

## **Trustee Update from Chris Bolton November 22, 2007**

### **Board Issues:**

1. Budget Process and finances:
    - a. Start of review and evaluation of budgeting towards 2008/2009 school year budget with November 22 meeting
    - b. Systematic review and planning process put in place through these meetings and info sessions for trustees.
    - c. How to work with the province to improve the process and funding.
    - d. Remember that MOE is only one of our funders now.
  2. System Co-ordination
    - a. New ad hoc committee to look at how to better organize board functions to be more effective in decision making and use of time and resources
    - b. Third meeting started to develop questions that would focus activities of board on the major issues and challenges
  3. Standing Committees:
    - a. Program And School Services Committee:
      - i. Con Ed. Report received with recommendations to be more cost recovery and to limit new ventures to those that are cost neutral.
      - ii. Discussion about French Immersion kindergarten classes and how to staff them.
      - iii. Also a side discussion on the Afro centric school models and possible implementation.
    - b. Facilities committee:
      - i. Putting together the final offering for selling of Carleton Village School
  4. School Safety Panel:
    - a. Symposium on Wednesday of this week to consider all the information that has been collected and has an open discussion.
    - b. Final report expected to be submitted by December 15.
  5. Advisory and Liaison Committees
    - a. Have received by this Thursday the list of advisory and liaisons committees which will be posted on the website.
    - b. Last weekend there were two conferences: one for Parent Involvement Advisory Committee and one for the Ethno-cultural Network Liaison Committee. Both were very successful.
  6. Board Organizational Meeting
    - a. Will be held on December 3 to select new chair and vice chair and members of the standing committees and trustee reps on other committees.
- International Studies
- b. Concerns about the board support for the International Languages Program is being put the test with the Con Ed. Report. May need to consider options for next year or the following year.

- c. Discussion about option with the Chinese government as other governments for support of language and culture programs.
- d. Report on the findings of the delegation to China in October to go to board on November 28.
- e. Agreement with Overseas Chinese Department and Con Ed to be signed in December. Fundraiser also.
- f. Moving forward with a Confucius Institute for TDSB and head office to be hopefully at Central Commerce with other offices throughout the board.

**Ward Issues:**

1. Harbord, Central Tech and Heydon Park have all had their graduations in the past month. Central Commerce has theirs in June.
2. Four proposals have been submitted for new alternative schools for next year, but not necessarily in Ward 10.
3. We will also see the implementation of the proposal to start to transform Hawthorne Bilingual to a K to 8 model from a K to 6 model.
4. Montrose and Niagara are asking to be considered as sites for a K to 8 school.
5. There is a boundary review starting that would add the Fort York Blvd residents to the Waterfront School community.
6. I will have an oral summary of the suspensions and expulsion info for Ward 10 at the ward council meeting.