

Ward 7 Council and Community Meet and Greet

Thursday October 24, 2024 6:00-8:00 pm. Howard JPS

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Land Acknowledgement

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 - Trustee Debbie King extended an invitation for Council and Community members to give the Land Acknowledgement at future Ward meetings. Email [Debbie King](#) if you are interested.

Welcome and Introductions

- Community agreement and meeting norms were reviewed:
 - Treat everyone with respect.
 - Healthy debates are natural, but
 - kindness is required.
 - No harassment or hateful speech at any time
 - Make space, take space
- The meeting agenda was reviewed:
 - 1. Land Acknowledgement & Welcome
 - 2. Housekeeping and Introductions
 - 3. Ward Rep and Staff Updates
 - 4. Trustee Update
 - 5. Discussion: Ward Priorities
 - 6. Q&A
 - 7. Closing Remarks
- Everyone present introduced themselves, stated what school(s) they represented and shared something positive from the start of the school year. Comments included:
 - Progress on playground improvements
 - Good communication from Principals
 - Many student clubs up and running
 - Strong staff creating welcoming environments
- Staff at the meeting:
 - Ward 7 Trustee, Debbie King
 - Nura Aram, Parent, Caregiver and Community Engagement Worker

- Nura works with [Model Schools](#), Currently, there are no model schools within our ward however, Nura is available to come to any school that needs assistance.
 - The TDSB Parent Caregiver and Community Engagement Workers host a website for families called [TDSBHub.ca](#). This site features resources, calendars and workshops for TDSB Families.
 - Alex Tracey, Superintendent of Schools FS07 (as of Nov 4, 2024)
 - Jane Philips-Long, Interim Superintendent of Schools FS07
 - John Currie, Superintendent of Schools FS08
 - Erin Altosaar, Superintendent of Schools FS09
- **Upcoming Ward 7 Meetings:**
 - Thu Nov 28 (6-8pm hybrid) at Howard JPS
 - Thu Jan 23 (6-8pm online)
 - Thu Feb 20 (6-8pm online)
 - Thu Apr 10 (6-8pm hybrid)
 - Thu May 22 (6-8pm hybrid)

Updates:

- **Ward 7 [Parent Involvement Advisory Committee \(PIAC\)](#)** Representative Alice Monroe.
 - There is an opening for one Co-Representative for Ward 7 on PIAC. An election will be planned for the January 2025 meeting.
 - [The Parents & Caregivers as Partners Virtual Conference](#) is on Saturday November 16th. The theme is wellness and registration opens soon.
 - [School Council Innovation Grant](#) Applications are now open. The next information session is Wednesday, October 30 at 6:30pm online.
- **[Ward 7 French as a Second Language Community Advisory Committee \(FSLCAC\)](#)** representative Elizabeth Carvalho

TDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2024 -2028

- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/boardroom/multi-year-strategic-plan>
 - There was a brief recap of the renewed 2024-28 MYSP
 - There is now an operating plan and key performance indicators for the year
 - As part of school improvement planning, school councils will be asked to participate in the development of an Indigenous Education goal
 - There was discussion on how the MYSP relates to school improvement planning, the work of Superintendents supporting schools, and how [MYSP Indicators of Success](#) are being tracked.

Family of Schools

- To support the MYSP, there is a new [Learning Centre \(LC\) and Family of Schools\(FOS\) Model](#) for the 2024/25 School Year
 - [Map of Learning Centres and Family of Schools](#)
 - [Map of Learning Centre 1](#)
 - Ward 7 Family of Schools: see page 7 of the [slide presentation](#).
- The change is largely internal, but can also support school council and community work together

Topics of Interest

- Trustee King shared lists of:
 - Current system-wide issues: e.g. education funding, French program delivery
 - Current local matters: e.g. [City implementation of bike lanes in Parkdale](#)
 - [2024-25 policy review schedule](#)
 - [2024-25 annual reports](#)
- Council reps also raised issues related to:
 - Bathroom conditions
 - Staffing shortages
 - Implementation of fees of IB program

Discussion

- There was discussion to prompt the establishing of priorities for our ward discussions and work: Some initial themes and ideas raised:
 - Fostering feelings of belonging in communities
 - Showcasing excellence Eg. Student sport performance
 - Building and promoting pride in all schools
 - Supporting parent engagement esp. in secondary schools
 - Connecting families of schools
 - Inclusive fundraising practices
 - Learning: emotional regulation tools and practices

Action Items

- Trustee King to share email addresses of ward reps in attendance, to help facilitate connections within families of schools
- Ward reps to gather feedback and additional ideas from their school communities to discuss at our November ward meeting

Of Interest:



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