



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: Jan 19, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Trustee Pamela Gough; Trustee Alexander Brown; Trustee Chris Glover; Trustee Jennifer Story; Chair J'net AyAy Qwa Yak Sheelth; Lauren Blu Waters (Seneca College); Melissa Abotossaway (Council Fire); Marilyn Hew (Métis Nation of Ontario – Toronto & York Region Métis Council);); Landy Anderson (Native Child and Family Services of Toronto); Natasha Gleeson(Student); Bob Phillips; Elder Dr. Duke Redbird; Katherine Fietas; Melissa Abbotssaway(Council Fire); Rochelle Allan(University of Toronto, First Nations House) ;Randy Pitawanakwat(Native child and family Services); Nancy Martin(Miziwe Biik)

TDSB : Executive Superintendent Jim Spyropoulos; Superintendent John Chasty; Barbara Felschow (Central Coordinating Principal, AEC); Bonnie Johnston (Community Liaison); Tessa Sill (Community Liaison); Tanya Senk (AEC Program Coordinator) Tasha Smith (Teacher & Parent); Roxanne Chee(TDSB Teacher); Jennie Town(Coordinator TDSB); Mark Varvas(VP) Marilyn Maychuk(Teacher) Michelle Corneau (Instructional Leader)

Regrets: Elder Joanne Dallaire

Guests: Jimmy Dick(Miziwe Biik); Elizabeth Foody(Miziwe Biik); Sandy Judhan (Toronto Education Workers) ; Rebecca Baird; Pamela Tylee (Ministry Education) ; Phil cote; Stepan Sommer (Toronto Education Workers); Kiowa McComb(Indigenous Youth intern)





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Recorder: Latha John (Parent and Community Engagement Office)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION
Call to Order	Elder Duke Redbird started the meeting with the traditional prayer. Meeting called to order AT 6:00pm by Chair J’net AyAy Qwa Yak Sheelth. Welcome introductions followed.	
Approval of Agenda	To add to the agenda - under agenda Item # 6 New and other business; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAC 10 and Research -Superintendent John Chasty • Epnigishmok Aboriginal Head Start Program -Landy Anderson • Artists Payment Staff Updates to add; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent conference • Letter to ministry on Truth and Reconciliation: Calls to Action. Agenda approved as amended.	
Review and Approval of the Minutes – November 17, 2015	Minutes approved as amended by Marylyn Hew seconded by Lauren Blu Waters. All in Favour. Motion carried.	





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<p>Community Check-In</p> <p>a) New Co-Chair for transitioning year</p>	<p>Trustee Gough Chaired the meeting for the agenda item of the new Co-Chairs.</p> <p>The following two nominations were submitted to AEC staff. Chair J’net AyAy Qwa Yak Sheelth and ACAC member Laureen Blu Waters.</p> <p>Member Laureen Blu Waters also presented an oral presentation to the committee.</p> <p>There were no other nominations for the ACAC Chairs, Chair J’net AyAy Qwa Yak Sheelth and ACAC member Laureen Blu Waters were approved by the ACAC as co-chairs/transitioning chair for a two year term.</p>	
<p>Toronto Aboriginal Hub: Anishnawbe Health Toronto (i.e., Block 10).</p>	<p>Anishnawbe Health Toronto is requesting a partnership with TDSB in a working group for the Block 10 –Training Institute (i.e., pre-apprenticeship programs and upgrading). The Ministries who are involved in this project are Health, Infrastructure, Aboriginal affairs and others.</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Trustee Brown to meet with the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer and to get information on the minister’s role on this project.</p> <p>Action: The ACAC committee was asked to forward any questions</p>	





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	<p>for the Minister to Trustee Brown.</p> <p>Superintendent Jim Spyropoulos indicated that the former PANAM games land has been parcelled out in Blocks as per developments in the area. The government has assigned Block 9 for schools which depend on the density of the area as being developed.</p> <p>After much discussion, the ACAC approved the request to join the working group and offered one AEC staff and two ACAC members to sit on the working group. The ACAC requires a copy of the agreement.</p> <p>**Motion by Landy Anderson that ACAC be a member of the working group with representation of AEC. Seconded by Trustee Brown. All in Favor. Motion carried. Unanimously approved.</p>	
<p>Jim Spyropoulos, Superintendent, Equity and Inclusive Schools.</p>	<p>PA day Collective bargaining to have one additional PA day to be in the calendar before the end of April.</p> <p>Action: ACAC to discuss as an agenda item to have one of the PA days to be dedicated annually for Indigenous learning.</p>	





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	<p>Newcomers from Syria: Eight to ten thousand people have arrived in Canada, four thousand to Ontario and of them two thousand in Toronto. The TDSB has less than thirty school registrations. Update on the newcomers to follow to AEC.</p> <p>Future Home of the First Nations School of Toronto & Centre of Excellence for Aboriginal Education: On February 10 the Board will confirm the Architectural firm - Two Row Architect .The firm to be introduced to ACAC.</p> <p>TDSB Parents as Partners Conference -April 16, 2016 The Board is seeking a keynote speaker from the Indigenous Community for the conference. The AEC will be involved with some of the planning of the parent conference. An Elder will open the conference and there will be Aboriginal community members to facilitate workshops.</p> <p>New Director of Education ACAC to meet the Director John Malloy.</p>	





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	<p>National Aboriginal Day June 21st Aboriginal students don't have the National Aboriginal Day June 21st off from school to celebrate. ACAC should bring this to the attention of the Director.</p>	
<p>Staff Update -Barbara Felschow (Central Coordinating Principal, AEC)</p>	<p>AEC Job postings Full time Media specialist at AEC Native Language Instructor-Ojibwe language half time position The Job postings to be forwarded to ACAC.</p> <p>Conservatory of Music Partnership Partnership conversation-with AEC, Indigenous learning through the arts. Updates to follow to ACAC.</p> <p>Native Canadian Centre Language Accreditation program in the city with partnership with TDSB.</p> <p>Arts Co-op The theme is "Together we are strong in our diversity" The program is starting on February 16- June 10 held at Brockton in partnership with Arts department and AEC. The program is open to non-Indigenous and Indigenous student's preference</p>	





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	<p>given to Indigenous students. The grade range is Gr 10 & up.</p> <p>Wheel Canada Partnership with Wheel Canada, curriculum is vetted by AEC. Updates to follow.</p> <p>Secondary youth program The youth program at Brockton in partnership with Native Child and Family Services has reached capacity. A waiting list has been established.</p> <p>March Break Camp AEC team working in partnership with Etobicoke education centre and Continuing education to facilitate the program. The program has a capacity of sixty students (30 girls & 30 boys), the program is open to Indigenous and non-Indigenous students preference given to Indigenous students. Twenty applications have been received so far.</p> <p>Students Success Support Initiative Students Success Support Initiative - TDSB department has finished the hiring process -Jessica Medeiros was hired</p>	





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	<p>Outdoor Education engagement Duke is visiting Island school</p> <p>Educators Conference The conference is in April 13</p> <p>ITUK Inuit of Toronto Urban Katimavvik is a gathering place for Inuit. They gather to provide cultural, education and language support for Inuit people in Toronto.</p>	
NAC 10	Deferred to next meeting.	
ACAC Community Town Hall meetings (Feb, March, April and May decide ACAC meeting locations in four quadrants of the TDSB	The next meeting to be at Eastview Location. ACAC to meet at different locations of the four Quadrants.	
Epnigishmok Aboriginal Head Start Program	<p>Epnigishmok Aboriginal Headstart program will be relocating to Etobicoke.</p> <p>The Headstart program is a provincially funded program for preschool to four and half.</p> <p>There is a need in Etobicoke for Aboriginal Services and suggestions or connections were requested from ACAC.</p>	





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<p>Rebecca Baird- Payment to Artists for the work/ services provided to the Board.</p>	<p>Aboriginal artists who are in the TDSB roaster are not paid in time for the services provided to the Board. The communication with the payment processing department has not made the process efficient. The Board should recognize that Aboriginal educators and artists should be paid at the time of delivery of the service.</p>	<p>Superintendent Chasty, Executive Superintendent Spyropoulos and Elder Duke Redbird will set up a meeting with the Purchasing Department to discuss strategies for respectful timing of payment.</p>
	<p>Announcements</p> <p>ACAC representation was requested by Trustee Alexander Brown for the following committees: Inner City Advisory Committee Equity Policy Advisory Committee Special education Advisory committee</p> <p>ACAC representation was invited by Trustee Chris Glover for the Aboriginal category in Community Use of Schools advisory Committee. The Board receives 4.2 million in funding for subsidised permits of school use. Aboriginal category has the highest subsidy in the community use of schools permit funding. Aboriginal representation was encouraged at CUSAC meetings. Natasha Gleeson from ACAC attended the last CUSAC meeting.</p>	





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Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action Draft Letter from ACAC.	The draft letter for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Calls to Action was presented to ACAC.	Action: Tanya Senk to send an electronic copy of the letter to the ACAC.
Next Meeting Date	Next meeting on February 16, 2016	
Adjournment	Traditional closing by Elder Duke Redbird. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm	

