

Danforth CTI School Council Meeting
Minutes Jun 19th, 2025, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Hybrid Online (TEAMS) and In-person (Room B20)

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – 7:05pm

- Lisa read the TDSB land acknowledgement; “We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.”
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Review and adopt the meeting agenda – 7:06pm

- Agenda Confirmed.
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Update From Student Council Representative – 7:06pm

- None in attendance today
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Remarks and Updates from Vice Principal Ortiz – 7:06pm

- Vice Principal Ortiz began sharing news updates:
 - We are into Day 2 of finals. Next Wednesday June 25th 1/2 day to be the last day of school (last day of exams is June 24th)
 - Be sure to empty lockers out by the last day of school
 - Schedules and Calendars have been published for Next year
 - A great big pizza day was held and a carnival this past month
 - Athletic banquet, prom, senior sleepover and grad breakfast has all been held
 - Commencement over 1000 tickets sold and full 1500 packed house as the off premise location
 - New VP being welcomed into the community – as Ms Akler moves on, VP Ellam coming on.
 - Question fielded on the commencement process which Mr Ortiz answered about the process of handing out of diplomas.
 - Question fielded about merch being ordered and not collected. VP Ortiz will send out a communication on where this can be picked up.
 - Question fielded on class photos to be picked up – Nicole Scott in main office should be able to help with this.
 - Question fielded on Library – it will be open remainder of exam days up to last day of school for book returns.
 - Question fielded on ChromeBook returns for Grade 12s – return to Library by last school day.
 - Question fielded: Can fifth year seniors keep ChromeBooks? Yes, they should keep them for that fifth year.
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Trustee Sara Erhardt with update on TDSB Budget and related matters – 7:45pm

- Trustee Erhardt arrived at 7:45 to provide an update:
 - Budget, Bill 33, and can answer any questions on the table.
 - Expectation of higher number of construction vehicles down Donlands with the Metrolinx construction and therefore wants to overcommunicate on safety standards in the community for students walking
 - Discussed ongoing discussions of the TDSB budget and the deficits being created in order to maintain service. Costs of all operations have increased leading to larger expenses.
 - TDSB potentially going under budget supervision by the ministry which would replace the 22 Trustees currently in place.
 - Trustees have voted to accept a balanced budget which results in cuts. Trustee Erhardt did not vote in favour of this.
 - Vice Principals and Pools have been kept in support for the following year but these are on the table for review.
 - Child and youth workers as well as supports for special needs have been kept in support but also on the table for review.
 - Bill33: This would make it easier for the ministry to take control of a school board. Would allow government to make change without consultation.
 - Question from the Chair – it has often been difficult for School Council to spend any money within the small budget on school improvements. Updating the by-laws has also been deemed as not an option where in fact they are simply meant to be followed. While there is not an answer to these, Trustee Erhardt is sympathetic to the frustration. PIAC (Parent Involvement Advisory Committee) may be a path to approach these processes, potentially.
 - An observation is that when the school board is under stress, it becomes more difficult to advocate for change; processes become more rigid. Chairperson may look to align with other school councils nearby to have a stronger voice.
 - Phase 3 of special interest review is happening and will also be described further in trustee Erhardt's newsletter. (The principals of this review have just recently been approved.)
 - There is an active possibility that trustee powers become removed if the board goes under ministry supervision and Trustee Erhardt will continue to contribute to what they can within their ability.
 - 2027 proposed as when DCTI will likely become FI destination for Toronto Danforth.

Adjournment – 8:22pm

- Meeting adjourned.

Attendance –

- VP Giovanni Ortiz, Trustee Erhardt, Lisa Broadfoot, Brent Barclay, Brittain Brown; +Online

Confirming Next Meeting Date – September 18th 2025

Upcoming Council Meetings (Third Thursday of the Month 7pm)

To be held on the third Thursday of each month from 7:00 – 8:30 PM

2025:

September 18th 2025

October 16th 2025

November 20th 2025

December 18th 2025

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