### Parent Engagement Best Practices and opportunities

* Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement

#### Presentation: [WARD 7, Did You Know: Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Engagement Presentation](https://drive.google.com/file/d/17euBrZvKFmGKVTqxH8MJiXb3HvNZneRY/view?usp=sharing)

* + [Parent and Community Engagement Office](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Parent-and-Community-Engagement-Office)
  + [How to get Involved](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved)/contact information for Michelle Munore
  + [School Councils](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils)
  + [Advisory Committees](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees)
  + [Community Advisory Committees](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Community-Advisory-Committees)
  + [Volunteering](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Volunteering)
  + [Delegations](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/boardroom/delegations)
  + [TDSB Parent and Community Engagement YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9gvsGUiLZklU8VYSnH-Sbg/videos)

### Q & A

* There is a directive from the Board to not hold graduation ceremonies between June 27 and June 29 because of the observance of Eid al Adha. What are the options for Graduation Ceremonies for 2023? This is a group of students whose whole high school experience has been affected by the Pandemic and there is a fear that if graduation is scheduled for the fall only about ½ the students would be able to attend.
  + There are actually a number of days of significance that fall in this period in June; Hajj, Waqf al Arafa and Eid al Adha.
  + Most Ward 7 Schools have chosen to do a fall ceremony to be respectful.
  + Some schools may be doing the graduation ceremony prior to the 27th however, certificates would have to be distributed after as grades will not yet be finalized.
* Question regarding bullying in the schools and consequences:
  + Incidents are dealt with on an individual basis and the school administration is the best place to go for specific answers. [Follow the TDSB Steps To Address Questions and Concerns](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Contact-Us/Steps-to-Address-Questions-Concerns).
* What is being done with resources for Model Schools?
  + There are two schools in WArd 7 that have lost the Model School designation so the funding structure has changed.
  + It is helpful if you are seeing a need to become a [delegate for you community](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/boardroom/delegations)
  + Designations of schools are determined through the [Learning Opportunities Index](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/research/research/learning-opportunities-index)
  + Trustee King is open to having conversations with individual school councils regarding their school demographics and needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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