**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Name: Inner City Advisory Committee (I.C.A.C)

Date: Thursday, June 8, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. @ 5050 Yonge Street

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| Present | Ingrid Palmer (Community Co-Chair), Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher (Co-Chair), Trustee Avtar Minhas, Josette Holness (PFR), Michael Griesz (VP Earl Haig SS), Lee Ford-Jones (Hospital for Sick Children), Laurie Green (St. Michael’s Hospital) |
| TDSB | Karen Falconer, Helen Fisher, Nicole Seck, Daniel Jeffers |
| Regrets | Diane DeiAmoah, Sharma Queiser |
| Recorder | Alison Rutherford |

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION** |
| Call to Order/Quorum | * Meeting called to order at 9:50 a.m. | Called to order by Ingrid Palmer |
| Approval of Agenda | * Laurie Green moved to amend the agenda to bring her Special Education item |  |
| Approval of Minutes | * Add Trustee Avtar Minhas as being in attendance at May 11 ICAC meeting | Moved by Lee Ford-Jones; Seconded by Avtar Minhas |
| Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interests | None |  |
| Special Education – Enhanced Equity Framework | * Laurie Green proposed a submission to forward all of our TDSB research and data related to demographic data in correlation to special education placements and outcomes for special education students. Laurie has drafted a recommendation to the TDSB to support the board in making evidence-based decisions and also be copied to SEAC to address the recommendations at their table in the Fall * Gillian Parekh’s research reports have indicated that students in HSP face further barriers in opportunities for learning in secondary schools and beyond. Laurie recommending that this research be part of the recommendations submitted on behalf of the ICAC to increase equity of opportunity and outcomes for all students * Claire Fainer and Peter Zatmari to bring an outside research lens (service lens) to look at the gaps and needs in relation to these TDSB research reports from a social services and mental health perspective (East Metro Youth) * Laurie Green strongly recommends that we take a look at her draft and commit to revising the recommendations ready to submit to the Enhanced Equity Task Force and copied to SEAC * Trustee Cary-Meagher raised concerns connected to this line of conversation in that the board should be very strategically able to identify which students exiting grade 1 with reading challenges and provide appropriate support. Most students, she feels, should be able to be supported within the regular classroom and most should be reading * Many inquired as to basic sight/hearing testing and its availability in all schools for Kindergarten and Grade 1. MSIC has partnership programs in all of its schools supported by TFSS. Recommend that these basic tests, from the Medical community perspective, are crucial * Lee Ford-Jones recommends including a recommendation that parents really need to understand the difference between transfer and promotion; also include a vision/hearing recommendation (maybe routinely consider medical assessment especially vision assessment as part of SST) * Motion made that letter be written and sent to Enhancing Equity Task Force and SEAC that the ICAC is considering the research related to Structured Pathways, HSP and Special Education and Demographics that ICAC is considering in preparing our recommendations that we will submit in the Fall as a committee | Moved by Laurie Green; Seconded by Lee Ford-Jones |
| Co-chair Report | * Report coming out on Monday of which Ingrid is a contributor on Toronto social housing * Ingrid still actively reaching out the Ombudsman in relation to the LOI and LOG |  |
| Contact Listing | * Ingrid asked that everyone make sure that their contact information is updated * Sheila reached out to ask if there should be any additions to the contact list |  |
| Proposed Dates for 2017-18 | * Recommended that the September, October meetings be a 9:30 a.m. start. Recommended that committee room A is a preferred space * Thursday, November 9th – recommended to hold meeting at Oakdale Park MS. Karen to connect to Trustee Alexandra Lulka and Trustee Tiffany Ford regarding the date/time/location of this meeting * December meeting will be 9:30 meeting * January 11th - 9:30 * February 8th-9:30 * March 8th meeting will be East evening – school to be determined – recommended that a new school will be determined * April 12th – 9:30 a.m. * May 10th – meeting at a school – Avtar and Sheila will determine a school and advise the committee * June 7th – 9:30 a.m. |  |
| Self-Evaluation | Committee read over and to submit their evaluations to the co-chairs |  |
| Annual Report | Committee read over and submitted their input to the co-chairs |  |
| Transitional CSW Supports | Helen shared a model for CSW support recommended for 2017/18 – 8 CSWs in LC1, 6 CSWs in LC2, 7 CSWs in LC3, 3 CSWs in LC4  Are there plans to get more Community Support Workers based on the needs in the city?  Laurie - The Director was to report back on the LOI/LOG model – is the staffing for community/parent supports part of that report back? In response to the Social Planning report  **Motion** to request a response from the Director regarding how the learning opportunities grant funds are dispersed and specifically how it’s dispersed in relation to the LOI  Sheila - Table the LOG/LOI to ICAC committee work in September 2017  Pockets of poverty remains an issue in our city – this is another item to discuss in the Fall  Recommended to design a map using Hulchanski’s data aligned with the learning centres  Consider including information in relation to the maps and learning centres and MSIC to inform the public about actions moving forward  Revisit David Clandfield’s work in relation to the disadvantaged in our communities in the Fall as well to deepen our work | Motion put forth by Sheila Cary-Meagher; seconded by Laurie Green |
| Other Business | Update: $80K passed by the board for schools transitioning out of the MSIC program to be interim budget for them to continue support students and families  25 MSIC sites with 4600 registrations this summer for summer learning  Karen Kain School of the Arts and Claude Watson School of the Arts programs open to MSIC students. 40 MSIC are going to Claude Watson; 6 MSIC students going to Karen Kain  Focus on Youth Toronto (FOYT) students hired for summer learning – potential that some may work in Karen Kain and Claude Watson  Paediatric Clinic – map share out with the ICAC team  We should look at where we have gaps in our neighbourhoods + our health partners  Maria Yau is presenting her research at an All-Practitioner’s meeting in June 19th  Early Years Department connection – map out all of the partners  Lee Ford-Jones shared a book Agriculture Today: A Portrait of Family Farms in Ontario (Wegg, Telfer) – Sheila suggested to share Richard Christie by a contact to connect to this book |  |
| Adjournment | Adjourned at 12:00 p.m. | Moved by Karen Falconer; seconded by Sheila Cary-Meagher |