



Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 2 February 2021

A meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Community Advisory Committee convened on February 2, 2021 from 6:38 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing, with Sheila Cary-Meagher and Manna Wong presiding.

Attendance: Sheila Cary-Meagher (Community Co-Chair), Manna Wong (Trustee, Ward 20), Michelle Aarts (Trustee, Ward 16), Lindsay Bunce (EcoSchools Canada), Andrew Davies (No.9); Sierra Frank (EcoSchools Canada), Barbara Falby (For our Grandchildren), Sunday Harrison (Green Thumbs Growing Kids), Haley Higdon (Natural Curiosity), Hilary Inwood (OISE), Anne Keary (Parent), Dan MacLean (Trustee, Ward 2), Debby Martin (Community Member), Erin Pan (SustainEd), Bob Spencer (Community Member), and Melanie Williams (Community Member).

Also present were: Richard Christie (TDSB), Esther Collier (TDSB), Kelly Crosthwaite (TDSB), Priyan de Silva (TDSB), Kristen Evers (TDSB), Mandeep Gill (TDSB), David Hawker-Budlovsky (TDSB), Chris Metropolis (TDSB), Linda Naccarato (TDSB), Naomi Quarcoopome (TDSB), Gigi Shanks (TDSB), and Jenn Vetter (TDSB).

Regrets: Stefanie Hall (TDSB), Brenda Simon (Natural Curiosity), Stefan Sommer (CUPE 4400) and Andrea Stephens (Parent).

Part A: Recommendations

No recommendations to report.

Part B: For Information Only

ESCAC provided feedback on an outdoor learning online portal that staff are developing in response to the *Use of Outdoor Spaces for Instructional Time* report that was presented to Board in January 2021.

At its April 2021 meeting, ESCAC will be given the opportunity to provide feedback on solar signage for schools, the development of a community climate action guide for youth and the development of a long-term plan to support outdoor learning during instructional time.

Time will be dedicated at the May 2021 ESCAC meeting for members to discuss how the committee would like to prioritize initiatives moving forward.

As a mentee of the City of Toronto's Women4Climate initiative, Melanie Williams informed ESCAC that she is working on a project that aims to increase secondary students' participation in local climate actions that support Toronto's climate action strategy.

Andrew Davies informed ESCAC that No. 9 will be participating in a public art initiative that engages professional artists, youth, and communities across the GTA in current social and environmental issues through the City's public art program ArtWorxTO. Students will have an opportunity to contribute to the program by transforming artists' work through an interactive component.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

No ongoing matters to report.

Report Submitted by: Richard Christie