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School Staffing

At this time of year schools are starting to think about organizational models for the new academic year starting in September. School Councils, with the support of their principals, are part of this process. The process of discussions is somewhat different in each school, but school councils and staffing sub-committees that act as consultation groups have an opportunity to have input on such things as school entry and exit hours, recess times, lunch times, and suggestions on support programs. Remembering that principals and staff have formal decision making roles and principals decide upon staff assignments, it is important for school councils and community to give input into this process to ensure that programming and structures are reflective of community needs. This topic will be one of the main items at the next Ward 10 Council meeting on March 26 at Heydon Park Secondary School at 7:00.

City of Toronto Childcare Briefing

On Wednesday, February 15th Chair Bolton attended a meeting hosted by Toronto City Council, which also included Toronto City Councillors, other School Board Trustees, and local members of Federal and Provincial Parliament. The meeting was held to discuss transitional issues impacting Toronto's child care system as Full-Day Kindergarten is implemented in Ontario. The goal of the meeting was to develop a common understanding of issues and to identify potential solutions in order to develop a shared plan to preserve an affordable and accessible child care system for families. While recognizing that Full-Day Kindergarten is a priority of the Province and a positive initiative for children and families, the development and implementation of a robust transition plan is required in order to protect and stabilize child care in Toronto. For more information, please see: www.toronto.ca/supportchildcare/.

School Library Revitalization

At the most recent Ward 10 Council meeting, two Palmerston parents made a presentation on the revitalization of their school library. The school now has an active Library and Literacy Committee that meets regularly and has been instrumental in introducing new literacy programs at the school. As a result of the presentation, a Ward 10 Library and Literacy Committee that would be a resource for other Ward 10 schools was established by the Ward council. The presentation can be found on the Ward 10 website at <http://myward10.ca/files/Ward->



[10-Library-and-Literacy-Committee-2012-02-21.pdf](#). To become a member of the committee, contact Esther Levin at esther@myward10.ca.

Ward 10 Space Committee Update

The Ward 10 Space Committee met again in January. The purpose of the committee is to be proactive in determining what will happen to the space in Ward 10, with a focus on the smaller schools in the Ward. The committee has been tasked with thinking about the optimal size of our schools for the programs we want to have in them and then developing a strategy to carry out our plans. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 24.

Ryerson CS Redevelopment

The long term redevelopment process for Ryerson CS began with the community meeting that was held in the late fall. Recently the Ryerson Local School Community Design Committee met for the first time. The committee is comprised of representatives from the school, including the administration, the parent council and the staff, the local community, the neighbouring community centre, and the city. The design process will include visits to other schools that have been rebuilt to see what works and how they work, to discuss options and possibilities, to consult with the school community and the broader community, and then to work with architects/designers to develop the plan for Ryerson. Watch here for updates on this exciting development.

Important Dates

Ward 10 Council Meeting

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 26, 2012

Heydon Park SS

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Refreshments and childcare provided

Ward 10 Space Committee

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Location to be determined

5:30 – 7:00 pm

TDSB Regular Board Meeting

5050 Yonge Street, Board Room

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Start time: 7:00 pm

March Break

Monday, March 12 – Friday, March 16