

Ward 9, Davenport & Spadina Fort-York

Trustee Alexis Dawson

Tuesday January 10, 2023, 7:00-8:30 pm

Via Zoom

[Ward Forum Slide Presentation](#)

Agenda:

1. Welcome / Land Acknowledgment /Introductions
2. Trustee introduction and update - Alexis Dawson
3. Executive Superintendent introduction and update - Jack Nigro
4. Superintendent intros/updates - Erin Altosaar, Jennifer Chan, Mary Linton
5. PIAC update and overview (Cecile Farnum)
6. PIAC Election
7. Closing remarks

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Trustee Alexis Dawson
 - [Land Acknowledgement](#)
- Introductions:
 - Jack Nigro, Executive Superintendent Learning Centre 4
 - Erin Altosaar, Superintendent Learning Network 20
 - Jennifer Chan, Superintendent Learning Network 21
 - Mary Linton, Superintendent Learning Network 22

Trustee Introduction and Update: Trustee Alexis Dawson

- [Ward 9 Boundary Map](#)
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/portals/0/leadership/docs/Ward9facilities2022.pdf>
- [Ward 9 Schools](#)
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward9/Ward-9/Ward-9-Schools>
- A bit about Me: I'm a mom. I have lived in Ward 9 for 25 years. I have 2 kids at a TDSB School in the northern part of the ward. I have a son in grade 6 in a French immersion program and a daughter in grade 3 in an English program. Prior to

becoming a trustee, I was very active at the school level on the School Council, in various community initiatives in Little Jamaica, and also at the School Board. Previously I was the Community Co-Chair of the TDSB's Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee (BSACAC), which is a central committee that advises the board on matters of policies and procedures impacting Black students. I also sit on a provincial board called the Ontario Alliance of Black School Educators (ONABSE), as the Chair of the Governance in Education Commission. In that role I work directly with the Ministry of Education on advising the Ministry regarding measures to improve outcomes for Black students and educators. Professionally, I spent 14 years as a strategic account manager for a large science and technology company. And since coming back from my second maternity leave I decided to shift my focus to my family. I had a very, very demanding and time consuming career where I was not seeing my family. Things changed for me when I had a family and I decided to become more involved and active in the school community. Most recently, I've been working as an Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Antiracism consultant in the public and private sector, and also as a consultant in TDSB schools. I have had to give up my work as a paid consultant with the TDSB in order to become a trustee. But prior to being a trustee I was running antiracism workshops in schools, through school councils, as well as strategic school improvement planning (SIP) workshops with school councils, staff, and administrators. So, I'm familiar with some of the work going on in our schools, and I'm looking forward to continuing to participate in that work in my capacity as Trustee.

- **[What does a Trustee Do?](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/ward8/docs/Shelley%20Laskin/What%20Does%20a%20Trustee%20Do.pdf)**
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/ward8/docs/Shelley%20Laskin/What%20Does%20a%20Trustee%20Do.pdf>
- **[TDSB Leadership](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership)**
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership>
- **[TDSB Trustees](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/trustees)**
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/trustees>
- **[Multi-Year Strategic Plan](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/boardroom/multi-year-strategic-plan)**
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/boardroom/multi-year-strategic-plan>
- **[Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Equity-Anti-Racism-and-Anti-Oppression)**
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Equity-Anti-Racism-and-Anti-Oppression>
- **[Board Meeting Live Webcasts](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Live-Webcast-of-Meetings)**
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Live-Webcast-of-Meetings>
- **[Trustee Standing Committees](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Committees)**
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Committees>

€ Trustee Dawson's Committees

- Trustee Dawson is on the Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC), the Program and School Services Committee (PSSC), the Inner City Advisory Committee (ICCAC), the Negotiations Steering Committee and the African Heritage Month Committee
 - Trustee Dawson also sits as a Director on the Ontario Public School Boards Association (OPSBA.org)
 - And, the board of the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) www.theex.com
 - Trustee Co-Chair for the Inner Cities Community Advisory Committee (ICCAC) <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Community-Advisory-Committees>
- € How to Get Involved?
- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved>
 - <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/boardroom/delegations>
- € Priorities for Trustee Dawson:
- Pandemic Recovery
 - Learning loss and well-being
 - <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Pandemic-Recovery-Plan>
 - Equity - <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/The-Classroom/Equity-Inclusion>
 - Student Discipline (Suspension and Expulsion Appeals)
 - Supporting the priorities of the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement - <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/cebsa>
 - Indigenous Education - <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Indigenous-Education>
 - Human Rights at the TDSB
 - <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Human-Rights>
 - Ward 9 Development/Capital Projects
 - Build Lower Yonge Precinct Condo School
 - Opening of Bloor Collegiate Institute
 - Planning West Donlands School (near Distillery District)
 - Long-term Pupil Accommodation Strategy
 - <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Strategy-Planning/Long-Term-Program-and-Accommodation-Strategy>
 - Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC)
 - <https://torontolandscorp.com/>
 - Community Engagement
 - Develop a “best-in-class” Ward-level community engagement model

- Please sign up for my newsletter and feel free to contact me any time!

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Executive Superintendent Jack Nigro: Introduction and Update

- Executive Superintendent for [Learning Centre \(LC\) 4](#)
 - Joined the TDSB in November 2022
 - Has worked in other school boards, the [Ministry of Education](#) and at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education ([OISE](#)). Is the Past President of the Ontario Public Supervisory Officers Association ([OPSOA](#))
- [The role of Superintendents](#)
 - [Steps to Address Questions and Concerns](#)
 - [School Improvement Process](#)
- [Middle French Immersion](#)
- [Special Interest Programs](#)
- [Severe Weather](#)
- [Snow/Cold Weather](#)

Superintendent Update

Superintendent LN 22, Mary Linton:

- January is [Tamil Heritage Month](#) at the TDSB
- TDSB has a mandate for Joy, Engagement & Belonging

Superintendent LN 20, Erin Altosaar:

- [School Improvement Plan](#)
- [Tutoring Supports for Students](#)
- [Alternative Schools](#)

Superintendent LN 21, Jennifer Chan:

- Part of Joy, Engagement and Belonging is access to extracurricular activities and pretty much all activities are up and running this year.
- [Mental Health and Well-Being](#)
- [Well-Being Guide](#)
- The TDSB is in need of [Lunchroom Supervisors](#)

Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Update, Cecile Farnum Ward 9 Rep (outgoing)

- <https://www.torontopiac.com/>
- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Parent-Involvement-Advisory-Committee>
- [What is PIAC?](#)
- [PIAC Rolls and Responsibilities](#)

PIAC Election

- Three candidates were nominated from the floor:
 - Sarah Brager
 - Melanie Medeiros-Sims
 - Karin Trajcevski

- Each candidate gave a short bio and explained why they are interested in the roll of PIAC Ward Representative
- An election was held via Poll:
 - The Elected Ward 9 PIAC Representatives are: Karin Trajcevski and Melanie Medeiros-Sims
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm