

Ward 9 Forum: Planning for 2019/20 & end of year celebration
Thursday June 20, 2019 6:30-8:30pm
Oakwood CI, 991 St. Clair Ave W

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Meeting commenced at 6:38pm. A land acknowledgement was given by Trustee Stephanie Donaldson. Followed by introductions of those present around the room.
2. **Overview of Agenda:** Trustee Stephanie Donaldson reviewed the agenda, indicating that representatives from the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC) have given regrets so there will not be updates from them. Trustee Donaldson also indicated that she would give her Trustee's Update over to a question period to answer questions about the recently passed TDSB budget. <https://tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/2019-20-Budget>
3. **Community Updates:** Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC), D. Williams, Ward 9 PIAC Representative and PIAC Co-Chair - PIAC had it's final meeting of the year on Tuesday June 18th. Topics discussed included discussion regarding giving children 14 years and older the ability to consent to immunization for themselves. This is being discussed between the Board and Toronto Public Health. Also on the agenda, strategic planning for 2019/20. PIAC will be revisiting their two major events, Fall Conference and the Winter School Council Appreciation Dinner, due to budget restrictions. Please feel free to contact D. Williams with any questions regarding PIAC. *Trustee Donaldson added some information regarding the immunization issue: this will involve removing the need for permission for immunization for students in high school to make the process more streamlined and less bogged down with paperwork. Making sure students receive the immunizations they require efficiently.
4. **Trustee's Update:** Trustee Stephanie Donaldson - a balanced budget was passed by the Board on Wednesday June 19th. This budget includes over \$67 million in cuts. The budget consultation process was highly transparent, <https://tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/AboutUs/Budget/tdsb%20budget%20backgrounder.pdf> <https://tdsb.on.ca/portals/0/aboutus/budget/Proposed%20Operating%20Budget%20Plan%202019-20.docx> 95% of the TDSB's operating budget comes from the provincial government, 84% of the budget is fixed, locking in the funding. This leaves 14% of the budget from which Trustees had the flexibility to decide.
 - a. A comment was made from a parent of the Developmental Disabilities Class at Oakwood CI regarding the loss of teaching staff from their program. Trustee Donaldson explained that loss of teaching staff was due to the Government of Ontario's changes to average class size and not directly linked to the TDSB budget. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2017-budget-brief-improving-education>
 - b. Parents suggested that the charter challenges be looked at in regards to the DD classes.

- c. There was a question of what happens if the budget was not passed. Trustee Donaldson answered that the consequence of not passing a balanced budget would be to have a Supervisor from the Ministry of Education installed in the TDSB to pass a balanced budget without the input of the Trustees.
- d. Superintendent Tracy Hayhurst spoke to how things will work in the TDSB for the 2019/20 school year. Everyone will be working together to make the best of the situation, working within the parameters of the budget cuts and class size average changes to provide the best, most consistent support to students, families and staff.
- e. **Advocacy:** advocacy from every level needs to be done to get the Ontario Government to make changes. How can parents best channel their energies to make changes? Contact West End Parents for Public Education weppe.org . Trustee Donaldson and SEAC Rep Tania Principe and BSAC rep Alexis Dawson are working on initiating a ward level committee on Equity. There is a new Minister of Education and Training as of June 20th, Stephen Lecce, so parents can start advocating to him:
<http://www.infogo.gov.on.ca/infogo/home.html#orgProfile/650/en> Also, contact the local MPP and Education Critic for the NDP, Marit Stiles
<https://www.ola.org/en/members/all/marit-stiles>

5. Superintendent's Update: Superintendent Tracy Hayhurst - Superintendents are wrapping up the school year with graduations and celebrations. Operational things that are happening; class building, transition meetings and support. There are lots of summer resources through TDSB https://tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Summer-Programs?utm_source=Homepage&utm_medium=smallpromo&utm_campaign=Summer_Programs Superintendent Jane Phillips-Long - mentioned the TDSB Virtual Library for Summer Reading <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/library/> School Librarians can give you a bookmark with access codes for the Virtual Library on your home computer. Superintendent Mike Gallagher- reminding School Advisory Councils to fill in your School Statement of Needs <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/ward10/docs/SSONUserGuide.doc> The process of Principal and Vice Principal hiring is in process right now. It is late this year because of the Budget etc...

- a. There was a parent question regarding Principal placements: If a Principal isn't placed before the end of the school year, how will the families be notified? There will be a meeting of the Board in early July to make placements final. If there are still placements to be made they will be made in the last two weeks of August.

6. Celebration of the 2018/19 School Year!!!!

- a. Thank you to the Ward 9 Superintendents: Tracy Hayhurst, Mike Gallagher & Jane Phillips-Long
- b. Thank you to the Ward 9 Steering Committee: Alexis Dawson, Darlene Giroux, Nero Persaud (present), Tania Principe SEAC, Laura-Maria Nikolarizi, D. Williams PIAC (present)

- c. Thank you to all the Ward 9 Parents and Families
- 7. Ward 9 School Improvement Planning:** Presented by Superintendents Mike Gallagher, Tracy Hayurst and Jane Phillips-Long. Mike Gallagher Presented on a Vision for Learning, Equity, Achievement, Well-Being and Global Competencies.. Jane Phillips-Long presented on the Six Key Questions for Building Shared Leadership. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/Community/Community%20Advisory%20committees/SAC/PPTAVisionForLearning.pptx> Tracy Hayhurst presented on Building Strong Relationships and Partnerships with School Communities to support Students Learning and Well-Being <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Multi-Year-Strategic-Plan>
- a. Principal Steve Yee of Oakwood CI Presented on the Oakwood CI School Improvement Planning. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/Schools/schno/5545> Oakwood is a school of 400 students with room to house 800-1000 students. They are an Enhanced Pathways (Academic Only) School and their School Improvement Plan focuses on A.W.E. Achievement, Well-Being and Equity. Principal Yee spoke passionately about his school and his belief that people make a school. He highlighted some of the initiatives that students have been involved in including beautifying the school grounds with student created tables and a large sign. And initiatives to change the way students are evaluated including student produced video math tutorials to evaluate student knowledge of math curriculum and provide online peer tutoring.
- 8.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm