

**IPS School Council Governance Committee**

**Meeting Date: March 20, 2021**

- **A meeting of the Island Public School Council convened on March 20, 2021 at 3:40 p.m. as a Zoom Meeting with Tara Bezusko presiding.**

<b>Attendance Members:</b>	The following participated by electronic means: Tara Peterson (Chair), Johnny Tkach (Minutes), Diana Barbato, Jeff Kearns, Derek Rayside, Tracy Jewitt, Connie Shepherd, Laura-Maria Nikolareizi, Scott Woolford
<b>Regrets:</b>	E. Alderson (Secretary)
<b>Absence:</b>	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DECISION / ACTION TAKEN</b>	<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>
Objective:	In depth discussion of Island Public School Council code of ethics drafts	Tara Peterson
Code of Ethics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting focused primarily on the code of ethics draft authored primarily by Derek Rayside, with some discussion about a draft authored by Diana Barbato</li> <li>• Derek explained the intention of each clause in the newest draft</li> <li>• Focus is on                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistent with other documents guiding behaviour (i.e. TDSB code of conduct)</li> <li>• Improved clarity</li> <li>• Improved accessibility                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sections with headings</li> <li>• Lists</li> <li>• Easy language</li> <li>• Inclusion of positive statements when possible</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Most important addition was anti-discrimination language                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement from TDSB code of conduct</li> <li>• This doesn't go far enough                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added clause to that council as a whole will speak out against discrimination AND speak and act in support of equity</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No discussion to the inclusion of these statements</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Further discussion regarding clauses in more detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clause 1</li> </ul>	Derek Rayside & Diana Barbato

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change to ‘Consider the best interests of all of the students, and not just the students they know’ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Even though ‘all of the students’ necessarily includes students a member knows and does not know, it emphasizes that we are on council to represent the interests of the entire student population</li> <li>• No objection to this language</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Clause 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion about what the actions a parent on council can take outside the council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What happens when personal opinions conflict with decisions made by the council? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ex. A parent on council feels like there is a danger from wild animals on the island. The council decides not to act on this. Is it okay for a parent on council to continue to engage other parents on this issue? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott suggested that the parent concern protocol could be followed</li> <li>• This governs communication between parents and TDSB, not between parents <i>only</i>. <i>Parents are encouraged to use Parent Concern Protocol for concerns.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• flagged for revision</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions about ‘Unfairly advantage or disadvantage...’ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ex. Can we promote funding a grade 6 trip over improving a school asset used by all students?</li> <li>• Flagged for revision</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

	<p>Some discussion about the <i>new procedural</i> clause ‘School Council as a whole will uphold the TDSB principles of transparency, accountability, and inclusiveness’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who will judge what embodies transparency, accountability and inclusiveness?</li> <li>• This was not resolved</li> </ul>	
Communication Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion about communication methods – can we use Slack or similar? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can google classroom be used?</li> <li>• Unsure if non-staff would be able to access</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	•
Path Forward	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two code of ethics documents will be sent first to Scott, then to Mary Linton and Michelle Munroe by Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> morning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Diana’ and ‘Derek’ drafts</li> <li>• Edits will be made and sent to Tara by tomorrow morning</li> <li>• Acknowledged that editing can continue but we will get feedback from Michelle Munroe</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Scott will ask Michelle Munroe if Slack (or similar) is an approved method of communication among council or committee members</li> </ul>	•
	Meeting adjourned: 4:40 pm	