

## Ward 16 Council Meeting – December 2, 2010

### MINUTES

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Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

#### 1. Full-Day Kindergarten

- provincial Ministry directive; all schools will offer FDK programming by 2015
- intent of province's FDK program was to provide children with "seamless" day; school boards were to provide before/after school care as well as full day school programming
- \*NB\* at this time, no TDSB school in which FDK is offered provides before/after school care
- TDSB does not want to drive existing child care centres out of schools
- child care centres are still needed to provide care during school breaks, i.e. Christmas, March Break, and over the summer months
- all FDK programs are to be staffed by one Ontario certified teacher and, at least one certified Early Childhood Educator; in those schools where before and after school care is provided, two Early Childhood Educators will be required to cover off the 7am-1pm and 12pm-6pm shifts
- process for implementation > each year, Ministry asks each school board to recommend those schools in which FDK programming is desired; Ministry makes final decisions
- no school is recommended for FDK programming by the TDSB until the respective school communities have been consulted
- schools in Ward 16 currently under consideration for FDK include Crescent Town
- TDSB recommendations will be based on what is most sensible/cost effective
- \*NB\* at this time, no Ward 16 school has the physical space for FDK programming
- \*NB\* implementation of FDK programming may result in changes to existing TDSB school boundaries

#### 2. K-8 Schools

- many pros and cons associated with changeover from K-5/6 to K-8 school; information available online
- considerations include: school dynamics; student safety/stability, etc.
- TDSB passionate that every changeover from K-5/6 to K-8 has a positive impact on students
- no TDSB decision made without extensive consultation with both the school and its community
- K-8 changeovers are possible even where a school currently has no physical space to accommodate it

#### 3. Programmes of Choice

- TDSB does not like to sell off its properties; would prefer to put space to good use
- as more schools become K-8 schools, this might be a good use of vacant schools
- currently under consideration: all boys school; all girls school; sports school; choir school
- student engagement will be the driving factor in any decision of this nature
- Director's vision: make the school system fit the needs of the community; provide educational programming that best benefits all learners
- by offering programmes of choice, TDSB will be able to enhance what it already has (i.e. extremely talented students)

#### 4. Our Green Future

- plan to promote environmental sustainability in all Ward 16 schools
- energy audits conducted in all Ward 16 schools in 2009-2010; schools and school communities are currently being advised of results, and plans for improvements are to commence soon
- Environmental Coordinator, Catherine Dorton to support schools (principals/teachers) and parents to achieve these goals
- of note, project currently underway to install solar panels on the roof at Kew Beach Junior Public School

5. Ward 16 PIAC Alternate

- Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) mandate: “To advise the Board on matters related to parent and community involvement, and to provide feedback to the Board on educational matters of broad community interest”.
- as elected Ward 16 representative you will attend meetings, held roughly every 6 weeks at the TDSB offices at 5050 Yonge St.
- your term of office will be 2 years
- for more info go to [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) select Parents then select Parent and Community Involvement; or, contact Cathy MacKenzie at [cathy.mackenzie@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:cathy.mackenzie@tdsb.on.ca) or 416-395-8413

6. Ward 16 FSLAC Representative and Alternate

- French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC) mission statement: “To consult with and advise the Board on French as a Second Language matters and contribute to the work of trustees and staff. This partnership of trustees, staff and parents fosters excellence and growth in FSL programs at the Board”.
- as elected Ward 16 representative you will attend meetings, held roughly every 6 weeks at the TDSB offices at 5050 Yonge St.
- for more info go to [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) select Parents then select Parent and Community Involvement; or, contact Cathy MacKenzie at [cathy.mackenzie@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:cathy.mackenzie@tdsb.on.ca) or 416-395-8413

7. New Business

New swim programs available at Malvern CI and Monarch Park CI

- see flyers attached; for more info contact Sharon Gomes at [t.gomes@sympatico.ca](mailto:t.gomes@sympatico.ca)

Protocol for securing the services of a school crossing guard

- school crossing guard program run by Toronto Police Service
- contact local division of TPS; 54 Division at 416-808-5433; 55 Division at 416-808-5538
- you may also wish to contact City Councillor, Janet Davis (email: [councillor\\_davis@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_davis@toronto.ca); office: 416-392-4035)

NEXT MEETING  
Thursday, February 3, 2011  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Location TBD