

District School Council / Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: November 2, 2023

Location: Virtual
Time: 6:00 pm

- 1 Call to Order & Territory Acknowledgment Superintendent Goldring
- 2 Welcome and Introductions Superintendent Goldring
- 3 Director's Update Director of Education Wes Hahn
 - 3.1 Director Hahn discussed the letter sent out in the fall from the Ministry of Education which talked about going back to basics. Ontario's plan is to improve reading, writing and math by providing additional funding for new literacy educators and math coaches. The core areas of focus this year are to strengthen student achievement of core skills, prepare students for future success, and increase student engagement and well being. Director Hahn also noted the importance of implementing a climate survey annually for TLDSB schools.
- 4 Administrative Updates Superintendent Goldring
 - 4.1 Presentation EQAO Results Superintendent MacJanet
 - 4.1.a Superintendent MacJanet introduced the TLDSB results from the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessments that were conducted last school year noting that TLDSB has shown an increase in all areas at or above the province. Superintendent MacJanet noted the celebrations of increases in Grades 3 and 6 results in reading, writing, and mathematics. Secondary results have also shown gains in the assessments, as Grade 9 de-streamed mathematics saw an increase over the previous year, and the Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) also had an increase from the previous school year. There were also increases in results for Students with Special Needs in Grade 3 and 6 reading, writing, and math as well as Grade 9 math and Grade 10 OSSLT results. Superintendent MacJanet attributed the above provincial scores in elementary schools due to the hard work of our educators in ensuring students were prepared with the knowledge and skills.

4.2 Parent Engagement Funding

4.2.a Each school is granted \$500 to spend on items or events that will increase parent participation and engagement at their school. The School Chair must keep record of purchases and provide an annual report indicating how the money was spent and how parent engagement was increased using the purchases.

4.3 Negotiations Update

4.3.a Superintendent Goldring explained the negotiation and bargaining process and how the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) members have accepted a proposal and is moving to arbitration. The Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) initially voted in favour of strike action however has now voted in favour of accepting a four-year agreement.

4.4 Parent Council Resources

4.4.a Resources are available to School Council Chairs via the google drive and have been shared with the School Council Chair contacts that were submitted by Principals. Please ensure that you or your Principal has reached out to Carly McLennan to provide updated contact information for any new School Council Chairs. Resources include a Ministry of Education guide for members, the TLDSB School Council Procedure, as well as documents indicating which dates are important for School Council Chairs.

5 Advance Questions - Superintendent Goldring

5.1 Superintendent Goldring addressed questions that had previously been submitted for discussion.

6 Next Meeting

Date: December 14, 2023

Location: Hybrid, Archie Stouffer Elementary School

Time: 6:00 pm

7 Adjournment

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