**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Committee Name**: Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee

**Date:** June 6th, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 P.M.

**Present:**  Sheila Cary-Meagher (Trustee), Catherine Leighton (TRCA), Jessie Sawyers (Teacher Candidate, OISE), Kristen Schaffer (Teacher Candidate, OISE), Bob Spencer (Beach Community Energy Co-operative), Lisa Milne (Community Member) Rachelle Winton-Dean (Community Member), Manna Wong (Trustee).

**TDSB:** Richard Christie (Senior Manager, Sustainability Office), Kristen Evers (Green Projects Team Leader, Sustainability Office), Esther Collier (Teacher), Peyton Leung (Teacher), and Kathryn Winton (Teacher); Jenn Vetter ( ), Justin Nadeau (Green Projects Team Leader, Sustainability Office)

**Guests:** Brenda Simon (Earth Day Canada), Linda Naccarato (Earth Day Canada)

**Recorder:** Kristen Evers (Green Projects Team Leader, Sustainability Office)

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION** |
| Call to Order/Quorum | Meeting called to order.  Welcome and introductions. |  |
| Approval of May 2nd Minutes | The May 2nd, 2017 meeting minutes were approved. |  |
| Debrief of May 2nd Meeting with presentations from Earth Day Canada, Evergreen and the TDSB | Kristen Schaffer debriefed the May ESAC meeting, when presenters from Earth Day Canada, Evergreen and the TDSB discussed outdoor play and learning.  The committee indicated an interest in encouraging the TDSB to create a Play Policy that would assist schools in promoting outdoor play and learning opportunities. |  |
| Play Policy!? *A Conversation* | The committee broke into two smaller groups to discuss the possibility of developing a play policy for the TDSB. The discussions highlighted the following:   * Need to have something beyond fear that drives decision making * Kids have a right to play * OPAL can provide equality and access – the whole school can be engaged * Work out of the UK can provide a foundation for developing a policy, however the model is a bit different. In the UK, play policies are localized at the school level * Insurers will need to weigh in on Board-wide policy * Play supervision will need to be addressed * 20 minutes of daily physical activity (DPA) is mandated by the province for elementary students. OPAL could be used during this time   Next steps:   * A small group will get together in the summer to develop a strategy for proposing a play policy * Representatives from ESAC should present to the Program and School Services Committee in the fall (September or October?). Presentation could include: * Research/data to support program * Good news stories from Pilot schools * Invite key stakeholders to fall play days and/or Earth Day Canada Symposium in January | The following individuals have expressed interest in participating in a Play Policy working group over the summer:  Rachelle Winton-Dean  Kathryn Winton  Lisa Milne  Bob Spencer  Peyton Leung  **Action:** Any committee members interested in joining this working group, that are not listed above, can let Kristen know – kristen.evers@tdsb.on.ca |
| 2017 Wood Salvage Program | **Justin Nadeau, Green Projects Team Leader with the TDSB’s Sustainability Office**   * The TDSB has a large urban forest, made up of approximately 35,000 trees * The emergence of the emerald ash borer in Toronto significantly impacted the health of ash trees in the city and has required the removal of many trees across the system. * Justin shared some examples of how the TDSB has been managing its urban forest. His presentation can be viewed [here](https://drive.google.com/a/tdsb.on.ca/file/d/0Bx_lD7F17nRjaUp1cDE3dlFTY0U/view?usp=sharing) |  |
| Annual Report | * Kristen Schaffer reviewed ESAC’s draft Annual Report and encouraged members to provide feedback * The Annual Report will be presented to the Board’s Program and School Services Committee in the fall of 2017. | **Action:** Send any feedback on the Annual Report to [kristen.evers@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:kristen.evers@tdsb.on.ca) by **June 30th** |
| End of Year Self Evaluation | * An end of year ESAC self-evaluation was distributed to members in attendance. * The results of this evaluation will assist with ESAC’s planning. | **Action:** Committee members that have not already completed an ESAC self-evaluation can do so electronically by visiting <https://goo.gl/forms/V3ddRSlgNW6EuUdg1>  Complete by **June 30th** |
| New Business | * No new business was shared |  |
| 2017/18 Meeting Schedule and Locations | ESAC members were surveyed after the May 6th meeting and the preferred meeting locations for 2017/18 were split evenly between Central Technical School and the TDSB Education Centre (5050 Yonge). For this reason, ESAC meetings will continue to alternate between these two locations for the 2017/18 school year.  The following 2017/18 meeting dates were proposed.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Location** | | Tuesday, October 3, 2017 | Central Technical School | | Tuesday, November 7, 2017 | 5050 Yonge | | Tuesday, December 5, 2017 | Central Technical School | | Tuesday, February 6, 2018 | 5050 Yonge | | Tuesday, March 6, 2018 | Central Technical School | | Tuesday, April 3, 2018 | 5050 Yonge | | Tuesday, June 5, 2018 | Central Technical School | |  |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. |  |