

# **B-18** Paving the Road to Success for Children wih Hearing Loss

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

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This panel discussion will feature parents of children with hearing loss, current and/or former students and members of the Special Education Hearing Department. Panel members will address questions from workshop attendees and share the knowledge they have gained on their own "travels." Topics of discussion will include self-advocacy, developing resiliency and personal experiences.

To help the panelists best prepare to provide you with the information you would like, please send your questions by March 24, 2017 to Rhonda.cook@tdsb.on.ca

#### Resources

www.voicefordeafkids.com; www.handsandvoices.org/; http://silentvoice.ca; www2.bobrumball.org/content/3/69/Rumball+Family+Resource+CentreCanadian Hearing Society; www.chs.ca; www.agbell.org

### **Presenters**

# **Tim Myrden**

#### Coordinator, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, TDSB - Tim.myrden@tdsb.on.ca

Tim has worked for the Toronto District School Board for 28 years. To his current role he has brought broad experience as a Teacher of the Deaf, Itinerant Hearing Department Coordinator and Consultant for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

# **Rhonda Cook**

#### **Central Itinerant Teacher for Special Education – Hearing** - Rhonda.cook@tdsb.on.ca

Rhonda has been a teacher in TDSB programs for students who are Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing for over 20 years. She is a strong supporter of self-advocacy in students.

### **Rosary Kwak**

# Parent and Alternate Representative for VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children, on the TDSB Special Education Advisory Committee - rosaryk@gmail.com

Rosary is a parent of three young children, all with varying degrees of hearing loss. She has a strong interest in building a network of parents of children with hearing loss in the TDSB to share experiences, resources and words of wisdom.

# **Debbie Ross**

#### TDSB Audiologist - Debbie.ross@tdsb.on.ca

Debbie has been an audiologist in fields of pediatrics and education for over 30 years. She has been with the TDSB since 2001 and is the board expert on hearing assistive technologies.