

**Trustee Robin Pilkey, Ward 7 Forum
Tuesday October 22nd, 2019 7-9pm
HumberSide CI, Library
Minutes**

Present - School Representatives from: Annette St. J&S PS, Garden Ave JPS, Humbercrest PS, HumberSide CI, Indian Road res. JPS, Keele St. PS, King George JPS, Parkdale CI, Parkdale J&S PS, Queen Victoria PS, Runnymede CI, Runnymede J&S PS, Swansea J&S PS, Ursula Franklin Academy, Western Tech,

- The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm and a Land Acknowledgement was given by Trustee Pilkey
- Introductions were made around the room

- Principal Kim McLaren welcomed everyone and introduced HumberSide CI: there are 1300 students and they have had a good start to the school year. Academics and athletics are going well. HumberSide has both French Immersion and Extended French Programs. Students at HumberSide CI are actively involved in learning.
<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/humbersideci/Home/portalid/1965>
- *If your school is interested in hosting a Ward 7 Forum, please contact Trustee Robin Pilkey robin.pilkey@tdsb.on.ca

Trustee's Report:

- Budget is a big issue. \$67 000 000 in budget cuts for 2019-2020 school year.
 - Central staff was cut so it will be more difficult to find TDSB speakers for Ward Forums.
 - Funds were taken wherever possible from non-classroom related things
 - There are now fewer Superintendents
 - Programs that did not meet TDSB equity standards were cut.
 - Some Outdoor Education Centres were closed.
 - Itinerant Music had its hours cut and equalized across the board to make distribution more equitable. 17 new schools were added to the program.
 - Staffing is now being allocated by numbers of students instead of by program.
 - Individual School Budgets have been cut. Schools with over 300 students have seen a 5% budget cut.
 - Parkdale CI will be charging a fee for the IB program in grade 11 & 12.
 - These budget cuts to the TDSB are being implemented over 2 years.
 - It is possible that in year 2 bussing to French and gifted programs may be cut. The Board is looking at different possibilities, one being changing bell times to allow busses to run more than one route.
 - ard 7 has not been greatly affected by the cuts.

- Budget is an ongoing issue. [TDSB Budget](#)
- Labour Update:
 - CUPE Strike was averted. Deal is being ratified, a three year contract. Strike would have closed the TDSB schools completely as about ½ of TDSB's employees are CUPE. The Board looked at how to keep schools open but the decision was made that it would not be safe or equitable, especially to the students with special needs. It was decided if all students couldn't be accommodated then none would. The Safe Arrival System was also a consideration as it is operated by CUPE employees.
 - The OSSTF and ETFO unions are currently in negotiations. They are holding strike votes right now but all parties are at the table. A Conciliator has been called into both negotiations, if that does not move negotiations forward then they will go to a No Board Report and at that time will legally be able to walk off the job 17 days later. Likely the first action will be a withdrawal of services (work to rule). For information and updates: [Labour Negotiations](#)
- Secondary School Review: This is a standing item on the [Board Agenda](#).
 - Secondary Schools in the TDSB are in a bit of a crisis.
 - Class size average changes from 1:22 to 1:23.8 for 2019-2020, expected to increase to 1:28 by 202-2023, are affecting the offerings available to students. This is supposed to be accomplished by attrition. As teachers leave and are not replaced, their course offerings are also removed. This is particularly affecting smaller schools. There are many smaller secondary schools in the TDSB and this is very inequitable.
 - The Board is doing a Secondary School Review to see how secondary education at the TDSB will look moving forward. An update will be given at each ward meeting.
- French Program Review: <https://tdsb.on.ca/Community/Public-Consultations/French-Review>,
https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/QA%20Recommendations_ACCESSIBLE.PDF
 - Recommendations came out in June.
 - Restructuring French Immersion to have two entry points (JK, Grade 4) and eliminating Extended French.
 - Grade 4 and Grade 7 Extended French will be Early Immersion will begin in JK in 2022
 - A Core French strategy is in place and the board is actively recruiting French teachers.
- Policy Consultation: <https://tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>
 - Optional Attendance and the Secondary School Review - Public meeting, November 14th 7:00pm, Western Technical School.
- Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant:
 - The Ontario Government has given the TDSB \$133 000 for parent engagement. No longer an application based program. Decrease of \$230,000 from what was distributed to TDSB schools last year.

- More information to come.
- TDSB Racism Action Plan: [Hand out distributed](#)
- **Community Organizations:**
 - [West End Parents for Public Education](#)
 - [Ward 7 Facebook Page](#)
- **Advisory Committee Representatives**
 - Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)
 - Ward 7 Rep, Loen Hansford has resigned.
 - Ward 7 needs a PIAC Rep & Alternate for the 2019/20 School Year
 - PIAC meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month
 - [PIAC Information](#)
 - [PIAC Website](#)
 - Contact Trustee [Robin Pilkey](#) if interested
 - French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC)
 - Ward 7 Representative is Mandy Moore
 - [FSLAC Info](#)

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm

Next Ward 7 Forum

Date: November 26th

Time: 7:00pm

Location: TBD (need a volunteer!)

TOPIC: Public Health will be making a presentation on their Immunization Policy