# Name of Committee: Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee (ESCAC)

**Meeting Date**: **September 13, 2022**

Notes

A meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Community Advisory Committee convened on May 3, 2022 from 6:35 p.m. to 8:29 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing, with Trustee Manna Wong and Community Co-Chair Anne Keary presiding.

## Attendance via Zoom:

Manna Wong (Trustee, Ward 20), Anne Keary (Community Co-Chair), Susan Bakshi (Parent), Esther Collier (Community Member), Barbara Falby (For Our Grandchildren), Valerie Endicott (Community Member), Hilary Inwood (OISE), Alysse Kennedy (Natural Curiosity), Dan Maclean (Trustee, Ward 2), Stefan Sommer (CUPE 4400)

Also present were: Maurice Buonastella (TDSB), Richard Christie (TDSB), Kristen Evers (TDSB), David Hawker-Budlovsky (TDSB), Jenna Goldberg (TDSB), Mary Kokinakis (TDSB), Pam Miller (TDSB), Gigi Shanks (TDSB), Jenn Vetter (TDSB)

## Regrets: Mieke Foster (Community Member), Stephanie Hall (TDSB), Sunday Harrison (Green Thumbs Growing Kids), Peyton Leung (TDSB), Mahnaz Mirkhond-Chegini (TDSB), Bob Spencer (Beach Community Energy Co-op), Andrea Stephens (Parent).

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS** |
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| Call to Order / Quorum | * Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.
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| Land Acknowledgment | * The meeting began with a Land Acknowledgement
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| Approval of Agenda | * Agenda approved
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| Approval of May 3, 2022 minutes | * Minutes approved, without comments.
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| 2022 Climate Action Report: Draft for Consultation | * Draft action items planned for the TDSB’s annual climate report were reviewed with ESCAC for consultation.
* Members responded positively and provided feedback on draft actions and recommendations for strengthening the report to accelerate the sense of urgency surrounding the climate crisis. Feedback included:
* Suggestion was made to reference findings of 2021 CAMH *The Well-Being of Ontario Students* report,

**Action**: A. Keary to share report with K. Evers* Consensus that there is a need for more student involvement and the student work that is already occurring at the TDSB should be showcased.
* It would be helpful to have more youth representation on ESCAC.
* It was suggested that the 2022 Climate Action Report be shared with the Ontario Association of School Board Officials (OASBO) to inspire other school boards to take climate action.
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| Member Updates/Announcements* TDSB/OISE collaboration updates
 | * [TDSB/OISE Annual Environmental and Sustainability Education Conference](https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/home/scan/events/ese-conference) will be occurring on November 19, 9am – 3pm.The conference will include in-person components taking place at OISE and virtual components taking place on Zoom.
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| Next Meeting Date | * November 1, 2022 – 6:30 pm via Zoom conferencing
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| **Adjournment** | * September 13, 2022 – 8:29 pm
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