



## Community Advisory Committees

**Name of Committee:** Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** 6, April, 2021

A meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Community Advisory Committee convened on April 6, 2021 from 6:35 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing, with Sheila Cary-Meagher presiding.

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**Attendance:** Sheila Cary-Meagher (Community Co-Chair), Lindsay Bunce (EcoSchools Canada), Val Endicott (Community Member), Barbara Falby (For our Grandchildren), Sunday Harrison (Green Thumbs Growing Kids), Hilary Inwood (OISE), Anne Keary (Parent), Debby Martin (Community Member), Michele Martin (Community Member), Bob Spencer (Community Member), Brenda Simon (Natural Curiosity), and Andrea Stephens (Parent).

Also present were: Biz Ahrens (TDSB), Richard Christie (TDSB), Esther Collier (TDSB), Kristen Evers (TDSB), David Hawker-Budlovsky (TDSB), Chris Metropolis (TDSB), Mahnaz Mirkhond-Chegini (TDSB), Linda Naccarato (TDSB), Naomi Quarcoopome (TDSB), and Jenn Vetter (TDSB).

**Regrets:** Haley Higdon (Natural Curiosity), Catherine Leighton (TRCA); Stefanie Hall (TDSB), and Manna Wong (Trustee, Ward 20).

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### Part A: Recommendations

No recommendations to report.

### Part B: For Information Only

Staff informed ESCAC that the TDSB's new Taking Learning Outdoors web portal (<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/learningoutdoors>) has now been launched, and log seating and armour stone seating with accessible pathways are planned for implementation at select schools in 2021. These initiatives are intended to provide additional outdoor learning support to schools.

ESCAC provided feedback on what should be included in a long-term plan for encouraging and supporting all schools to use outdoor spaces for instructional time throughout the day. Staff will be presenting a long-term plan to Board in the May cycle of meetings.

ESCAC provided feedback on a draft Community Climate Action guide being developed by the TDSB that aims to help schools mobilize communities towards climate action.

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

### **Part C: Ongoing Matters**

No ongoing matters to report.

**Report Submitted by:** Richard Christie