CONSULTATION SURVEY RESULTS: PROPOSED SHARING OF SCHOOL FUNDRAISING MONEY

A Board-wide survey was conducted online from **May 11, 2018 to May 25, 2018**, with **587 online responses received**. All online information collected was treated in a manner that maintained anonymity but provided an option for survey participants to self-identify their school. Based on this voluntary information, at least 103 TCDSB schools (including 16 secondary schools) participated in the survey.

In order to ensure as many CSPC Chairs and council members were able to respond, with the goal of having at least **ONE COMPLETED SURVEY PER SCHOOL COMPLETED**, Principals were asked to support the completion of the survey in-person with parents where possible. To support this more traditional information gathering, a paper-based surveys were also **accepted by inter-office and regular mail through until June 28, 2018**. This resulted in **an additional 57 school-based participants for a total of 644 survey responses**.

The survey generated over 350 individual comments and produced survey results considered accurate 9 times out of 10, with a margin of error of plus or minus 4%.

A detailed summary of survey results is provided on the following pages.

Stakeholder Response by Group	Number
Parent/Guardian	394
CSPC Chair/Member	145
TCDSB Employee	41
Catholic Ratepayer	30
Others or Non ID	34
TOTAL	644

Detailed Survey Results and Analysis Summary by Question and Stakeholder Group (Note: percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding)

1. Do you support the concept of sharing funds raised by schools in high-income areas with schools in lower income areas?

	YES	%	NO	%	No Answer	%
Parent/Guardian	190	48.2%	202	51.2%	2	0.5%
CSPC Chair/Member	59	40.7%	86	59.3%	0	
TCDSB Employee	32	78.0%	9	22.0%	0	
Catholic Ratepayer	17	56.7%	13	43.3%	0	
Other/Non ID	20	58.8%	14	41.2%	0	
Total/Average %	318	49.4%	324	50.3%	2	0.3%

Summary: Parents appear to be split almost 50/50 on the issue of sharing, while almost two-thirds of CSPC members do not agree with sharing funds raised by schools with lower income areas.

This is somewhat consistent with the pre-budget survey results. When asked if the TCDSB should be doing more to support equitable redistribution of fundraising revenues 39% disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement. Only 12% of parents responding strongly agreed that redistribution should be a priority.

A high percentage of teachers (78%) support the concept of sharing fundraising revenue.

2. If Yes, does your school already share funds raised with another school?

	YES	%	NO	%	No Answer	%
Parent/Guardian	21	5.3%	191	48.5%	182	46.2%
CSPC Chair/Member	7	4.8%	93	64.1%	45	31.0%
TCDSB Employee	1	2.4%	31	75.6%	9	22.0%
Catholic Ratepayer	1	3.3%	17	56.7%	12	40.0%
Other/Non ID	3	8.8%	26	76.5%	5	14.7%
Total/Average %	33	5.1%	358	55.6%	253	39.3%

Summary: The great majority of schools do not currently share revenue with other schools, with a corresponding significant percentage of respondents not being aware of any sharing practice.

3. Parents and/or Parent Council (CSPC) who decide to share funds should be able to select the school or schools they want to help.

	YES	%	NO	%	No Answer	%
Parent/Guardian	201	51.0%	169	42.9%	24	6.1%
CSPC Chair/Member	94	64.8%	43	29.7%	8	5.5%
TCDSB Employee	14	34.1%	27	65.9%	0	
Catholic Ratepayer	17	56.7%	12	40.0%	1	3.3%
Other/Non ID	12	35.3%	22	64.7%	0	
Total/Average %	338	52.5%	273	42.4%	33	5.1%

Summary: Almost two-thirds of CSPC Chairs and Members believe the selection of schools to help should be made at the local level.

4. Parents and/or Parent Council (CSPC) who decide to share funds should be able send the funds to the Board and have money distributed centrally to schools most in need.

	YES	%	NO	%	No Answer	%
Parent/Guardian	178	45.2%	195	49.5%	21	5.3%
CSPC Chair/Member	43	29.7%	93	64.1%	9	6.2%
TCDSB Employee	29	70.7%	11	26.8%	1	2.4%
Catholic Ratepayer	10	33.3%	18	60.0%	2	6.7%
Other/Non ID	20	58.8%	13	38.2%	1	2.9%
Total/Average %	280	43.5%	330	51.2%	34	5.3%

Summary: Two-thirds of CSPC Chairs and Members do not believe redistribution of fundraising revenues should be centrally administered. This is in contrast to teachers (70%) agree with a central model.

5. Overall, I believe sharing of funds raised by TCDSB schools should be:

	Mandatory	%	Optional	%	No Answer	%
Parent/Guardian	101	25.6%	279	70.8%	14	3.5%
CSPC Chair/Member	29	20.0%	110	75.9%	6	4.1%
TCDSB Employee	26	63.4%	15	36.6%	0	
Catholic Ratepayer	13	43.3%	17	56.7%	0	
Other/Non ID	15	44.1%	19	55.9%	0	
Total/Average %	184	28.6%	440	68.3%	20	3.1%

Summary: Significant numbers of both parents (over 70%) and CSPC members (almost 76%) believe sharing of fundraising should be optional and not mandatory. Close to two-thirds of TCDSB employees do not agree and prefer mandatory redistribution.

6. The amount of funds to be shared should be based on a flat set rate by the Board for all schools. (If Yes indicate rate %)

	YES	%	NO	%	No Answer	%
Parent/Guardian	57	14.5%	274	69.5%	63	16.0%
CSPC Chair/Member	15	10.3%	114	78.6%	16	11.0%
TCDSB Employee	12	29.3%	22	53.7%	7	17.1%
Catholic Ratepayer	1	3.3%	20	66.6%	9	30.0%
Other/Non ID	6	17.6%	26	76.5%	2	5.9%
Total/Average %	91	14.1%	456	70.8%	97	15.1%

Summary: Significant numbers of both parents and CSPC members are not in favour of a flat rate set by the Board, which is consistent with other stakeholders who responded.

6. The amount of funds to be shared should be based on a Voluntary Flat Rate set independently by each school parent council. (If Yes indicate rate %)?

	YES	%	NO	%	No Answer	%
Parent/Guardian	82	20.8%	232	58.9%	80	20.3%
CSPC Chair/Member	28	19.3%	96	66.2%	21	15.1%
TCDSB Employee	7	17.1%	21	51.2%	13	31.7%
Catholic Ratepayer	4	13.3%	17	56.7%	9	30.0%
Other/Non ID	10	29.4%	18	52.9%	6	17.6%
Total/Average %	131	20.3%	384	59.6%	129	20.0%

Summary: A CSPC, locally set Voluntary Flat Rate is less problematic, but the majority still voted NO to a Voluntary Flat Rate. Rate suggestions ranged from 5 to 50%, with 10% cited most often.

7. The amount of funds to be shared should be based on a voluntary amount (NO FLAT RATE) set independently by the school's parent council?

	YES	%	NO	%	No Answer	%
Parent/Guardian	172	43.6%	119	30.2%	103	26.1%
CSPC Chair/Member	76	52.4%	48	33.1%	21	14.5%
TCDSB Employee	10	24.4%	14	34.1%	17	41.5%
Catholic Ratepayer	15	50.0%	10	33.3%	5	16.6%
Other/Non ID	13	38.2%	12	35.3%	9	26.5%
Total/Average %	286	44.4%	203	31.5%	155	24.1%

Summary: A voluntary amount was considered least objectionable by most stakeholder responders.

8. The amount of funds to be shared should be based on: A Board Formula that is revenue/cost neutral. (If not 10% indicate other rate %)?

	YES	%	NO	%	No Answer	%
Parent/Guardian	106	26.9%	162	41.1%	126	32.0%
CSPC Chair/Member	34	23.4%	75	51.7%	36	24.8%
TCDSB Employee	17	41.5%	10	24.4%	14	34.1%
Catholic Ratepayer	13	43.3%	10	33.3%	7	23.3%
Other/Non ID	12	35.3%	14	41.2%	8	23.5%
Total/Average %	182	28.2%	271	42.1%	191	29.7%

Summary: There appears to be no significant support for a fixed, pre-set Board formula to guide redistribution.

9. Would your school be interested in sharing or contributing non-monetary services.

For example this may include a board-wide community market, where schools could post free volunteer-type service (often called "Services in Kind") contributions, time etc?

	YES	%	NO	%	No Answer	%
Parent/Guardian	205	52.0%	136	34.5%	53	13.4%
CSPC Chair/Member	67	46.2%	65	44.8%	13	9.0%
TCDSB Employee	18	43.9%	14	34.1%	9	22.0%
Catholic Ratepayer	14	46.7%	10	33.3%	6	20.0%
Other/Non ID	20	58.8%	9	26.5%	5	14.7%
Total/Average %	324	50.3%	234	36.3%	86	13.4%

Summary: Generally there appears to be a good level of interest in pursuing a community market concept or similar "services-in-kind" approaches as alternatives or enhancements for fundraising and donations.