**Ken Lister Ward Forum - Financial Literacy 15/01/2018**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Financial Literacy – David Hawker-Budlovsky, Central Coordinating Principal**

* Financial literacy is important to teach to children so that they may grow into self-sufficient, reliable, responsible adults
* Currently no graded course on financial literacy in schools, but mathematics classes integrate basic concepts of responsibility and money
* Concepts of financial literacy can be taught through children’s books where characters demonstrate sound acumen; they can be used to help deepen children’s understanding of finances
* Makeitcount.ca

1. **Superintendent Update – Superintendent Audley Salmon**

* Changes to excursion policy pertaining to winter activates:
  + Requirements to ‘high-care’ activities (tobogganing, skating, skiing); students should be aware of environmental risks and taking appropriate safety measures (dressing appropriately)
  + Principals can use discretion on whether to require helmets on tobogganing outside of excursions (on local school grounds)
  + Parents asked to review documents on winter safety
* Enhancing Equity Task Force:
  + Asked to produce recommendations to trustees on how to improve equity within the TDSB, in upcoming meeting on January 21
  + Changes can be suggested to (as an example) the Gifted program; possible changes may involve giving parents greater choice in where they may place their special-needs child

1. **Trustee Update – Ken Lister**

* January is Tamil Heritage Month
* Boundary change in southwest area of riding (Greenland); will be coming to board in late February/early March
* February is Chinese and African Heritage Month
* Robin Pilkey was re-elected as chair of the board on December 1, 2017
* Ken Lister was elected to another term on Plan and Priorities Committee
* Complications have surfaced regarding the trustee-to-city councillor ratio; with the number of councillors increased to 47, representation cannot be divided as equitably between school board trustees; the city is looking to different
* On maintenance:
  + George Vanier to be getting new lockers
  + Roof repaired on Don Valley Middle School
  + Brian will have a cooling centre installed (currently no air conditioning); cooling centres will be installed in schools without air conditioning over the next 4 years; 8 schools in DVE without air conditioning; 4 of them will have cooling centres installed before summer 2018
  + TDSB submitted list of schools which require expansion to the Ontario Ministry of Education;
  + There exist programs to aid children of Syrian refugees transition to the TDSB, such as LEAP to assist students who have not attended school for an extended period
  + Ken Lister thanks everyone for attending and making it despite the weather