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

**Meeting Date**: **May 1, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

Notes

A meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Community Advisory Committee convened on May 1, 2023 from 6:32 p.m. to 8:10 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), Valerie Endicott (Community Member), Mieke Foster (Community Member), Hilary Inwood (OISE), Dan Maclean (Trustee, Ward 2), Anu Sriskandarajah (Trustee Ward 22), Sarah Urquhart (OISE), Deborah Williams (Trustee, Ward 10).

Also present were: Elizabeth Addo (TDSB), Richard Christie (TDSB), Kristen Evers (TDSB), Mary Kokinakis (TDSB), Pam Miller (TDSB), Babak Nikmard (TDSB), Jenn Vetter (TDSB), Angel Woodside (TDSB).

## Regrets: Barbara Falby (For Our Grandchildren), Peyton Leung (TDSB), Mahnaz Mirkhond-Chegini (TDSB), David Hawker-Budlovsky (TDSB).

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS** |
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| Call to Order / Quorum | * Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.
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| Land Acknowledgment | * The meeting began with a Land Acknowledgement
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| Introduction | * Co-Chairs Anne Keary and Manna Wong and Participants
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| Approval of April 4, 2023 minutes | * Minutes approved, without comments.
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| Multi Year Strategic Plan Renewal | * Superintendent Addo provided an overview of the TDSB’s current multi-year strategic plan (MYSP), outlined requirements set out by the Ministry of Education and shared the Director’s Message: [“Have Your Say” video](https://youtu.be/QpO93dhFsi8)
* Superintendent Addo facilitated a discussion with ESCAC to collect group feedback on the TDSB’s renewed MYSP, which essentially outlines TDSB’s priorities for the next four years.
* Meeting attendees were invited to provide feedback on whether the existing strategic plan’s priorities/pillars remain relevant and important:
* Pillar 1 - Transform Student Learning
* Pillar 2 - Create a Culture for Student & Staff Well Being
* Pillar 3 - Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students
* Pillar 4 - Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs
* Pillar 5 - Build Strong Relationships and Partnerships within school communities to support student learning and well being
* Along with the opportunity to voice ideas for improving current pillars, attendees were encouraged to think about any priorities that are missing and if anything else should be considered in the renewed MYSP.
* The feedback provided by ESCAC during this meeting has been tracked. Further feedback can be provided via the [MYSP Renewal Online Survey](https://tdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cBew9CHG4DSVl0G) (open until September 29, 2023):
* A slide deck and Facilitation Guide can be accessed via [Google Drive](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11e3Tbkmba6fXCpzPc1GIN9bW4WXQlggW?usp=sharing) for those interested in facilitating discussion on the MYSP within their own community.
* Additional details on the MYSP Renewal process can be found on the [TDSB’s public website](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Multi-Year-Strategic-Plan/MYSP-Renewal)
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| EcoSchools Student Leadership Conference | * P. Miller shared highlights from the Virtual TDSB Youth Climate Summit, a student leadership conference put on by EcoSchools on April 26, 2023.
* “Make Change Happen,” was the event’s theme, focused on climate action and drawing middle school, high school students and staff.
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| Member Updates/Announcements | * Consultation is underway for [Bill 98, Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act](https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-43/session-1/bill-98), Submissions regarding Bill 98 due by May 9 to education.feedback@ontario.ca or by May 12 via Ontario’s Regulatory Registry
* ESCAC members are invited to attend the TDSB EcoSchools Year-end Celebration on June 6th, at Burnhamthorpe CI, 4-6pm. Those interested in attending are asked to [register](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/cultivating-connections-digging-into-urban-farming-with-foodshare-at-bci-registration-626535884697?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-May-Newsletter&utm_source=Envoke-All-contacts&utm_term=May-2023-Newsletter).
* An upcoming [mayoral candidates debate on climate action](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mayoral-candidates-debate-on-climate-action-tickets-630417314157) will be occurring on June 5th, presented by School of Cities and others (Update: cancelled due to scheduling conflicts).
* ESCAC Members are asked to complete the [ESCAC end of year survey](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7t1ys31fKb8pDE8erCP_F9eRmUHU7x_4SAE0HBe43h_Nsyw/viewform?usp=sf_link) by June 30, 2023.
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| **Adjournment** | * Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.
* Next meeting, October 3, 2023
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