Ward 7 Council & Community Meet & Greet

Thursday October, 12, 2023 6:30-8:30 pm

Keele St. PS, 99 Mountview Ave. Toronto, ON

Minutes

[Presentation Slides](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CBd4R8SflfadFd7S9T3EotjfoP8qqDch/view?usp=sharing)

* A Light meal was served from 6:30-7:00

## Welcome and Introductions

* Trustee Debbie King welcomed everyone
* Keele St. PS Vice Principal Krystine Suvoda gave the [Land Acknowledgement](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/indigenouseducation/Home/About-Us/Indigenous-Schools/Land-Acknowledgement)
* Trustee King made introductions of the guests and speakers for the evening:
	+ Parent Engagement Success Stories
		- Wes Brown
		- Sharon Grant
	+ Superintendents of Learning for Ward 7
		- Debbie Donsky, LN 19
		- Erin Altosaar, LN20
	+ Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator Parent/Caregiver and Community Engagement Office (PCCEO)
	+ George Kourtis, Coordinator Health and Physical Education
	+ Keele St. PS
		- Georgia Koziol, Principal
		- Krystine Suvoda, Vice Principal

## 2023 Concerns Heard

* Trustee King compiled a list of concerns that were brought to her attention in the 2022/23 school year since her onboarding as Trustee in November, 2022
	+ **School Level:** extra-curriculars, well-being support, school culture
	+ **Ward Level:** boundary changes, program access
	+ **Board Level:** safety, central admissions, operating budget, inclusion
	+ **Ministry Level:** education funding, Bill 98

## 2023-2024 Priorities and Anticipated Challenges

* **Ministry Level:**
	+ math and literacy
	+ mental health
	+ ETFO negotiations
* **Board Level:**
	+ student achievement and well-being
	+ multi-year strategic plan renewal
	+ Funding and resources
	+ equity & inclusion
* **Ward Level:**
	+ long term planning and accommodation
	+ resource allocation
* **School Level:**
	+ resources and well-being

## Platforms for Parent/Caregiver and Community Voice and Engagement

* **School Level:**
	+ [Volunteering](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Volunteering)
	+ [School Council](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils)
	+ [Black Student Success](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Community-Advisory-Committees/Black-Student-Achievement-Community-Advisory-Committee) & [Equity Committees](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Community-Advisory-Committees/Equity-Policy-Community-Advisory-Committee)
	+ [Safe and Caring School Committee](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Caring-Safe-Schools/Caring-and-Safe-School-Committee)
	+ Principal(s)
	+ [Superintendent](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/portals/0/aboutUs/docs/SeniorTeamDirectory.pdf)
* **Ward Level:**
	+ [Trustee Ward Meetings](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward7/)
	+ [Parent Involvement and Advisory Ward Rep](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Parent-Involvement-Advisory-Committee)
	+ [French as a Second Language Ward Rep](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Community-Advisory-Committees/French-as-a-Second-Language-Community-Advisory-Committee)
* **Board Level:**
	+ [Community Consultations](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Strategy-Planning/Accommodation-Reviews)
	+ [Parent Involvement & Special Education Advisory Committees](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees)
	+ [10 Community Advisory Committees](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Community-Advisory-Committees)
	+ [Standing Committee Delegations](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/boardroom/delegations)
* **Ministry Level:**
	+ [Trustee/Board](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership)
	+ [Ministry of Education and Members of Provincial Parliament](https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-education)
	+ Advocacy Groups

## Parent Engagement Success Stories

* Wes Brown, Runnymede Junior and Senior Public School Parent
	+ [Volunteer Coaching](https://drive.google.com/file/d/181qwjIko6aZQQ1scTfzMbTroGwMJnA7z/view?usp=drive_link)
* Sharon Grant, PIAC CoChair and Parent Volunteer at Emery CI
	+ Encouraging students to get involved in athletics
	+ Engaging with students and parents on site at the school

## Staff Presentations

* Superintendents Erin Altosaar and Debbie Donsky
	+ [Effective Parent and Family Engagement](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i6Jvq47xXGMYkCIhhYdeWA7N5lLjC2YF/view?usp=drive_link)
		- [Steps to address questions and concerns](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Contact-Us/Steps-to-Address-Questions-Concerns)
		- [Caring and safe schools](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Caring-Safe-Schools)
* Parent/Caregiver and Community Engagement Office, Michelle Munroe
	+ [PCCEO Engagement](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rt5HjjLJN6bvxqQ02oXZU6YiU2RVsP7-/view?usp=drive_link)
		- [How to get involved](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Parent-and-Community-Engagement-Office)
		- [P023 - Parent and Caregiver Engagement Policy](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Detail/docId/188)
		- [PR558 - Parent and Community Involvement Policy](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Detail/docId/995)
		- [In School Involvement](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/getinvolved)
		- [Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference](https://parentsaspartners.ca/) October 21 & 22, 2023
* TDSB Sports, George Kourtis
	+ [TDSB Sports](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_DtkGZnNVX5BSdyhU91RiTVODIiWAzaE/view?usp=drive_link)
		- [TDESAA, Elementary Sports](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Beyond-the-Classroom/Elementary-Sports)
		- [TDSSAA, Secondary School Sports](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/sports/)
		- [Fundraising Policies and Procedures](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Fundraising/Policies-and-Procedures)

## On The Horizon

* [Changes to Central Student Admissions](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Secondary-Central-Student-Interest-Programs)
* [Digital Media Literacy Skills in the age of AI](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/digital-media-literacy-skills-in-the-age-of-ai-tickets-714955791017?aff=oddtdtcreator), Wednesday October 18, 2023
* [Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference](https://parentsaspartners.ca/) October 21 & 22, 2023
* [Early Years Literacy Intervention Model, New Ontario Curriculum Language Implementation Update (Oct 18 PSSC)](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Committees)
* [French Program Enrollment Annual Report & FSLCAC Annual Report (Oct 18 PSSC)](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Committees)
* [Long Term Planning and Accommodation Strategy (Oct 25 PPC)](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Strategy-Planning/Long-Term-Program-and-Accommodation-Strategy)
* [Math Achievement Plan Update (Oct 25 PPC)](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/190070%20TDSB%20Mathematics%20Action%20Plan_Final.pdf)