**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Name: Inner City Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, February 9th, 2017

Time: 9:30 – 12:00 p.m.

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| Present: | Ingrid Palmer (Co-Chair), Sheila Cary-Meagher (Co-Chair), Jennifer Arp, Joy Beals, Sabrina De Araujo, Christine Dimitris, Karen Falconer, Helen Fisher, Lee Ford-Jones, Alison Gaymes San Vicente, Laurie Green, Michael Griesz, Josette Holness, Daniel Jeffers, Shaila Krishna, Alison Rutherford, Sharma Queiser, Nicole Seck. |
| Regrets: | Fiona Bowser, Nadira Yasmin, Nathan Gilbert, Ying Ong |
| Recorder: | Maria Valente-De Sa |

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION** |
| Call to Order/Quorum |  | Quorum was confirmed |
| Approval of Agenda | * the meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. * everyone introduced themselves | Josette Holness moved to accept the agenda; Sharma Queiser seconded; All in favour. |
| Approval of Minutes |  | Josette Holness moved to accept the minutes; Sharma Queiser seconded; All in favour. |
| Declaration of Conflict of Interest | Nil |  |
| Meeting Dates, Times and Locations | * everyone received a listing of the meetings, dates, times and locations of the meetings remaining until the end of this school year. * the next meeting will be held at a school in Scarborough. * the May meeting will be held in a school in the south area. |  |
| LOG Grants – Sharma Queiser | * the LOG report was released recently. * the issue of funding is a problem across the province. There is a need to look at the formula. * Trustee Marit Stiles made a motion at the January Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee meeting regarding the funding. * Ontario Well-Being Paper - it was suggested that there be a one-pager summarizing what is missing from the four areas and where we see the problems/issues so that it may be circulated outside the system. * Ingrid has a meeting with the Ombudsmen to seek further assistance. Ingrid was seeking the support of the committee to move forward. The group agreed. * it was suggested that the Justice for Toronto/Youth and working with Children’s Rights may be able to assist as well. * it was suggested that there be a sub-committee to look at the budget for the following year. Christine volunteered. Last year a motion was prepared to go forward. Do we want to make another motion for more funding for programming? | Sharma made a Motion:  ***“that the Inner City Advisory Committee (ICAC) recommends to the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee that an inflationary increase to the Model Schools for Inner Cities program be include in the 2017-18 budget”.***  Seconded by Nicole Seck.  All in favour. |
| Passport Update – Helen Fisher | * annually an adventure passport with a number of attractions with discounted rates is handed out to students/parents. This will be occurring once again this year (to be distributed with the February report cards). |  |
| 2017 Summer Programming – Helen Fisher | * the summer school sites are almost finalized. This year the MSIC schools are working with the Continuing Education Department. * schools were given the opportunity to apply to host a summer school program. 16 schools volunteered across the city. Bussing will be provided to the MSIC students. * Continuing Education and Model Schools are reviewing the areas of the city so that every community is served. Last year 7000 students were enrolled in summer learning programming. * we may be able to share sites where we have summer programming in the morning and international education programing in the afternoon. * the Early Years Programming will be offered once again under Executive Superintendent Colleen Russell-Rawlins. * there will be French programs available. * once the listing of sites is confirmed, an email will be sent out with all the locations and an update will be provided at the next meeting. * it was suggested that a one-pager be made available for committee members to share with parents at different locations (ie. community health offices, etc….). Semhar Misghina is the Communications Officer who will be working with the Principals and supporting the communication so that it reaches out to parents, communities and on-line. Semhar will be invited to the next meeting. * secondary schools will be offering credit programs as well as local summer programming. * Focus on Youth will be offering summer employment to students who will be assisting in the summer programs. * programs will be academic but recreational as well. * Daniel Jeffers has been working with the FOY students and there have been parent participation. * there are opportunities for parents to self-improve their skills while their children are attending programs. * there will also be Adult ESL and community programs that will be running this summer. * Continuing Education & MSIC schools will be working with Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS) to provide snacks for the summer programs. | A listing of all summer school programs to be provided at the next meeting.  Registration information will be available at all the schools and posted on the website.  Communications Officer Semhar Misghina to be invited to attend the next meeting. |
| Other Business | Parent Conference:   * the conference will be held this year on Saturday, April 1st, 2017 at the Allstream Centre (Exhibition). Information will be sent to parents with registration forthcoming. * there are 8 parents that will be presenting and approximately 60 workshops on French Immersion, Special Education, Mental Health, etc…. * bussing and vendors will be available.   Model School Funding:   * everyone received a listing of the funding allocations to the MSIC school sites this school year, along with the budget guidelines on how funding may be spent. * Superintendents were asked recently to check in with their schools to ensure that the funding was being spent according to the guidelines. * there was additional funding that was used to support CAT4, resiliency survey.   Community Meeting:   * York Civic Centre will be hosting an evening meeting for parents on *“How your choices in high school affect your future?”* Karl James from the U of T will be the keynote speaker. The session will be taking place on Monday, March 6th. Sharma will be sharing the flyer as soon as it is available.   Community Support Workers:   * there was a recommendation that the CSW’s provide an update at the next meeting as to issues/concerns that there might be. * CSW’s look at recreational programs for after school and throughout the school year, not only in the summer. * it was suggested that an information night session be held for parents, but the messaging needs to be looked at so that parents attend.   Toronto Public Health:   * Shaila shared that if schools would like nurses to come out and speak and work with staff on resiliency, she would be happy to assist/support.   Parent Academy Website:   * the website has been created by a CSW. Parents may complete an on-line survey on what their needs are. * upcoming parent academy meeting will be taking place on February 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at Robert Service PS. | CSW’s to be invited to the next meeting to provide an update, as well as any issues/concerns. |
| Adjournment | * the meeting adjourned at 11:55. | Nicole Seck motioned to adjourn the meeting; Josette Holness seconded. All in favour. |