



ADDENDUM
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION

Joseph Martino, Chair

Nancy Crawford, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 22, 2021

7:00 P.M.

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*Nancy Crawford
Trustee Ward 12*

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To: Regular Board Meeting April 22, 2021

From: Nancy Crawford, Trustee Ward 12

Subject: Notice of Motion: Celebrating the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June at the Toronto Catholic District School Board

MOVED BY: Nancy Crawford

WHEREAS: The Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2021 and celebrates every month of June as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus;

WHEREAS: Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins wrote on March 23, 2021, to Trustees and Directors, and others involved in Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Toronto, to ask that we focus on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the symbol of the compassionate love of Jesus, throughout the month of June;

WHEREAS: Focusing on the Sacred Heart of Jesus throughout the month of June does not prevent other recognitions occurring in the month of June;

WHEREAS: "The Sacred Heart signifies the steady, reliable, faithful, life-giving love which we experience in Jesus as we encounter him both in the Gospels and in our life of faith; we are called to imitate that faithful love;"*

WHEREAS: In this time of the pandemic, the people of the world are burdened by much fear, isolation, economic loss, illness, suffering and death; and

WHEREAS: Our students, their families and our staff are experiencing much suffering caused by the pandemic. “Like us all, they deserve and they need life-giving spiritual nourishment, clear guidance in life, and the true compassionate love that Jesus teaches us in the Gospel, and models for us, and challenges us to imitate.”*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Toronto Catholic District School Board focus on the Sacred Heart of Jesus this and every June through special prayers and meditations, teachings and activities to deepen our understanding and love for Jesus, each other, and the isolated, sick and marginalized.

*quoted from Cardinal Collins’ March 23, 2021 letter.

Nancy Crawford
Trustee, Ward 12



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A Message from our Chair



Without a doubt the 2019-2020 school year has been like no other. Thankfully the dedicated and innovative staff at The Angel Foundation for Learning were able to respond to the unique circumstances with innovative approaches to supporting students.

When tragedy struck Gosford Park and hundreds of people were left homeless right around the holidays, AFL rose to the occasion and mobilized community and school volunteers and donors to provide clothes, blankets, schools supplies and grocery gift cards to families who had been displaced.

Later when the worldwide pandemic triggered a massive lockdown, The Angel Foundation for Learning had to pivot resources and attention to finding creative ways of meeting the diverse needs of children and families once schools closed their doors in March.

Throughout these unusual circumstances, The Angel Foundation for Learning, with the support of staff, students and Trustees across the Toronto Catholic District School Board, and the generous donations from corporate sponsors, was able to redirect resources where they were most needed.

The regular work of the Foundation also continued throughout much of the school year, with a number of successful events and initiatives. Though the functions planned for the spring and summer had to be put on hold due to ongoing health concerns and restrictions, donations continued to flow in, and the focus shifted to more direct support for families.

You can read more about the challenges and opportunities of the past year in this report.

AFL extends its sincere appreciation to the dedicated volunteer members of its Board of Directors, as well as the Trustees of the Toronto Catholic District School Board for their commitment to the work of the Foundation. We also thank our many corporate sponsors who, despite their own financial challenges, continue to support our efforts. Of course we also owe a debt of gratitude to the countless individuals—students, staff and families—who opened their hearts and wallets to share what they had with those who were in need. We are truly blessed to have so many Angels among us.

We look forward to the year ahead with excitement and anticipation, and are confident that regardless of local and global circumstances, the AFL will be there to ensure that all students have the resources and support they need to succeed to the best of their abilities.

Sincerely,

Nancy Murdocca
Chair, Board of Directors
Angel Foundation for Learning

Feeding Students in School and At Home

The Angel Foundation for Learning continues to support nutrition programs in schools. During 2019-2020, there were 184 programs in operation in 167 schools, providing 1.2 million nutritious meals and snacks per month to 61,000 students each day. A nutrition program was newly introduced at Bishop Macdonell, a new school in the downtown core, and the Board is committed to ensuring that all schools have nutrition programs once funds are available.



The Angel Foundation for Learning appreciates the continued support and leadership of school Principals, and the dedicated nutrition program coordinators and volunteers who remain committed to ensuring that all students can benefit from healthy meals and snacks throughout the school day.

When schools were forced to close their doors in March because of the global pandemic, The Angel Foundation for Learning recognized that there would be a gap in the service for vulnerable families who already struggle with putting food on the table for their children. Working closely with our partners at the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS), the City of Toronto/Toronto Public Health and the Ontario Ministry of Child and Social Services, the AFL launched its own COVID Emergency Response Plan,, redeploying \$1.75 million (in phases) designated for in-school nutrition programs, to create the Food for Kids Student Home Nutrition Program. Over 34,000 grocery cards were distributed to families in need and went a long way in helping many families from March through to the end of August. With the delayed start to the school year, the program was extended into the 2020-2021 school year to ensure that no student would go without.



When the Unexpected Happens...The Angel Foundation is There

In November 2019, The Angel Foundation for Learning heard about a massive fire at Gosford Park. Hundreds of families, including many students from the Toronto Catholic District School Board, were displaced by the fire and had to seek temporary accommodation elsewhere for an extended period of time. Losing your home and possessions is devastating at the best of times, and the emotional, financial and psychological impact is even more strongly felt with Christmas looming.

In the true spirit of Advent, many corporate donors rallied to the cause. With their support and the generous outpouring of donations from staff and families across the Toronto Catholic District School Board,



AFL's Social Work Emergency Funds were able to address some of the most urgent and pressing needs for those impacted. The assistance took the form of grocery gift cards, donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, bedding, clothing and school supplies.

AFL staff, along with local Trustees and school staff were on site at schools impacted by the fire to ensure that students had what they needed to continue with their education. A total of more than \$13,000 was donated in a matter of days.

The Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers (TECT) were among the many donors who gave from the heart to help students and families. (Pictured left to right: John Yan, AFL Executive Director, Patricia Minnan-Wong, TECT President, TCDSB Trustee Ida Li Preti) with a cheque for \$1,000.

Angels Among Us

The Angel Foundation for Learning is grateful for the many corporate sponsors and donors, TCDSB schools, students, staff and families, as well as community members, who support the organization throughout the year. These Angels participate in our fundraising events, donate gifts and money, provide professional services or other assistance throughout the year. We could not do what we do without their help.

Our heartfelt thanks to our corporate partners/sponsors and contributors:

AeroMexico	Archdiocese of Toronto
Atkinson Foundation	Maureen Campbell
CIBC	Connie Leon
CUPE 1328 (Canadian Union of Public Employees)	David's Tea
DJ Emporium	Edge Imaging
Flashlite Benefits	Johnson Insurance
Knights of Columbus	Loblaw Companies Limited
Loretto Sisters	Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (Toronto Argos, Toronto Marlies)
Martin McCarthy	McCarthy Uniforms
Kathleen McCarthy	National Bank
Murdocca Family	Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada
Nordale	Riviera Parque
Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTO) District #23	SSVPA (Secondary School Vice Principals') Association
ShareLife	Tandia
TCPVA (Toronto Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals Association)	TECT (Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers)
Terra Tundra Foundation	TD Securities Underwriting Hope Fund
TSU (Toronto Secondary Unit OECTA)	Toronto Catholic District School Board
Youth and Education Fund	World's Finest Chocolates

TCDSB Angels

We are grateful to our school communities who host a variety of events throughout the year to raise much needed funds for AFL, including:

The Holy Trinity Arcade

The Angel Foundation for Learning was delighted to receive \$1,400 from The Holy Trinity school community. The money was raised through their annual Caines Arcade which was organized by grade 7 students and teachers. The funds will support the AFL's efforts to provide nutritious meals and snacks, as well as other supports for students and their families.



St. Mary Philanthropists

Students from St. Mary's Catholic Academy earned a \$5,000 donation to their charity of choice—The Angel Foundation for Learning. Congratulations and thank you to Yeonjoo Choi, Louis Paglicauan, Daniel Vasco, Madelina Fagundes and Kaitlyn Malfara for their award winning presentation for the Youth in Philanthropy Initiative!



Ms. Ousovitch, a teacher at St. Mary's Catholic Academy, added "I'd also like to express my gratitude to all grade 10 Civics students who contributed to other charities in promoting a sense of community and good citizenship. This project allows students to learn, to engage and to be conscious of their everyday privileges as compared to many of those they help service."

St. Dorothy Gets Baking

Students had a great time with their bake sale at St. Dorothy, raising money for AFL. Nothing is better than students helping students.



St. Angela's Mental Health & Wellness Committee presents:

Together in Faith!

with
Maestro Fresh Wes
and
Father Obinna

On Monday, June 15, 2020 at 11 AM

Goal:
To raise money to help support the Angel Foundation while bringing together AREA 1 & 2 TCDSB staff for a celebration of faith.
Any staff member who wishes to volunteer their time to participate in this seminar are invited to donate to the Angel Foundation (under Together in Faith).
https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=10809

Spaces are limited. Please RSVP by Friday, June 12, 2020 to jessica.cheron@tcdsb.org

what you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me (Matthew 25:40)

Together in Faith

Staff from Areas 1 and 2 in the west end participated in a virtual Faith Day event with Fr Obinna Ifeanyi and Maestro Fresh Wes. All were invited to consider a donation to The Angel Foundation.

Cents Off

Employees of the Toronto Catholic District School Board continue to support the work of the AFL through cents off donations. A little goes a long way, as those pennies from each pay cheque help AFL to fund critical programs and services that so many rely on. Staff only need to sign up once, and can opt out at any time. Those few cents from each pay cheque won't be missed, but they will have a huge impact on the life of a child. Just think what we could accomplish if all 10,000 TCDSB employees signed up.

THE ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

CENTS-OFF PROGRAM

Give us the pennies from your paycheques, and we can do wondrous things together.



Vesna Filipic, Treasurer of the Secondary School Principals and Vice Principals Association, presents John Yan with a cheque at their annual Christmas Luncheon.



Trustee Frank D'Amico delivers cheque from Fairbank Village BIA to AFL.

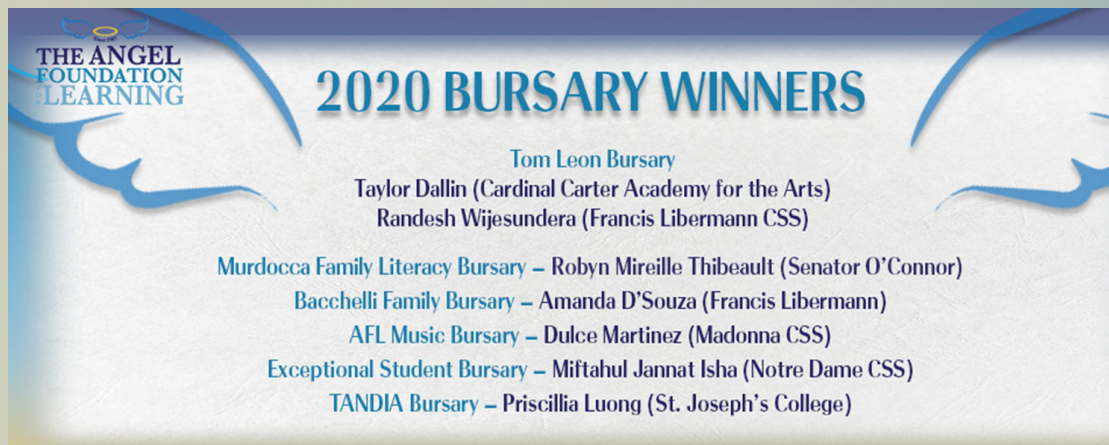
Special Donations

We are also thankful for those who celebrated milestones or paid tribute to loved ones who passed away with a donation to AFL, as well as the many generous individuals who made donations for no specific occasion:

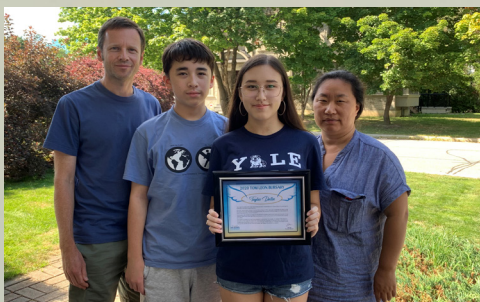
- In memoriam – \$4,359.38
- In honour - \$220
- Retirement - \$25
- General - \$12,951.85

And the Winners Are...

Each year The Angel Foundation for Learning oversees a number of awards and bursaries that support student achievement. Learn more about the various bursaries and awards administered by The Angel Foundation for Learning: https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=6155



The Tom Leon Bursary is awarded annually to grade 12 graduating students to help defray the cost of post-secondary education. Each year, the nominees for this award have outstanding academic achievements, along with a history of giving back to their school and broader community. The most recent winners were Randesh Wijesundera and Taylor Dallin, the latter having served as a Student Trustee for TCDSB for two years.



Taylor with her family (left) and Randesh with his mother (right).



The Year That Was Highlights from 2019-2020

Despite the cancellation/postponement of some annual events due to health and safety concerns and protocols, there were many AFL events and celebrations that took place during the 2019-2020 school year including the following:



The Annual Gala has always been a highlight of the school year for TCDSB staff, Trustees and friends and supporters of AFL. It's a great opportunity for everyone to dress in their finest, be treated to some amazing performances, socialize with colleagues and friends, and have a chance to win great prizes or bid on a variety of auction items.

In partnership with the Nurturing our Catholic Community team, AFL Toronto honours the students and staff we have lost throughout the past year at a special Memorial Mass--a way for TCDSB to come together and show support for those who have lost a loved one.



The school year started with an announcement regarding the Nutrition Program New Regulatory Framework at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, with a provincial commitment to removing unnecessary barriers for food sharing organizations. Those on hand for the announcement included Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, as well as John Yan from AFL, Lori Nikkel from Second Harvest. TCDSB Trustee Markus De Domenico and TCDSB Director of Education Rory McGuckin.



The Annual Charity Golf Tournament planned for 2020 had to be cancelled. Plans are underway for a possible event in 2021.



Each December, AFL Toronto shows appreciation to TCDSB staff for their ongoing support with a complimentary breakfast. Staff are also invited to purchase items at the Christmas Market and participate in various raffles and draws.



The Angel Foundation is truly blessed to be part of the TCDSB family and works closely with the Catholic Education Centre's Social Committee in coordinating a special potluck meal—another opportunity for staff to socialize with their colleagues and share their favourite dishes with one another.



Beards and Bangs: TCDSB staff were happy to support this unique initiative to raise funds for AFL. With so many of us unable to visit hair salons because of safety restrictions in response to the pandemic, a few volunteers opted to grow their beards and bangs for a good cause. Great fun was had by all who participated and AFL is truly grateful to everyone who supported this event.



Beards & Bangs CUT Challenge



Here are the final CUT results!



Another highlight for students and staff is Marlies Health Action Day. Students from across the Board are invited to a game to show support for their favourite AHL hockey team, and the Marlies in turn make a generous donation to AFL. Despite the lower attendance due to concerns over the global pandemic the Marlies donated \$9,000.

2019-2020 Financial Statements

(period ending August 31, 2020)

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
Revenue				
Grants	5,698,146	-	5,698,146	6,255,327
Donations	502,956	63,813	566,769	441,038
Fundraising Events	141,502	-	141,502	244,005
Interest	20,035	-	20,035	31,819
Total	6,362,639	63,813	6,426,452	6,972,189
Expenses				
Program	5,456,822	64,590	5,521,412	6,506,249
Fundraising	57,291	-	57,291	77,588
Office	(2,150)	-	(2,150)	25,175
Salaries & Benefits	327,733	-	327,733	422,479
Professional Fees	10,790	-	10,790	13,929
Total	5,850,486	64,590	5,915,076	7,045,420
Excess (deficiency) revenue over expenses for the year	512,153	(777)	511,376	(73,231)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Net assets, beginning of year	122,880	748,171	871,051	944,282

Statement of Cash Flows

	2020	2019
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	511,376	(73,231)
Balance of Artwork written off	2,937	-
Changes in non-cash balances:		
Accounts receivable	4,885	5,681
Prepaid expenses	1,237	282
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,104)	(876)
Deferred revenue	(2,055,909)	(683,894)
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(1,537,578)	(752,038)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of investments, net	(28,383)	(10,448)
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(28,383)	(10,448)
NET CHANGE IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	(1,565,961)	(762,486)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	2,170,016	2,932,502
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	604,055	2,170,016



Board of Directors 2019-2020

Nancy Murdocca - Chair
Odette Fernandes, Social Worker - Vice-President
Lucy LePera - Treasurer
Carmela Giardini - Honorary Secretary
Nick D'Avella – Superintendents
Mary Eileen Donovan – Member at Large
Julie Mazzuca-Peter - APSSP
Liz Gabbott – Member at Large
Carmen Giambattista – Member at Large
Maria Machuca – CSLIT
Daniela Venturin – CUPE 1328
Raffi Guluyan – MAPA
Toni Pucci/Caroline D'Souza - TCPVA
Patricia Coburn - TCSSPA
Gabriella Figliano – TECT
Norm Di Pasquale – TCDSB Trustee
Daniel Di Giorgio – TCDSB Trustee
Taylor Dallin – TCDSB Student Trustee
Kathy Nguyen – TCDSB Student Trustee

Our Mission

The Angel Foundation for Learning is the charitable organization that serves the needs of students in the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB). Through the generosity and compassion of donors, we support students by nurturing their body, mind and soul through nutritional, educational, and spiritual programs.

Our Vision

As the official charity of the TCDSB, our mandate is to empower TCDSB students so they can focus on their education. Through our Wings of Support: Student Nutrition Programs; School Allocations; Student Equity Guardian Angel Funds; and Bursaries and Awards, we work to give every student an equal opportunity to succeed.



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APPENDIX A: AFL 2019-2020 PROGRAM FUNDING BY TCDSB TRUSTEE WARD

ANNUAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2019-2020: Summary AFL Program Allocations by TCDSB Trustee					
	AFL STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM Municipal (City of Toronto/TPH)	AFL STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM Provincial (MCCSS)	AFL Social Work Emergency and Extreme Needs Program	Other Corporate and Community Partner Programs	Total
Angela Kennedy	\$ 497,415.72	\$ 248,740.75	\$ 19,742.88	NA*	\$ 765,899.35
Daniel Di Giorgio	\$ 312,109.07	\$ 149,361.11	\$ 15,929.35	NA*	\$ 477,399.53
Frank D'Amico	\$ 239,743.62	\$ 113,551.69	\$ 15,556.56	NA*	\$ 368,851.87
Garry Tanuan	\$ 240,024.67	\$ 120,146.84	\$ 7,941.00	NA*	\$ 368,112.51
Ida Li Preti	\$ 391,226.81	\$ 186,012.67	\$ 11,853.00	NA*	\$ 589,092.48
Joseph Martino	\$ 289,557.72	\$ 137,145.47	\$ 20,407.40	NA*	\$ 447,110.59
Maria Rizzo	\$ 550,796.97	\$ 260,878.24	\$ 13,397.78	NA*	\$ 825,072.99
Markus de Domenico	\$ 116,969.41	\$ 56,729.26	\$ 8,510.00	NA*	\$ 182,208.67
Michael Del Grande	\$ 314,129.15	\$ 148,783.49	\$ 7,287.00	NA*	\$ 470,199.64
Nancy Crawford	\$ 430,972.85	\$ 205,269.61	\$ 10,585.00	NA*	\$ 646,827.46
Norm Di Pasquale	\$ 389,877.52	\$ 185,320.79	\$ 20,905.70	NA*	\$ 596,104.01
Teresa Lubinski	\$ 231,489.49	\$ 112,173.48	\$ 15,042.76	NA*	\$ 358,705.73
Total	\$4,004,313.00	\$ 1,924,113.41	\$167,158.43	NA*	\$6,095,584.84

***NOTE:** Due to Provincial government imposed COVID-19 Emergency Shutdown of schools on **March 13, 2020**, Corporate and Other Community Program Funds totaling approximately \$432,000 was held in reserve and redeployed as part of 2020-2021 AFL COVID Emergency Response Plan to deal with the ongoing impact of the pandemic crisis on TCDSB students, families, schools and community.



TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM FOR STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEES

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL STANDING
COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE BEING RECORDED

For Board Use Only

Delegation No. ____

☐ Public Session

☐ Private Session

☐ Three (3) Minutes

Name	Valeria DiGregorio	
Committee	Regular / Special Board	
Date of Presentation	4/22/2021	
Topic of Presentation	International Languages	
Topic or Issue	International Languages Policy & Process	
Details	Policy & Procedures	
Action Requested	Policy & Procedures be followed and no temporary provisions be allowed.	
I am here as a delegate to speak only on my own behalf	No	
I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee(CSPC)	No	
I am an official representative of student government	No	
I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization	Yes CUPE Local 3155	
I have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules for Delegations as per the TCDSB Delegations Policy T14	Yes	
Submittal Date	4/22/2021	



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13*

Created, Draft	First Tabling	Review
April 14, 2021	April 22, 2021	Click here to enter a date.
Sophia Harris, Recording Secretary Sarah Pellegrini, Assistant Recording Secretary		
RECOMMENDATION REPORT		

Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



Brendan Browne, PhD
Director of Education

D. Koenig
Associate Director
of Academic Affairs

D. Boyce
Associate Director of Facilities,
Business and Community
Development

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the Board of Trustees with the recommendation from the Special Education Advisory Committee.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 0.5 hour

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with the recommendation from the Special Education Advisory Committee.

C. BACKGROUND

1. On March 24, 2021, the Special Education Advisory Committee met.
2. At that meeting, a recommendation to the Board of Trustees was proposed.

D. EVIDENCE

Arising from the March 24, 2021 Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting there was a recommendation from the Committee to the Board of Trustees that the *Fostering Innovation in Students of All Abilities Presentation* from the meeting be available to the Student Achievement and Well-Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Special Education Advisory Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees that the following recommendation outlined in this report be approved:

That the *Fostering Innovation in Students of All Abilities Presentation* from the March 24, 2021 meeting be available to the Student Achievement and Well-Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

PUBLIC SESSION

E-MEETING VIA ZOOM

HELD MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2021

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the Meeting to Order at 7:04PM.

YouTube live feed was activated on the Toronto CPIC channel.

Minutes are being captured by the Recording Secretary.

2. Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Director Designate, John Wujek.

The Land Acknowledgement was led by Chair Joe Fiorante.

3. Roll Call & Apologies

Trustees: Norm Di Pasquale (W9)

Elementary Parent Members:

Joe Fiorante (W3), Chair

Jennifer Di Francesco (W1)

Gus Gikas (W6)

Dan Kajioka (W7)

Charmaine von Vulte (W8/W)

Ivana Calabria-Pantaleo (W10)

Isabel Starck (W11/S)

Anthony Antinucci (W12)

Secondary Parent Members:

Milva Romano (West)

Annalisa Crudo-Perri (Central)

Community Members:

Katie Piccininni (OAPCE – Toronto)

Emmy Milne (The Angel Foundation for Learning)

Alison Canning (Let's Get Together)

Staff:

John Wujek (Director Designate)

Manuela Sequeira (Parent Engagement Coordinator)

Sarah Pellegrini (Recording Secretary)

A.J. Hepburn (W4) and Trustee Tanuan (W8) sent their regrets.

Daniel Oliveira (W5/W), Santhosh Peter Valavi (W5/E) and Rose-Marie Fraser (W8/E) were absent.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Katie Piccininni, seconded by Gus Gikas, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum, be approved.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Interest

None declared by Members present.

6. Approval & Signing of the Minutes

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Katie Piccininni, that the January 31, 2021 Meeting Minutes, be approved with the following amendments:

Correction to a typo on page 4 of the minutes (Item 9a - OAPCE).

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

7. Presentations and Reports from Committee Officials

MOVED by Isabel Starck, seconded by Milva Romano, that Item 7a) be adopted as follows:

7a) Chair – Monthly Report received.

The Chair shared news, activity & advocacy conducted on behalf of CPIC over the past month, including the resignation of CPIC Member Ben Xavier (Ward 11/N).

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Isabel Starck, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that Item 7b) be adopted as follows:

7b) Treasurer – Financial Report as of January 31, 2021 received.

The Treasurer reviewed the report and noted that the reimbursement for postage was for the delivery of Christmas cards and gifts.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

12. Program/Consultation (Committee of the Whole)

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Gus Gikas, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

12a) Presentation: Overview of The Angel Foundation for Learning – John Yan and Emmy Milne received.

Emmy Milne presented on behalf of The Angel Foundation for Learning (AFL). The AFL is the official charity of the TCDSB to support students and families during difficult times. It runs the student nutrition program, provides emergency funding and bursary/awards.

CPIC Members are encouraged to share information about the AFL to increase advocacy, donate, or host a fundraiser.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

12b) CPIC Representative for The Angel Foundation for Learning withdrawn by the Chair.

MOVED by Isabel Starck, seconded by Gus Gikas, that Item 12c) be adopted as follows:

- 12c) Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant Applications** received and that the deadline be extended from February 23 to March 9 2021.

The Chair provided an overview of the applications that were received, funds allocated and funds distributed. All applications will be vetted to ensure that they meet the Ministry of Education standards.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Anthony Antinucci, that Item 12d) be adopted as follows:

- 12d) CPIC Elections** that an elections ad-hoc sub-committee be created.

The Chair provided an update on the 2021 CPIC elections in October. It is being considered to hold the elections virtually.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

13. Subcommittee & Special Committee Reports

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Katie Piccininni, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

- 13a) Communications and Parent Resource** received.

The Chair reviewed the minutes from the sub-committee meeting, including providing a detailed update that the Welcome Package was reviewed as part of the communication plan.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Isabel Starck, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that Item 13b) be adopted as follows:

- 13b) Conference and Events** that CPIC request for the reimbursement of the initial deposit that was paid to Limelight Group.

Isabel Starck provided an update on CPIC event. Where allowed, webinars will be recorded so that they can also be shown at later dates.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Isabel Starck, that Item 13c) be adopted as follows:

- 13c) E-PAN Schools Sub-Committee** received.

Anyone interested in joining the sub-committee, should email Joe Fiorante.

Jennifer Di Francesco will join the sub-committee.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

15. Reports from TCDSB Board Officials

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Isabel Starck, that Item 15a) be adopted as follows:

15a) Director-Designate for CPIC – John Wujek – Monthly Update received.

Superintendent Wujek provided an update from reports that were presented to the Board/Committees. The Return to School Update includes a change to the screening process for students and staff. The Budget Consultation timelines have been approved, and CPIC will be a stakeholder.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

16. Reports from Trustee or Trustee Alternate

MOVED by Ivana Calabria-Pantaleo, seconded by Dan Kajioka, that Item 16a) be adopted as follows:

16a) Verbal Update – Garry Tanuan, Trustee and Norm Di Pasquale, Trustee Alternate received.

Trustee Di Pasquale provided an update of a motion that was passed at the Board Meeting on February 18, 2021 regarding ventilation which included 14 recommendations.

Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday February 24, 2021 and all members are encouraged to wear a pink shirt.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Ivana Calabria-Pantaleo, that the Agenda be reopened to add Item 17a) OAPCE Update (Verbal).

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Ivana Calabria-Pantaleo, that Item 17a) be adopted as follows:

17a) OAPCE Update received.

Katie Piccininni provided an update on OAPCE business.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

20. Adjournment

MOVED by Isabel Starck, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that the meeting be adjourned.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

The Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

CPIC SECRETARY

CPIC CHAIR

OUR MISSION

*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.
We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*

OUR VISION

*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world
through witness, faith, innovation and action.*



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION

HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 24, 2021

PRESENT:

Trustees:

N. Crawford
D. Di Giorgio
A. Kennedy

External Members:

George Wedge, Chair – In Person
Melanie Battaglia, Vice Chair
Geoffrey Feldman
Lori Mastrogiuseppe
Tyler Munro
Deborah Nightingale
Mary Pugh
Wendy Layton

Staff:

D. Koenig
M. Meehan
A. Chui Moeini
V. Cocco
M. Douglas
S. Flood
M. Gendron
R. Macchia
J. Mirabella
M. Morrison
D. Reid
P. Stachiw

S. Pellegrini, Acting Recording Secretary

3. Roll Call & Apologies

Apologies were extended on behalf of Lisa McMahon and Glenn Webster.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the Agenda, as amended to include Items 17a) Verbal Communication from Trustee Crawford regarding the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Stop the Stigma Student Mental Health and Wellness Symposium; and Item 19c) Inquiry from Deborah Nightingale regarding Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Completion by June 2021; and to reorder Items 14) Consent and Review after Item 10a) Fostering Innovation in Students of All Abilities – Megan Douglas, Melissa Morrison and Andria Chui-Moeini, Assistive Technology Team Co-op Student Initiative; and 16a) Special Education Plan Review – Input from SEAC Informal Working Group: Provincial Information after Item 9b) Special Education Plan Review – Input from SEAC Informal Working Group, be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

6. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

Tyler Munro joined the virtual meeting at 7:16 pm.

7. Approval and Signing of the Minutes

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Mary Pugh, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 17, 2021 be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

9. Annual Calendar Items

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that Item 9a) be adopted as follows:

9a) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Calendar (Draft) as of March 24, 2021 received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Mary Pugh, that Items 9b) and 16a) be adopted as follows:

- 9b) Special Education Plan Review - Input from SEAC Informal Working Group: Information (The Board's Consultation Process; Early Identification Procedures and Intervention Strategies; Specialized Health Support Services in School Settings; and Parent Guide to Special Education) received and referred to Staff; and**
- 16. Matters Referred /Deferred to the Committee by the Board and Other Committees**
- 16a) Special Education Plan Review - Input from SEAC Informal Working Group: Provincial Information (Roles and Responsibilities) received and referred to Staff.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

10. Presentations

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 10a) be adopted as follows:

- 10a) Fostering Innovation in Students of All Abilities – Megan Douglas, Melissa Morrison and Andria Chui-Moeini, Assistive Technology Team Co-op Student Initiative received.**

Trustee Kennedy joined the virtual meeting at 8:17 pm.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that SEAC recommend to the Board that this presentation be

available to the Student Achievement and Well-Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee.

On the Vote being taken, the AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

On the Vote being taken, the Main Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

14. Consent and Review

The Chair reviewed the Order Page and the following Items were held:

- 12a) Special Education Superintendent Update – March 2021 – Held by Trustee Crawford;
- 12b) Response to Motion regarding Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Form – Held by Deborah Nightingale;
- 12c) Mental Health Advisory Council Update (Verbal) – Marie-Josée Gendron, Chief, Mental Health and Well-Being Strategy – Held by Melanie Battaglia;
- 12d) Safe Schools Committee Update (Verbal) – Tyler Munro, SEAC Committee Member – Held by Trustee Crawford;
- 12e) 2021-2022 Budget Consultation (Verbal) – Maria Meehan, Superintendent Special Services – Held by Deborah Nightingale;

- 17a) Communication from Trustee Crawford regarding the Toronto Catholic District School Board Stop the Stigma Student Mental Health and Wellness Symposium – Held by Trustee Crawford;

Inquiries and Miscellaneous:

- 19a) Hanen Program (Verbal) – Sheila Flood, Acting Chief Speech-Language Pathologist – Held by Melanie Battaglia;
- 19b) Gifted Testing (Verbal) – Maria Meehan, Superintendent Special Services – Held by Deborah Nightingale; and
- 19c) From Deborah Nightingale regarding Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) completion by June 2021 – Held by Deborah Nightingale

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that all Items not held be received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

ITEM NOT HELD AS CAPTURED IN THE ABOVE MOTION

- 20a) Pending List as at March 24, 2021

12) Reports of Officials for Information by the Board/Other Committees

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

- 12a) Special Education Superintendent Update – March 2021** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Deborah Nightingale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 12b) be adopted as follows:

- 12b) Response to Motion regarding Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Form received.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

The Chair declared a five-minute recess.

The meeting resumed with George Wedge in the Chair.

The attendance list had one change, that of which was Mary Pugh's absence.

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 12c) be adopted as follows:

- 12c) Mental Health Advisory Council Update (Verbal) – Marie-Josée Gendron, Chief, Mental Health and Well-Being Strategy received.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Deborah Nightingale, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that Item 12d) be adopted as follows:

- 12d) Safe Schools Committee Update (Verbal) – Tyler Munro, SEAC Committee Member** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Geoffrey Feldman disconnected from the virtual meeting at 9:25 pm.

MOVED by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 12e) be adopted as follows:

- 12e) 2021-2022 Budget Consultation (Verbal) – Maria Meehan, Superintendent Special Services** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

17. List of Communications

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 17a) be adopted as follows:

- 17a) From Trustee Crawford regarding the TCDSB Stop the Stigma Student Mental Health and Wellness Symposium** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

19) Inquiries and Miscellaneous

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 19a) be adopted as follows:

- 19a) Hanen Program (Verbal) – Sheila Flood, Acting Chief Speech-Language Pathologist** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Geoffrey Feldman reconnected to the virtual meeting at 9:55 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Crawford seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 19b) be adopted as follows:

- 19b) Gifted Testing (Verbal) – Maria Meehan, Superintendent Special Services** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 19c) be adopted as follows:

- 19c) From Deborah Nightingale regarding Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) completion by June 2021** received and referred to Staff.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

21. Adjournment

MOVED by Melanie Battaglia, seconded by Geoffrey Feldman, that the meeting be adjourned.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR



Special Education Superintendent Update

March 2021



SOCIAL WORK MONTH

Your mental health is essential. We're here on the front lines. We've been here for your family. We've been here for your friends, and we've been here for your neighbours. We're here for you too.
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ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS



SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS

School Social Workers are employed by the Toronto Catholic District School Board in order to provide support to students, families and schools. They assist in enhancing a student's adjustment, well-being and achievement in school.

School Social Workers hold a minimum of a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW). They are regulated by the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW) and are bound by its standards of practice.

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

The role of the School Social Worker is to support students, on a short-term basis, in their development of a healthy sense of well-being and in their ability to reach their full academic, social-emotional and spiritual potential. A range of services may include:

- Advocacy
- Assessment
- Classroom and school-wide interventions
- Community liaison
- Consulting with school staff
- Counseling individuals, families and groups
- Crisis intervention
- Crisis Response and Intervention
- Prevention programs
- Refer and support alternative education programs
- Referrals to appropriate community agencies
- Staff professional development and education
- Suicide Risk Reviews
- Threat and Risk Assessment

ISSUES WE ADDRESS

School Social Workers are mental health professionals equipped to address concerns such as:

- Abuse and neglect
- Anger and stress management
- Anxiety
- Attendance
- Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)/ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behaviour management
- Bereavement
- Bullying/Cyberbullying
- Divorce and Separation
- Domestic and Family Violence
- Healthy Relationships
- Learning Difficulties
- Mental Health Disorders
- Self-Esteem
- Self-harming behaviour
- Substance use
- Suicidal ideation
- Suspension and Expulsion
- Threat and Risk Assessment
- Trauma

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

In addition to offering a broad range of services, School Social Workers hold positions in specialized programs such as:

- Attendance Counsellor
- Autism Team
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Team
- Monsignor Fraser College, St. Martin Campus (expulsion program)
- Safe Schools
- Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)
- Transitional Intervention Program for Suspended Students (TIPSS)
- Urban Priority Project

REFERRAL PROCESS

Social Work services are provided with the informed and written consent of parents or guardians. Requests for social work service can be made by contacting the school Principal or Vice Principal.



The social work department is engaging in professional Development through Liberation Practice International which helps facilitate ways of working to integrate equity, trauma informed practice, relationship building and leadership perspectives into everyday practice.

The Psychology Department continues to serve students directly through psychoeducational assessments to determine or diagnose learning, behavioural and mental health problems, and through counselling and mental health interventions. We also continue to provide consultation with parents and school staff, as well as psychology education for school staff and the community.





On the February 12th Professional Activity Day, the Autism Department provided the following professional learning opportunities to support staff. The feedback from each session was very positive.

Supporting Students with Autism Virtually and In-Person

Description: Staff will become familiar using resources while supporting students with ASD in the virtual and in-person setting. They will also learn about resources created by the Autism Team found on the portal. Staff will also view videos created by the Autism Team focusing on ABA strategies.

"Very informative, love the sharing of ideas and learned something new, thank you."

"I hope to experience more training and workshops to enhance the learning of our most vulnerable students. Thank you for this workshop and additional training that is imperative for the future progression of our students."

Understanding & Addressing Challenging Behaviours of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Description: This workshop will identify underlying causes of behavior difficulties and functions of behavior as they relate to students with ASD. Discussion will address challenges with social communication, repetitive/stereotyped behaviours, difficulties with perspective taking, and co-morbid diagnoses that impact behaviour. Participants will have a better understanding of the functions of challenging behaviour and effective strategies to implement change.

"The workshop was very helpful and informative. The examples were explained in details and I learned new strategies to use with my students in class."

"Very formative! I will recommend it to others."



Surrey Place also offered the following webinars on the February 12th Professional Activity Day.

Self-Regulation Module

This half hour module will introduce participants to the concepts of self-regulation and co-regulation. The module will identify how anxiety and stress impact self-regulation in students with an ASD. By the end of the session, participants will begin to identify skill gaps in their students that will facilitate teaching of self-regulation skills and tools.

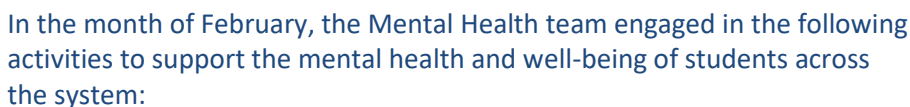
Visuals Module: Creating a First Then Board

This thirty-minute module will show teachers the benefits of including visuals in their classroom practices. After introducing why visuals are a useful tool for students with ASD, it will demonstrate the best practices of including visuals and choice making in supporting students. This module specifically teaches how to motivate students using a *First-Then* board. Useful in increasing skill and reducing inappropriate behaviours, a *First-Then* board can be a "go to" tool in your classroom. Listeners will receive a free downloadable .pdf that includes a *First-Then* board template, and a choice board with some generally used icons. A brief Q&A will follow the presentation.

Visuals Module: Task Analysis

This 30-minute focuses on using a task analysis to promote independence of a skill in the classroom. How to develop a task analysis will be demonstrated. Participants will receive a free downloadable pdf of slides and sample visuals. A brief Q&A will follow the presentation.

On Saturday February 20th, the Transition Team in partnership with Surrey Place, *Disability Services Ontario (DSO) and Passport Funding* ran a webinar for parents of adolescents in Multiple Exceptionalities/Developmental Disability (ME/DD) Intensive Support Programs (ISPs) entitled, **Preparing for Life After High School: Transition Workshop**. This webinar was well attended and included presentations from the *Disability Services Ontario (DSO) and Passport Funding*. Parents were provided a link to the Google site, *Preparing For Life After High School*, which includes the resources discussed and the various presentations. <https://sites.google.com/tcdsb.ca/post21parentsite/home>



- ## Elementary


stop the stigma

Student Mental Health

Virtual Symposium


March 24th
9:45-11:45 AM

WE BECOME COMPASSIONATE!




As an alumni of KBC's Top 35 Canadian Immigrants, **Vidit Shah** is a poet and public speaker. His work inspires thousands to follow his voice, his journey, and his advocacy. Vidit Shah is the people's messenger: Vidit has also served his hometown as Poet Laureate for the City of Mississauga.

Workshop Description - "NUTRIM & PEISTEY"
Changing the world is a process. One we're all a part of every single day. It is a process that requires all of us to be intentional about choosing action in our daily lives. From standing up to bullying and being an ally to being responsible and taking ownership for our mistakes we need to choose action to make a difference. This session will focus on a variety of different stories that speak to character building and resilience aimed at a middle-grade audience. The session will include different musical and poetic messages interspersed with story-telling.



Tanika Khaty aka Nigah is an energetic storyteller, entrepreneur, and artist, with a message of personal wellness through the healing arts in a spiritual empowerment. Tanika was honored in 2020, as one of the 100 Accomplished Black Women in Canada for her 10+ years working in education, community and youth development. Tanika is also the co-founder of POR AMOK, a multidisciplinary arts and culture organization dedicated to wellness, & equity.

Workshop Description: Wellness Through the Healing Arts
Through stories, videos and creative expression students will have the opportunity to reflect on personal experiences and learn wellness tools such as personal boundaries and self-care. From an inside out approach participants will also have the opportunity to learn how awareness, emotions and creativity build compassion and resilience within themselves, to navigate the journey of life in a way that honors who they uniquely are.



Born in El Salvador, **Miguel Martinez** moved to Canada when he was six years old. In his early years he worked for MacMillan, representing the network across Canada. Miguel is passionate about telling northy stories about his early life. Miguel has found passion & purpose through dance, laughter, and music, which now serve as cornerstones of his company MITC:Inc.

Workshop Description - "The Power Heist"
As we grapple with an ever-changing world, anxiety can consume students and educators are situated under challenging times. So how do we deal with these stresses? Through this highly interactive and engaging workshop, participants will discover evidence-based strategies to help develop routines to increase resiliency and boost good mental health.

Secondary


stop the stigma

Student Mental Health

Virtual Symposium


March 25th
2:45-4:45 PM

WE BECOME COMPASSIONATE!




AIDEN MARTIN is a soul-winning, thought-provoking highly requested transformational speaker, who has been using his platform to inspire people from around the world, wherever he gets off purpose in efforts to help others find their true potential. He is a youth communication specialist, with over 1000 corporate interviews with children. AIDEN is also an author of 2 critically acclaimed novels.

Workshop Description - "YOU CHOOSE"
AIDEN reminds us that as tough as the life can sometimes be, we always get to choose. No we can't control the weather, the pandemic, or how others act, but we can choose how we show up every single day and the compassion that we have for others and even for ourselves. AIDEN speaks about the importance of self-compassion, particularly using positive self-affirmations to encourage ourselves. By the end of this talk, you will be reminded of your value, your worth, and how important you are to this world.



Sought after speaker, author, and transformational coach **Elizabeth Corrie** is an award-winning entrepreneur with an unbelievable story of transformation and a colleague seat for life. Through trial and triumph, Elizabeth has built her career on her unwavering strength and a strong mission to inspire others through her own story.

Workshop Description - "THE LIFE CHANGING POWER OF COMPASSION"
The presentation will focus on the life changing power of compassion & empathy and how it allows us to step outside of ourselves and see the circumstances of others. The how and why, apply the willpower to do what is necessary to make the world a more caring place. The goal of my presentation is to help students understand how compassion gives us the ability to understand someone else's situation and the desire to take action to improve their lives.




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Workshop Description - "NUTRIM & PEISTEY"
This presentation requires students and staff to challenge their own bias, and learn from their peers in a world where equity and representation matter more than ever; the conversations we have with students shape future generations growing up in a South Asian and immigrant family. Vidit shares his personal narrative of facing discrimination and prejudice. The keynote presentation encourages students to share their own narrative, and be appreciated and embraced the narratives of their peers.

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News Release

April 21, 2021

City of Toronto and partners launch Team Toronto Sprint Strategy to triple vaccine access in 13 hot spot neighbourhoods

Today, Mayor John Tory, Medical Officer of Health Dr. Eileen de Villa and Fire Chief and General Manager of the Office of Emergency Management Matthew Pegg provided an update on the Team Toronto effort to get vaccines to those that need them most, including a new mobile vaccination sprint strategy with Toronto health sector partners to triple the amount of vaccine in hot spot neighbourhoods.

Toronto expects to start regularly receiving larger shipments of vaccine from the Province of Ontario. The City and Toronto Public Health are working with Health Sector partners including hospitals and community health centres to ensure that this increased vaccine supply will be offered to eligible individuals, especially in hot spots, where they live as quickly as possible through mobile and pop-up community vaccination clinics.

TPH and Health Sector partners have identified 13 priority areas identified by postal code to direct increased vaccine to through mobile and pop-up clinics:

- Northwest: M9W, M9V, M9L, M9M, M9N, M6M, M3K, M3J, M3N, M3M
- Central: M4H
- East: M1J, M1G

To kickoff the sprint strategy, this past weekend Toronto Public Health allocated 3,700 doses for mobile and pop-up clinics. For subsequent sprint strategy clinics, the plan is to allocate 12,000 doses a week – more than tripling the number of people that can be vaccinated in community clinics. Fourteen City-funded Vaccination Engagement Teams are also recruiting 280 resident ambassadors from across Toronto to support these coordinated efforts to increase vaccine uptake: www.toronto.ca/news/city-of-toronto-awards-5-5-million-in-covid-19-vaccine-engagement-teams-grants-to-local-agencies-for-vaccine-outreach-in-vulnerable-communities/.

The nine City-operated COVID-19 immunization clinics will continue to operate from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days per week. A new block of approximately 231,000 individual appointments in City-operated immunization clinics between May 10 and June 6 will be available soon through the Province's online booking system: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>.

As part of the Sprint Strategy, City-operated clinic staffing and resources are being adjusted and enhanced to maximize vaccinations in hot spot areas. Clinic resources will be enhanced at the following locations:

- Scarborough Town Centre - 25 per cent increase
- Malvern Community Recreation Centre - 25 per cent increase
- Carmine Stefano Community Centre - 20 per cent increase

- The Hangar Sport and Event Centre – 25 per cent increase

Once the additional immunizers are in place, the nine City-run clinics will be administering 8,586 doses per day – an increase of 540 daily doses, resulting in the total potential vaccination of more than 60,000 people per week.

Vaccination at community mobile or pop-up clinics is available to anyone age 18 or older in the targeted hot spot community. Hospital and community partners intentionally promote community clinics only to the specific neighbourhoods that the clinic is meant to serve. Clinics are brought to the attention of eligible local residents directly through primary care physicians like family doctors, employers, building managers, faith leaders and other local leaders, who are directly connected with the people the community clinics will serve. Pop-up and mobile clinics are managed by community partners in a variety of ways to best suit the needs and preferences of the community they are serving.

Currently, all people age 60 or older and people age 50 and older living in hot spot neighbourhoods are eligible for vaccination at a City-operated clinic. There are a number of other groups (professions, medical conditions, and living situations) currently eligible for vaccination. A full list of eligible groups with information on how to register for appointments is available on the City's COVID-19: How to Get Vaccinated webpage: <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-protect-yourself-others/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-how-to-get-vaccinated/?accordion=vaccine-eligibility>. Eligibility will also change as vaccine supply increases. Anyone waiting for their turn is encouraged to check [toronto.ca](https://www.toronto.ca) regularly.

Toronto is in the Shutdown Zone of the Province's COVID-19 response framework and subject to a provincial Stay-at-Home order. Everyone in the city should be staying home except for essential reasons such as going out for groceries or exercise. Please review the City's COVID-19: Guide for Residents for information on what is and is not permitted under provincial regulations and City bylaws: <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-reopening-recovery-rebuild/covid-19-guide-for-toronto-residents/>.

Quotes:

"City officials and Toronto Public Health have worked with our hospital and healthcare partners to build this Team Toronto Sprint Strategy which will focus on ramping up vaccinations in the 13 hottest hot spot postal codes. This will bring vaccine doses for eligible people 18 and older to where people live in the neighbourhoods that are in the greatest need. Within the parameters of available supply, we will also be increasing vaccination capacity across the network of nine City-operated clinics and substantially increasing capacity at four clinics in hot spot areas. We're ready to increase capacity further when we have even more vaccine supply. What is clear right now is we have a Team Toronto effort that can administer thousands of doses a day, that can adjust as needed to get the limited doses we have in the areas they are most needed, and that is ready to do more as soon as we get more vaccine."

- Mayor John Tory

"Our Team Toronto sprint strategy is a partnership between the City of Toronto, our hospitals and health care centres, and community organizations. We're united in one goal: get vaccines to our most vulnerable, as quickly as possible. By working together to ramp up vaccinations in the 13 highest priority areas through mobile and pop-up clinics, we are working to protect Torontonians at greatest risk of COVID-19, including frontline and essential workers. Right now, it's all hands on deck to get vaccines out to our hardest-hit communities, and into Torontonians' arms."

- Councillor Joe Cressy (Ward 10 Spadina-Fort York), Chair of the Toronto Board of Health

"Partnership is central to the mobile sprint strategy. Community leadership is an essential driver of mobile accomplishments. Community-driven clinics and community-driven awareness are vital to getting needles in arms and to addressing vaccine hesitancy and distrust. I'm thankful for the leadership of Toronto Public Health, our health care sector partners and the City as we work together to make this strategy a reality."

- Dr. Eileen de Villa, Medical Officer of Health

"The teams from our Toronto Hospitals, primary care providers and teams across the health system continue to inspire me as we work together on the mobile sprint strategy. These clinics, held in communities through the leadership and wisdom of community leaders are inspiring and give me hope that Toronto can dampen the effect of this virus to the point that we can think about a future where we live with this virus and regain much of what we've lost to the pandemic. The more vaccine that comes, the harder the teams will work to bring this about."

- Shiran Isaacksz, Co-Lead of the Toronto Mobile Vaccine Strategy Table and Vice President of UHN Altum Health & Business Development

"Hospital and community health workers from across Toronto have quickly mobilized to bring vaccines to the neighbourhoods that need them the most. Working with the people and organizations who have trusted relationships with local neighbourhoods has been a key success factor in the mobile clinics so far. We thank everyone who has been involved in this #TeamToronto effort and, in particular, the local communities who have enthusiastically embraced COVID-19 vaccines."

- Phillip Anthony, Co-Lead of the Toronto Mobile Vaccine Strategy Table and Manager for the East Toronto Vaccination Strategy at Michael Garron Hospital

"The City's Immunization Task Force is committed to vaccinating as many people as possible, as quickly as possible. Implementing this strategy achieves two primary goals; significantly enhancing the allocation of vaccine to our health sector partners and increasing the capacity of City-operated clinics in high priority neighbourhoods. I continue to urge eligible residents to book their vaccination appointment today and help us beat COVID-19."

- Chief Matthew Pegg, General Manager of the Office of Emergency Management

Toronto is home to more than 2.9 million people whose diversity and experiences make this great city Canada's leading economic engine and one of the world's most diverse and livable cities. As the fourth largest city in North America, Toronto is a global leader in technology, finance, film, music, culture and innovation, and consistently places at the top of international rankings due to investments championed by its government, residents and businesses. For more information visit www.toronto.ca or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityofToronto, on Instagram at www.instagram.com/cityofto or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofto.

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