



Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: December 3, 2019

A meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Community Advisory Committee convened on December 3, 2019 from 6:34 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Central Technical School, Room 208, with Sheila Cary-Meagher presiding.

Attendance: Sheila Cary-Meagher (Community Co-Chair); Manna Wong (Trustee Co-Chair); Stephanie Donaldson (Trustee, Ward 9); Barbara Falby (For Our Grandchildren); Sunday Harrison (Green Thumbs); Hilary Inwood (OISE); Anne Keary (Parent); Lisa Milne (Parent); Linda Naccarato (Earth Day Canada); Peter Odle (Parent); Brenda Simon (Natural Curiosity); Bob Spencer (Parent).

Also present were: Richard Christie (Senior Manager, Sustainability); Esther Collier (Teacher); Kristen Evers (Green Projects Team Leader); Hongliang Hu (ECE); Naomi Quarcoopome (Teacher); Gigi Shanks (Teacher); Jenn Vetter (EcoSchools Certification Specialist).

Regrets: Leila Barati (EcoKids); David Hawker-Budlovsky (Centrally Assigned Principal); Stefan Sommer (CUPE 4400); Jennifer Story (Trustee, Ward 15);

Part A: Recommendations

No recommendations to report.

Part B: For Information Only

Trustee Manna Wong was announced as ESCAC's Trustee Co-Chair for the 2019/20 school year.

Sunday Harrison presented on school garden projects that are underway at the TDSB through a partnership with Green Thumbs Growing Kids and highlighted some examples from other jurisdictions.

ESCAC is planning to prepare a letter that will recommend that the Board of Trustees write to the Federal Government, to follow up on the status of funding that was earmarked in the 2019 federal budget for school food programs.

Staff provided an update on energy initiatives:

- Staff from Facility Services will be invited to attend an ESCAC meeting in the new year to discuss the TDSB's solar projects.
- The TDSB's Climate Change Summit has expanded in scope and is now expected to take place over two days. February 20, 2020 will be a summit for youth, followed by a climate action summit on February 26, 2020.
- The TDSB plans to participate in the City's Green Will Initiative, which aims to accelerate greenhouse gas emission reductions by improving the energy efficiency of Toronto's public and privately-owned buildings.

Bob Spencer provided an update on the work of ESCAC's Energy Sub-Committee. The Committee met twice in fall 2019 and is working on a proposal that would aim to contribute to a reduction in the TDSB's greenhouse gas emissions.

Linda Naccarato from EcoKids shared the newly released *My City Too*. This report, developed by 8 80 Cities and EcoKids, describes existing barriers to outdoor free play and independent mobility for children and suggests best practices for addressing them.

Esther Collier shared details of Cummer Valley Middle School's Community Climate Action Night, which took place on November 28, 2019, and aimed to mobilize the broader school community to take action to address the climate crisis.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

No ongoing matters to report.

Report Submitted by: Richard Christie