

SCHOOL
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SAFETY
ADVISORY
PANEL

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Toronto, ON, June 7, 2007 – On June 5, 2007, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) announced the formation of the School Community Safety Advisory Panel to enquire into concerns raised about school safety at C.W. Jefferys Collegiate Institute arising from the death of Jordan Manners on May 23, 2007. The Safety Panel's terms of reference (attached) require it to make findings and recommendations with respect to:

1. The practices and procedures at C.W. Jefferys in the two years prior to May 23, 2007 with regards to student supervision, student discipline and building security;
2. Factors influencing the ability of C.W. Jefferys in particular or the Toronto District School Board schools in general to maintain student order and discipline;
3. Improving practices in TDSB schools with regards to school supervision, discipline and security which will create a positive, safe and welcoming school environment.

The Safety Panel will provide current and past C.W. Jefferys students, parents, and employees the opportunity to describe their experiences in the school.

Julian N. Falconer B.A., L.L.B. will chair the Safety Panel along with members Peggy Edwards, M.S.W. and Linda MacKinnon, M.Ed, B.Ed.

Peggy Edwards has worked for several years as a senior executive in the voluntary and public sectors and as an adult educator, trainer and facilitator. She holds a Masters Degree in Community Development and Social Planning. She has held previous professional positions as Executive Director of Skills for Change, Director of the Community Services Branch of the former Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority, and Intercultural Consultant at the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship. She also worked for approximately thirteen years as a Community Development Coordinator of the Jane-Finch Community and Family Centre where she led the creation of a number of community initiatives that are part of the existing social service network in the Jane-Finch community.

Linda MacKinnon has retired from a career in education as a teacher, school administrator and Superintendent of Education in the Brantford, Kingston and Timmins, Ontario areas. During her teaching career, she was very active in the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) and the Federation of Women Teacher's Associations of Ontario (F.W.T.A.O.) She has volunteered for many organizations including The United Way as Campaign Chair in three communities. She has served on the Boards of the Timmins District Hospital and Kingston General Hospital. Active in Chambers of Commerce and Industrial Training Advisory Committees, her focus has been on youth employment opportunities.

As a first step, the Safety Panel will attend C.W. Jefferys C.I. on June 8, 2007 to introduce itself to the school community. These initial meetings will not be open to the general public or the media. The Safety