TDSB Ward 7 Council & Community Meeting

Monday November 20, 2023 6:30 pm

Virtual via Zoom

## [Meeting Slide Presentation](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WkDTYFwzL4G7isOhwWEvsO5DP2k0J4jh/view?usp=sharing)

### Welcome and Introductions

* Trustee Debbie King gave the [land acknowledgement](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/indigenouseducation/Home/About-Us/Indigenous-Schools/Land-Acknowledgement) and provided reflection on ongoing reconciliation work exemplified by the Keele Street JSPS community
* Debbie welcomed everyone and made introductions of the Ward 7 Superintendents, Erin Altosaar and Debbie Donsky

### School Council Rep Sharing

* Trustee King posed the question; have there been any next steps or follow up from the [October Ward 7 Meet & Greet](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fmO-0l6TOOIX73MJ22zL2c92PRGoJmJCivPduUdqtiw/edit?usp=drive_link) where Michelle Monroe shared ideas and strategies for School Councils and there was a presentation on how parents could be involved in school sports.
	+ Cindy Hok representing Warren Park: the SAC put out a Google form survey to have parents rank things that were of importance to them at the school. They are working towards fundraising for playground improvement. They held a Winter Market during parent/teacher interviews and raised funds.
	+ Saamia Hasan, Black Student Success Committee, Dr. Rita Cox-Kina Minagok Public School: The BSSC is a grassroots committee that works to address discrepancies in education, they advocated to change the school name from Queen Victoria. Also led a family friendly march against anti-black racism in 2020. They lend support to families to navigate and access school and community services.
	+ Christina Gural, Keele Street & Humberside CI: Keele Council did advocacy for the intersection of Keele St. and Glenlake Ave. New traffic calming signage has recently been put up (unfortunately following a recent collision at that corner), still advocating for more traffic calming on that corner, but it's a start.

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

* Ward 7 FSLCAC Rep, Elizabeth Carvalho
	+ Unfortunately Elizabeth sent regrets

### Trustee Report

* Organizational Board Meeting Results
	+ Trustee Rachel Chernos-Lin & Neethan Shan were re-elected as [Board Chair and Vice-Chair](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/home/ctl/Details/mid/43823/itemId/198)
	+ [TDSB Boardroom Committees](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Committees)
	+ Trustee Debbie King elected to:
		- Vice-Chair, Program and School Services Committee (PSSC)
		- Alternate Director, Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA)
		- Trustee Co-Chair, 2SLGBTQ+ Community Advisory Committee
* Student Safety and Wellbeing
	+ Safety and Wellbeing Resources:
		- [Coping During War and Conflict Video Series](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/affinitywellness)
		- [Community Specific Affinity, Wellness and Coping Strategies Videos](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/affinitywellness)
		- [Reporting incidents of racism, hate and bias involving students](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Human-Rights/Reporting-an-Incident)
* French Enrollment Demographic Motion
	+ At the October Program and School Services Committee (PSSC) meeting, Trustees received the FSLAC report and the Annual French Enrollment report.

TDSB maintains a commitment to [FSL programs](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs) and has acted on recommendations to improve equity of access and broaden student representation in Immersive programs.

My motion has the Director provide an overview of student demographics in immersive programs. It also seeks to learn more about elementary schools with FI programs and a change in [Learning Opportunity Index](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/research/research/learning-opportunities-index) ranking.

* Bill 98 - Accelerated Apprenticeship Pathways Consultation
	+ Ministry of Education Statement: “Focused on delivering on the government's priority of addressing labour market needs for the skilled trades and helping students enter the skilled trades faster by enabling students to pursue an accelerated apprenticeship pathway, starting in Grade 11…”
	+ Board Concerns:
* streaming/limiting future opportunities
* child welfare and workplace safety
* loss of funding
	+ Consultation open until November 24, 2023: <https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=45747&language=en>
* Child Care Funding Advocacy
	+ TDSB Chair wrote to the Minister of Education regarding [child care services funding shortfall](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/home/ctl/Details/mid/43824/itemId/194)
* [Upcoming Committee Meetings](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/Leadership/board_room/BoardMeetingSchedule.pdf)
* Ward Meeting Topics for 2024
	+ Trustee King sought feedback about school community interest in the following topics, as well as additional suggestions:
		- [Long Term Planning and Accommodation Strategy in Ward 7](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Strategy-Planning/Long-Term-Program-and-Accommodation-Strategy)
		- [Literacy Strategy / Right To Read](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/research/docs/reports/Addressing%20Educational%20Debt%20in%20Adolescent%20Literacy_Public%20Report_Final.pdf)
		- [Math Strategy](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/190070%20TDSB%20Mathematics%20Action%20Plan_Final.pdf)
		- [Indigenous](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/IndigenousEducation/) and [Black Student Success](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/cebsa)
		- [Human Rights / Anti-Oppression Education](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Human-Rights)
* TDSB Application Deadlines
	+ [Central Student Interest Programs](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Secondary-Central-Student-Interest-Programs) Deadline: Friday November 24, 2023, 4:00 pm
	+ [Early French Immersion (Kindergarten Only)](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Application-Process/Early-French-Immersion) Deadline: Friday December 1, 2023
	+ [Secondary Out of Area Admissions](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Out-of-Area-Admissions/Secondary) Deadline: Friday January 26, 2023, 4:00 pm
	+ [Elementary Out of Area Admission](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Out-of-Area-Admissions/Elementary) Deadline: February 10, 2023, 4:00 pm

### Parent Advisory Involvement Committee [(PIAC)](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Parent-Involvement-Advisory-Committee) Ward 7 Co-Representative Election Timeline

* **Monday January 8, 2024** - Nominations open & voter registration opens
	+ A Google form for Nominations will be sent out to Ward 7 Parent and Caregivers
	+ A separate form for voter registration will also be sent out. \*you must register to vote to participate in the Ward 7 PIAC election process
* **Monday January 15, 2024** - Nominee bios will be emailed to all registered voters
* **Monday January 22, 2024** - PIAC Election at Virtual Council and Community Meeting
	+ PIAC Elections will be held through ElectionBuddy (email ballots) during the meeting.

### Additional Links

* Ward 7 Trustee Debbie King Newsletter sign up: <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1787549/1752433/?v=a>
* Ward 7 Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TDSBWard7Coucil/?mibextid=oMANbw>
* Rita Cox-Kina Minagok Public School Black Student Success Committee Contact: rckmblackstudentsuccess@gmail.com
* TDSB Community Advisory Committees: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Parent-Involvement-Advisory-Committee>
* Social Network Safety Talks, Paul Davis: <https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/sample-page/>
* Workshop: Supporting Youth in our Digital World. November 23 <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIpce6qpjoqG9wtoPZ2cywuHsNfZPtI2Rrx#/registration>
* TDSB HUB: <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/csws/home>

#### Next Ward 7 Council & Community Meeting

* Monday January 22, 2024, 6:30 pm. Virtual via Zoom
	+ Ward 7 Co-Representative Elections