

## **Report to Toronto District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee**

### **From: TDSB SEAC Chair for the February 5, 2018 TDSB SEAC Meeting**

Date: January 31, 2018.

By: Richard Carter, P.Eng., Chair, TDSB SEAC

I would like to offer a couple of brief thoughts about two of the items on the Agenda for the February 5, 2018 TDSB SEAC and ask that you consider your recommendations in terms of the association, organization and/or community you represent and where applicable, TDSB SEAC Motions #1 - #6 passed by the TDSB SEAC with David Lepofsky as Chair. Building on the foundations these Motions have provided and working with the Board and Staff to implement the recommendations is critical.

#### **1) Improving pre-employment training/opportunities for students with special needs.**

To support SEAC in developing recommendations, Trustee Chris Glover will present the motion he put forward and was passed at Board followed by a deputation from Osmond Shen presenting his "Job Book" highlighting the jobs he has participated in, the steps leading up to the job and the strategies that were implemented. Included in the mail out is draft wording Trustee Glover has prepared for consideration by SEAC. We may also want to ask Staff how the 40 hours of community involvement activities, co-op, etc. could be supported for students with special needs.

#### **2) Setting SEAC Priorities for 2018**

This Item is carried forward from January so that we have more time to consider it and discuss in detail, going around the table to ask each member of SEAC their suggestions as we collectively establish a list of priorities along with tentative dates when we would like to see them on the meeting Agenda. The goal is to also establish a calendar for the year when these priorities will best be discussed and recommendations put forth. Again, please make reference to the relevant Motion #1 – 6, if applicable and/or note any relevant section(s) of our governing documents and also our guiding documents including the Special Education Plan, the Enhancing Equity Task Force Report, etc.

If any of the items would benefit from the creation of a working group or are the focus of an existing SEAC Sub-Committee we may want to note this as part of the discussion.

David Lepofsky has circulated an e-mail containing suggestions for consideration and a proposed Motion, which has been included in the meeting mail out package, for discussion as part of this Agenda item.