



## Weekly Update – June 14, 2015

### Items of Interest

#### **e-Summer School Registration – July closes this Friday!**

Registration closes at **12 noon on Friday, June 19, 2015** for the July e-Summer School session. After this date, you can no longer become enrolled in the July session. You must complete your registration steps prior to June 19th to be enrolled.

- On June 19th at 12:01 pm students in Pending Status will be **REMOVED** for the July session.
- August e-Summer School Session registration is extended to July 17, 2015.

[Registration is open for all Ontario students.](#)

#### **e-Summer School courses:**

[Course Offerings for the July Session](#)

[Course Offerings for the August Session](#)

For more information <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/elearning/e-summerschool.aspx>

#### **Board Meeting this Wednesday**

This Wednesday's meeting agenda is jam packed! I went through many of the key reports in last week's update – to review the Agenda, please click on [Agenda - June 17, 2015](#)

However, I want to draw your attention to 2 key issues

- [Development of Ethics Policy and Procedures: Revisions to Policy P075, Board Member Code of Conduct \(Formerly Code of Conduct and Ethics for Trustees\) and New Procedure, Complaint Protocol for the Board Member Code of Conduct](#) and

#### **Pupil Accommodation Review Committee be established for Forest Hill Collegiate Institute, George Harvey Collegiate Institute, John Polanyi Collegiate Institute, Oakwood Collegiate Institute, Vaughan Road Academy and York Memorial Collegiate Institute**

- Due to the continued decline in enrolment at Vaughan Road Academy, the underutilization of the facility and program viability of the regular program, International Baccalaureate program and INTERACT program at the school, a Local Feasibility Team (LFT) was established to explore a review of Vaughan Road Academy and the adjacent secondary schools of Forest Hill CI, George Harvey CI, John Polanyi CI, Oakwood CI and York Memorial CI.
- The LFT explored closure scenarios for single and multi-school consolidations, attendance area (boundary) changes, program relocations, and dual secondary school campus model.
- The LFT recommends that the Board establish a Pupil Accommodation Review Committee (PARC) to consider exploring:
  - Closing Vaughan Road Academy and its impacted attendance area boundaries;
  - Closing IB Program at Vaughan Road Academy and opening the IB Program at John Polanyi; and
  - Relocating INTERACT program at Vaughan Road Academy and sending program to Oakwood CI.

#### **Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline**

On 26 March 2015, the Ministry of Education released a new Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline. The last revision of the Guideline was released in June 2009. The Guideline concerns how school boards conduct Pupil Accommodation Reviews. All Ontario school boards must follow the Guideline and ensure their policies and procedures are compliant. What does this mean for this PARG when approved by Board?

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Pupil Accommodation Reviews that have already been approved by the Board will follow our current policy and procedure.

**New Pupil Accommodation Reviews will follow the revised Guideline and our updated policy and procedure.**

**Next Steps**

- Once the Board decision is made public, it will be posted on the board website.
- Written notice will be provided within 5 days to affected municipalities, community partners, co-terminus school boards and the Ministry to discuss and comment on staff's recommendations.
- A Pupil Accommodation Review Committee will be established this Fall – the PARC must include parents from each school under review, and may include students and reps from the community. (Note: Trustees may monitor the PARC process and be ad hoc members, but they are not official members of the PARC).
- First public meeting – there must be at least 30 business days from the time the board decides to conduct a review to the first public meeting.
- Final public meeting – there must be at least 40 business days from the time of the first public meeting to the time of the final public meeting (Note: former Guideline required 4 public meetings).
- The PARC provides feedback to staff but there is no need for the PARC to reach consensus or to vote.
- Staff report to trustees and the public that includes feedback from the PARC and public consultations, information from municipalities and community partners, and recommended options.
- Report must be publicly posted at least 10 business days after the final public meeting.
- Public delegations at Standing Committee – there must be at least 10 business days from the posting of the final staff report to the public delegations.
- Board decision about staff's report – there must be at least 10 business days between delegations and final decision.
- Implementation including a transition plan.

TDSB's Accommodation and Program Review policy [P068](#) and Pupil Accommodation Review procedure [PR598](#) will be updated to reflect the new Ministry guideline.

**Elementary Report Cards [Important changes to TDSB elementary report cards](#)**

I really am sorry to disappoint all the children who worked so hard this year, but we cannot do report cards without our teachers – looking at the limited options available, I believe the TDSB and other boards across the GTA made the right choice. Please note that Secondary Students will receive complete report cards.

The Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) commenced provincial strike action on Monday May 11, 2015. And as part of their work to rule, they have been instructed by their union “not to prepare report card comments, complete or package the June report card – just to provide the Principal with a class list of marks for the various subjects/strands taught”. The production of report cards for over 170,000 TDSB students requires the electronic inputting of data by more than 10,000 teachers. With over 20 entries that are included in each report card, it would mean that at least 3.4 million entries would have to be inputted with a fraction of the staffing resources – this is simply not possible. With that in mind, the Board looked at hiring and training additional staff, but that was estimated to cost over \$1 million — money the TDSB does not have.



Given this information, it is just not possible to send out elementary report cards this year. Instead, principals will provide a letter that confirms a student's grade placement for the upcoming school year.

We know that our elementary teachers are skilled professionals and we are confident that throughout the school year they would have kept parents well informed on the progress of their child. It was our understanding that while teachers were not electronically inputting marks that they would still be open to speaking with parents about their child's progress. We encouraged parents to speak with principals as we thought that the principal could answer general questions and redirect to teachers if needed. Since then ETFO has made very clear to its members (teachers) that if parents ask questions about their children's marks, they are to refer them to the Principal. I know that many of our Principals have already begun receiving a flood of calls and although they cannot possibly share marks with each and every student and/or parent in a limited amount of time, they will do the best they can to provide students and parents with information. We're thankful for the work our Principals are doing during this labour disruption and we'd ask parents to please be patient during this difficult time for all of us.

To remind you, School Boards are represented by the Ontario Public School Boards Association (OPSBA) for Central Collective Bargaining. OPSBA believes that teachers and support staff deeply influence a positive and productive learning environment for students and are supported in this role through the peace and stability engendered by successfully negotiated collective agreements. There is a common purpose to our collective efforts – to maximize the opportunities for success for each and every student. (*OPSBA*)

OPSBA, our designated bargaining agent has clearly stated that we will not negotiate through the media. We must find a negotiated collective agreement that puts student achievement and wellness first and is fair to all of our employee groups, while staying within the framework set by the province, the funder of the whole process. I am sorry that we haven't been able to arrive at a negotiated settlement at this stage that results in disappointment for so many students and their parents.

**TDSB is posting Qs and As and up to date information on our website - questions will be updated tomorrow in order to respond to new issues raised by parents.**

Click <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Labournegotiations.aspx>.

### **School Boards Collective Bargaining Act (SBCBA), 2014: Key Provisions**

E-laws - [http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills\\_detail.do?locale=en&BillID=2882](http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&BillID=2882)

#### **Fundamental Elements:**

- School boards remain the sole employer of both teacher and non-teacher employees (section 4).
- Protection of linguistic and denominational rights as found in the Education Act is continued in the SBCBA. An additional process is added for the protection of these rights in the event a matter at a central table gives rise to a potential infringement (sections 25 & 26).
- Duty to bargain in good faith (section 32):
  - Central parties and the Crown have the duty to bargain in good faith for determination of central terms and the settlement of central terms, and;
  - Local parties have a duty to bargain in good faith for a settlement of local terms (Crown does not participate).



### In the News

#### [Ontario teachers report cards incomplete unsatisfactory](#)

Toronto Star (June 13)

By: Martin Regg Cohn Provincial Politics

#### [No report cards for Toronto public school students, board says](#)

Toronto Star (June 12)

Summary: Parents and students across Canada's largest school board were reeling Thursday to learn schools will not send home final report cards this year because teachers have refused to type in the marks, and instead will just hand out letters saying whether the student is passing to the next grade.

In response to ETFO's news release "*OPSBA wants more management control of teachers but says it can't manage report card marks*" (attached), OPSBA issued the following:

June 9, 2015

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) sent out this release:

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#### [The quality of student learning is a matter of accountability](#)

### Upcoming Events

- **E-Summer School** provides flexibility by being available 24/7 to fit students' schedules. Get the details at: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/eLearning> and check out this video on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ftk7oRjdbI>
- **For other information on Summer Schools, click on** <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Innovation/SummerPrograms.aspx>
- **Attendance Boundary Changes for Secondary School Gifted Boundaries**  
The review process will look at revising the program boundaries for the secondary Gifted ISP programs in order to address equity of access to this program across the TDSB; introduce programs in regions of the City where no program previously existed within a more reasonable proximity to student home addresses; and address accommodation pressures at Don Mills Collegiate Institute and Northern Secondary School. Final community consultation meeting-  
**Tuesday, 16 June 2015                      7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.      Western Tech CS**
- **Free 'Connected Parenting' Speaker Event - Speaker: Jennifer Kolari**  
**Wednesday June 17th - 7 - 8 pm - Hillcrest Community School, Gym (44 Hilton Ave, M5R 3E5)**  
Please join us for a 1-hour seminar with child and family therapist, Jennifer Kolari, one of the nation's leading parenting experts and the founder of Connected Parenting. Please visit [www.connectedparenting.com](http://www.connectedparenting.com) for more information. RSVP to Christine Paterson [yomeweee@hotmail.com](mailto:yomeweee@hotmail.com)
- **Legislative Page Program – Apply before June 15** The program is open to students who are in Grade 7 or 8, have very good grades (80% or higher), are involved with their school or in their



community, have an interest in current events and get along well with other students and adults E-mail: [page\\_program@ontla.ola.org](mailto:page_program@ontla.ola.org).

▪ **Spirit of Mandela Freedom Walk — June 20, 2015**

Mandela Legacy Canada is inviting all students, staff and communities of school districts to participate in the spirit of Mandela Freedom Walk which will be held in Toronto on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. [Click here](#) for the Spirit of Mandela Freedom Walk poster. [Click here](#) for information about Mandela Legacy Canada

**TDSB Board and Committee Meetings**

Jun 15	Audit Committee	4:30pm	Cte Rm A
Jun 16	FSLAC	7pm	Cte Rm A
Jun 17	Regular Board Meeting	7pm	Boardroom
Jun 18	Community Use of Schools	9am	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room
Aug 26	Regular Board Meeting	7pm	Boardroom

**2014-2015 School Year Calendar**

TDSB's school year calendars are on Google Calendar (add to yours!).

Elementary: <http://t.co/SRsxJzPYgL> + Secondary: <http://t.co/s1sWVP0naB>

Secondary School PA Day June 24\*, 25, 2015

Board-wide PA Day June 26, 2015

\* High School Semester Change: The first day of second semester is 30 January 2015. The seven days noted for secondary school include a PA day only for semestered schools on 29 January 2015 and a PA Day for full-year schools only on 24 June 2015.

**For Next Year's Planning...**

**Days of Significance 2015-16**

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Calendar/SchoolYearCalendar20152016.aspx>

**School Year 2015-2016 Dates to Remember - School Year Holidays (as per Ministry of Education)**

Labour Day: September 7, 2015

First Day of School: September 8, 2015

Thanksgiving: October 12, 2015

Christmas Break: December 21, 2015 – January 1, 2016

Family Day: February 15, 2016

Mid-Winter Break: March 14-18, 2016

Good Friday: March 25, 2016

Easter Monday: March 28, 2016

Victoria Day: May 23, 2016

Last Day: June 29, 2016 (Elementary) June 27, 2016 (Secondary)

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