**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Committee Name**: Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee

**Date:** December 5th, 2017

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

**Present:**  Sheila Cary-Meagher (Trustee), Sharon Beason (Parent),Alan Collier (Community Member), Andrew Davies (No. 9), Hilary Inwood (OISE), Jane Ji (Spring Bay Studio), Debby Martin (Evergreen), Lisa Milne (Parent), Linda Naccarato (Earth Day Canada), Vince Schutt (Enviromentum), and Brenda Simon (Earth Day Canada).

**TDSB:** Richard Christie (Sustainability Office), Esther Collier (Teacher), Priyan De Silva (Office Administrator), Kristen Evers (Sustainability Office), Marion Shanks (Teacher) and Jenn Vetter (Sustainability Office).

**Regrets:** Rebecca Carriere (Teacher), Asima Coutinho (Teacher), Leslie Di Domenico (Parent), Pamela Gough (Trustee), Linda-Sue Thomas (Community Member), and Annie Slater (Vice-Principal)

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

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ACTION** |
| Call to Order | Meeting called to order.  Welcome and introductions. |  |
| Approval of November 7th Minutes | The November 7th, 2017 meeting minutes were approved. |  |
| Play Policy Updates | * ESAC Community Co-chairs and Brenda Simon delivered a presentation on the importance of play at the November 23rd Health and Mental Well-being Committee meeting * ESAC Co-Chairs plan to attend an upcoming Programs and School Services Committee (PSSC) meeting and present to committee * OPAL Symposium will be occurring on January 19th. * Visit <https://earthday.ca/earthplay/schoolplay/symposium/> for event details and registration. |  |
| Go Green and TDSB Energy Consumption | * Richard Christie shared the TDSB’s Go Green Climate Change Action Plan, with ESAC * The report was approved by Board in 2010 and describes actions the TDSB should do to respond to the pressures of climate change * A number of positive outcomes resulted from the report including the establishment of the Board’s Environmental Legacy Fund the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee. * New BASs (Building Automation System) being installed at schools have an improved interface and have a better capability to do diagnostics. However, the TDSB still has some work to do when it comes to energy conservation. | Invite TDSB Energy Coordinator to present on the Board’s latest energy work at an upcoming ESAC meeting |
| New Initiatives | * Attendees broke into smaller groups to generate a discussion on the topics they would be interested in having ESAC focus on in the future. * Energy use at the TDSB was a primary focus: * How can energy education become more accessible for all schools at the TDSB? Energy dashboards in schools so students and staff can engage with real world data - tie to curriculum and help occupants be energy efficient (look at York Region School Board). * Hear from energy experts (eg. TREC, Praxair) * We need to improve people’s understanding of energy waste * Are there school boards somewhere in the world that have significantly reduced their energy consumption that we can draw on? * Encourage students to have a voice about energy conservation via EcoSchools * Focus should not only be on cost savings but also reduction of Green House Gas emissions and dedication to the health and wellbeing of students * TDSB needs to keep students in a comfortable and environmentally regulated atmosphere that is affordable. |  |
| Other Business | * No new business |  |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.  Next meeting scheduled for February 6th, 5050 Yonge, Meeting Room A |  |