

Ward 16 Council Meeting – October 8, 2013

Meeting Notes

Present (as per Sign-In sheets): Adam Beck: Rita Gallippi (P); Adam Beck: Sharon Gomes; Balmy Beach: Susan Morgan; Bowmore: Michelle Aarts; Bowmore: Karin Sildam Eaton; Bowmore: Jenn Petursson; Duke of Connaught: Beverly O'Brien (P); Duke of Connaught: Georgia Koziol (VP); Duke of Connaught: John Kyriazis (VP); Duke of Connaught: David Darling; Duke of Connaught: Rita Camacho-Lomeli; Earl Haig: Olga Ellis (P); Earl Haig: Carol Shea (VP); Earl Haig: Hilary Gray; East York Alternative: Grant Fawthrop (P); George Webster: Kim Pividor (P); George Webster: Ingrid Palmer; George Webster: Bernice Dale; Gledhill: Andy McLachlan (P); Gledhill: Joel Krentz; Glen Ames: Simon Storey (P); Glen Ames: Brian Panesar (VP); GA Brown/Presteign Heights: Athina Nezis-Kalonomos; Kew Beach: Sarah Nauman (P); Kew Beach: Shannon Morrison; Kimberley/Beaches Alternative: Lilian Hanson (P); Norway: Carina van Heyst (P); Norway: Samantha Risdale; Parkside: Katherine Noel (P); Parkside: Laurie Bowman; Presteign Heights: George Patsopoulos (P); Presteign Heights: Amy Bougiouklis; Secord: Peter Saros; Secord: Heather Tormey; Selwyn: Paul Friberg (P); Selwyn: Lenore Brooks; Williamson Road: Brian Svenningsen (P); Parent Involvement Advisory Committee Rep: Kate Wallis; Neighbourhood Link: Lorie Fairburn; TDSB: Sheila Cary-Meagher; TDSB: Vicky Branco (S); TDSB: Catherine Dorton; TDSB: Cathy MacKenzie

(P) Principal; (VP) Vice Principal; (S) Superintendent

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Mix, Mingle and Munch
2. Welcome and Introductions – Sheila
3. Extra-Curricular Sub-Committee Report
 - none (Allyse not in attendance this evening)
4. Environmental Coordinator Report – Catherine
 - schoolyard greening/design consultation meetings now underway
 - have tree captains at only 6 Ward 16 schools; need more; for more info, contact Catherine
 - Live Green Toronto grant > passed Phase I; if awarded, \$\$ will be used toward the purchase of mobile tree maintenance tool kit and/or training; NB*each school will be responsible for raising funds to purchase its own trees
 - Bowmore teachers/parents really keen; new trees planted; curriculum developed; great work!!
 - all Ward 16 schools were emailed tree maps last Spring; maps number and identify all trees on school property (may not be 100% accurate as maps were prepared sometime ago); excellent schoolyard greening planning tool; Catherine to resend tree maps ASAP
 - re Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) update > TDSB has inoculated about 1000 ash trees; diseased trees have been identified and will be removed this year; TDSB Environmental Legacy Fund to help offset cost of new trees; NB* trunks of trees damaged by EAB can be repurposed; for more info, contact Catherine
 - continuing to support school efforts re active transportation and waste reduction initiatives
 - for more info re any of the above, and/or to share your green/eco ideas, contact Catherine at catherine.dorton@tdsb.on.ca
5. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee Report (FSLAC) – Rita Camacho-Lomeli
 - September meeting topics > updated TDSB FSLAC website; FSLAC program offerings; number of spots available; number of applications received; the application process; resources available to support student learning; need for French teachers/availability of French teacher training, etc.
 - **important dates:** Early French Immersion (SK entry) > application process begins January 6, 2014/ends January 30, 2014; Junior Extended French (Grade 4 entry) > application process begins November 4, 2013/ends December 5, 2013; Middle Immersion > application process begins November 4, 2013/ends December 5, 2013; Intermediate Extended French (Grade 7 entry) > ends January 30, 2014; for more info, please visit <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ElementarySchool/SchoolChoices/FrenchPrograms.aspx>
 - for more info re FSLAC (i.e. introduction, guidelines, newsletters, reports, etc.) , please visit <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/HowtoGetInvolved/CommunityAdvisoryCommittees/FrenchasaSecondLanguageAdvisoryCommittee.aspx>
 - Ward 16 Alternate FSLAC Rep needed; responsibilities > attend monthly meeting (at 5050 Yonge Street); attend/report at monthly Ward 16 Council meetings; for more info, contact Cathy
 - next FSLAC meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 17 at 5050 Yonge Street, Committee Room A

- as Ward 16 FSLAC Rep, Rita represents your interests on this committee; for more info, contact Rita via Cathy at cathy.mackenzie@tdsb.on.ca
6. Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Report – Kate Wallis
- 2013-2014 Ontario Ministry of Education Parent Reaching Out Grants awarded to 14 of 26 Ward 16 schools; maximum grant to be awarded > \$1000; applications submitted in Spring; for more info, visit <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.html>
 - **PIAC/SEAC Special Education: Empowering Families through Knowledge and Networking**
October 19, 2013; 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Earl Haig SS, 100 Princess Avenue
For more info, call 416-397-3529 or visit www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference
 - **People for Education Annual Conference: Making Connections**
November 2, 2013; 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management, 105 St. George Street
For more info, call 416-534-0100 or visit <http://www.peopleforeducation.ca/events-workshops/come-to-our-conference/>
 - **PIAC Annual Parent Conference**
November 16 - CANCELLED
 - **PIAC Annual Chair Appreciation Dinner**
February 2014
Montecassino Hotel, 3710 Chesswood Drive
More info to follow
 - in accordance with Regulation 612 (http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_000612_e.htm), all school Principals have been asked to activate a TDSB School Council email account; for more info, contact school Principal (Cathy to send school Principals “how-to” info)
 - TDSB Parent and Community Involvement office to offer workshops re School Advisory Council management in 2013-2014; more info to follow
 - parents encouraged to participate in Vice Principal selection process (advances teachers to VP); participants must first complete one 2-hour training session to be held February 5, 2014, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 5050 Yonge Street, Boardroom; NB* Ministry guidelines have changed so **ALL** interested parties must complete this training/retraining in order to participate!!
 - Ward 16 Alternate PIAC Rep needed; responsibilities > attend monthly meeting (at 5050 Yonge Street); become a member of 1 working group committee; attend/report at monthly Ward 16 Council meetings; for more info, contact Kate
 - next PIAC meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 16 at 5050 Yonge Street, Boardroom
 - as Ward 16 PIAC rep, Kate represents your interests on this committee; for more info, contact Kate at katewallisPIAC@gmail.com
7. Superintendent Report – Vicky
- extra-curricular programming well underway thanks to support of parent/community coaches, school teachers and admin staff
 - Police Reference Check forms to be completed by ALL parents/community members who volunteer in classrooms and/or coach teams; cost \$15 (money order or certified cheque, only); for more info, contact school Principal
 - School Statement of Needs (SSON); record of parent/community priorities for school; will be used by Superintendent/Trustee to select a new school Principal/Vice Principal when necessary; SSON to be completed by School Advisory Council each Fall; for more info, see SSON Form and SSON User Guide attached
 - Additional Insurance for TDSB School Councils; coverage for 1 year commences November 1; cost \$151.20; for more info, contact school Principal
 - all Ward 16 school Principals have been reminded of school/School Council partnership and have been encouraged to work together with parents to make decisions that are in the best interests of the children; school budget and staffing model info to be shared as it becomes available; NB* although School Advisory Councils can expect to *participate* in discussions re school budgets, staffing, etc., all *decisions* will be made by the school Principal and/or Superintendent
 - re classroom arrangements/split classes > Superintendent/Trustee understand parent concerns; Ministry of Education (MOE) mandates class sizes; TDSB cannot pierce caps set by MOE
 - re French Immersion (FI) > programming is not mandated by MOE; each school board responsible for own FI programming; in Ward 16, demand for FI programming far outweighs supply; TDSB committed to placing FI applicants in programs; no guarantee FI placement will be in home school; TDSB planning FI review of Wards 15, 16 and 18 in 2013-2014
 - re Special Education > public education is intended for all; Vicky to advocate in the best interests of every child
 - October 7-11 > Feed Tomorrow Week
 - October 10 > International Walk to School Day
 - October 11 > Board-wide PA Day
 - November 6 > Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9 students)

8. Trustee Report – Sheila
- new Director has been selected; recommendation going to Board on October 9
 - Active Transportation Charter being developed; encourages active transportation (i.e. walking, biking, skateboarding, etc.) as the preferred mode of transportation to and from school; more info to follow
 - 2014-2015 budget process beginning soon; province expected to make more cuts to education funding; Public Education Promoters (previously known as Participatory Budget advocacy group) will meet at 7:00 p.m. on October 21 at 5050 Yonge Street, Committee Room B; for more info, please contact Trustee Chris Glover at 416-397-3106 or chris.glover@tdsb.on.ca
 - school visits currently being scheduled; Sheila to meet with each school's Principal and Head Caretaker
9. School Sharing
- **Gordon A Brown/Selwyn Speaker Event**
Secrets of Discipline: Raising Responsible Children
 October 22, 2013; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 Gordon A Brown MS, 2800 St. Clair Avenue East
 For more info, email gab.homeandschool@gmail.com
10. New Business
- **Embrace Autism/Autism Ontario Parent Support Group Meeting**
 October 29, 2013; 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 George Webster ES, 2 Cedarcrest Blvd.
 For more info, contact Debbie Grounds at embraceautism@gmail.com or Sarah Duhaime at sarah@autismontario.com
 - **Monarch Park Community Aquatics programs:**
 - All Ladies Swim**
 Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 September 24, 2013 – June 10, 2014 (NB* no swim December 24, 31 or March 11, 25)
 Cost: \$2 per swim
 - Adult Lane Swim**
 Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 September 25, 2013 – June 11, 2014 (NB* no swim November 20, December 25, January 1 or March 12)
 Cost: \$2 per swim
 - Community Swim**
 Fridays, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 September 27, 2013 – June 13, 2014 (NB* no swim December 27, January 3, March 14 or April 18)
 Cost: \$2 per swimmer or \$5 per family per swim
 For more information, contact monarchparkaquatics@gmail.com
 - East End Music Project (EEMP) launch January 2014; EEMP is a non-profit music school for children in Grades K-12; lessons include guitar, choir and piano; scholarships available; registration begins November 1, 2013; for more info, visit www.eemp.ca or email eastendmusicproject@gmail.com; to get things rolling, EEMP will host fundraiser at 8:00 p.m. on November 30, 2013 at Circus Academy, 1300 Gerrard St. E.; tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door; NB* all proceeds fund music education/music-making opportunities for local families; for more info, see attached fundraising letter
 - parent advocacy group being formed to lobby Ministry of Education to rescind Reg 274 (legislation re seniority-based teacher hiring); for more info, contact Charles Wakefield at 416-805-1752 or doncha99@gmail.com
 - Ward Council meeting themes requested; please send to Cathy
 - 2013-2014 Ward 16 Council Meeting Schedule attached
 - 2013-2014 School Advisory Council Chair contact info needed (i.e. email); please send to Cathy and Diane Fryer ASAP
 - 2013-2014 School Advisory Council meeting dates needed; please send to Cathy and Diane Fryer ASAP

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

November 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Earl Beatty Jr & Sr PS, 55 Woodington Avenue