



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday February 21, 2017

Time: 5:30pm- 8pm

Core Voting Constituent's:

Present: Landy Anderson (NCFST), Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), Marilyn Hew (TYRMC), Joseph Poitras (Senator, MNO), Shannon Judge (Parent), Neal Judge (Parent), Katherine Minich (Parent), Peta-Gaye Ebanks (Parent), Tracy McKenzie (Parent), Dr. Susan Dion (York University), Michael Cheena (Community Member), Melissa Abotossway (Toronto Council Fire), Randy Pitawanakwat (NCFST), Justin Dufour (MNO), Sara Beth Holden (Toronto Inuit Association), Juan Rodriguez (Rep. for Dr. Suzanne Stewart, U of T), Pablo Joseph (Parent) and Dr. Bob Phillips (Community Member).

TDSB Trustees:

Present: Alexander Brown and Pamela Gough

TDSB Staff:

Present: John Chasty (Superintendent), Barbara-Ann Felschow (Central Coordinating Principal), Tanya Senk (Central Coordinating Vice Principal), Jonathan Kakegamic (Principal), Mike Izzo (Instructional Leader), Sandy Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent), Tasha Smith (Student Success Teacher), Natasha Gleeson (Teacher), Christina Saunders (Instructional Leader), Tessa Sill (Community Liaison), Jimmy Dick (Culture & Traditions Instructor), Roxanne Chee (Teacher), Adrienne Plumley (Teacher), Mary Doucette (Digital Communication Programmer), Dr. Duke Redbird (Curator)



Advisor), Marilyn Maychak (on-leave, Ministry of Education Student Achievement Officer), Mark Varvas (Vice-Principal) and Malia Mitha (Teacher).

Guests: Nick Bertrand (T.A.R.O. Education Officer), Lynden Martin (Dean, Faculty of Education, York University) and Marjorie Winterlink (Parent & EPAC member).

Regrets: Co-Chair Blu Waters (Elder), Co-Chair J'net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth (Parent), Dr. Suzanne Stewart (University of Toronto), Bonnie Johnston (Community Liaison), Jennifer Story (Trustee) and Joseph Poitras (Senator, MNO).

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ACTION
Call to Order, Traditional Opening	Trustee Pamela Gough chaired the meeting. Dr. Joanne Dallaire conducted a traditional prayer to open the meeting followed by introductions of the membership in attendance.	
Approval of Agenda	The agenda was amended and approved; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair to be Trustee Pamela Gough • Community Check in/New & Other Business & Future Topics – Information sharing by Blu Waters was deferred 	Approved: Dr. Bob Phillips Seconded: Dr. Joanne Dallaire
Review and Approval of the minutes of January 17, 2017	Corrections were made on page 1, 6 & 7.	Approved: Dr. Bob Phillips Seconded: Shannon Judge



<p>Follow-up/Action Items:</p> <p>-UIECE Motion: Modifying the Land Acknowledgment -Motion: National Aboriginal Day</p>	<p>Barbara-Ann Felschow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Susan Dion attended the last FNST Parent Council meeting and presented a short description on the work of the UIECE. Susan acknowledged that a lot of work is still required and that this task is ongoing. • Partnership relationship communications plan between FNST & AEC in reference to UIECE. • Acknowledged the partnership/relationship with Jonathan Kakegamic. <p>Sandy Spyropoulos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The modification of the Motion regarding the Land Acknowledgment was approved at the last PSSC meeting. • TDSB will remain with the current wording of the <i>Land Acknowledgement</i>. Further consultation and dialogue will occur with communities and as a result of this action, a revised <i>Land Acknowledgement</i> will be prepared for September 2017. <p>Sandy Spyropoulos: Motion; National Aboriginal</p>	
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	<p>Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Motion was brought forward to the PSSC meeting and approved. 	<p>National Aboriginal Day: June 21st will be recognized as a Day of Significance within the TDSB. Accommodations will be made if student exams fall on June 21st. TDSB staff can take the day off with pay as a Miscellaneous Leave Day.</p>
<u>Community check in:</u>	Blu Waters: Aboriginal Trustee- Deferred	
<u>Staff Update:</u>	<p>Sandy Spyropoulos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February was Black History Month to celebrate accomplishments of staff and students. Acknowledged the AEC for their phenomenal expertise to produce curriculum and resources in alignment with the <i>Board Action Plan</i>. <i>Enhancing Equity Task Force Committee</i>- Tanya Senk and Dr. Duke Redbird are representatives from the AEC. The committee hopes to recruit up to four people from the ACAC, one for each Learning Centre Task Force Working Group. Each Working Group will work independently with the support of the TDSB Research Team initially three times for 2.5 hours. The meetings will be held later in the day to 	



	<p>accommodate Student Trustee participation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee will likely convene one or two more times to finalize recommendations and review the final report each Task Force Working Group will prepare. • Each Working Group will also have an opportunity to invite schools in their Learning Centre to share the practices they believe are making a difference for marginalized and underserved students. • If you are interested in participating on this committee please message Barbara-Ann Felschow or Tanya Senk by Friday February 24. <p>Barbara-Ann Felschow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged Joanne and the Elders. • Acknowledged J'net and informed the ACAC that J'net has stepped down from her role as Co-Chair for the remainder of the school year to focus on her health. She will gladly revisit the role and her participation in the near future. • Sent an edible bouquet from the ACAC and AEC to J'net. • Courses began- Combined Credit, York U, YPAR/OISE/UofT, ABQ Int. Native Studies, York U. • PD model has been implemented through the 	
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	<p>system on <i>Key to Learn</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kairos Blanket Teaching will be offered for up to 60 participants for half day sessions. • Dr. Susan Dion and Dr. Duke Redbird forwarded Sandy Spyropoulos a written statement of attributes for a new AEC CCP. • The TDSB Parent Conference will be held at the Allstream Centre on April 1st. Tessa Sill is organizing two community facilitators to provide workshops. EJ Kwandibens will present on Two Spirited people and Clayton Shirt will present on the Seven Sacred Teachings. Duke Redbird will provide an opening for the conference. <p>Trustee Pamela Gough:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulated Jonathan Kakegamic for his recent appearance on TVO. • Acknowledged J'net and all the hard work that she has accomplished while co-chairing on the ACAC. <p>Tanya Senk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged Jesse Wentte for the positive experience regarding the Land Acknowledgement. • Acknowledged AEC staff for their work with the Collaborative Inquiry- Tasha Smith, Christina Saunders and Marilyn Maychak. 	
New and Other Business:	Nick Bertrand:	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced himself and about his work in education. • Nick answered questions about Aboriginal Self-Identification and Student Achievement and Well-being. • Nick anticipates the release of a progress report on Self-Identification in September 2017. <p>Linden Martin, Dean at the Faculty of Education, York University:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided updates from the Faculty of Education- responding to the Calls to Action. • Supports the TDSB combined credit course. • Looking at next steps for an Indigenous Teacher Candidate cohort with TDSB and York University. • Dr. Susan Dion is currently working on the planning to enable this to happen hopefully 2018. • The new program will be two years or four terms. <p>Marjolein Winterlink, Equity Policy Advisory Committee member & parent Co-Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was looking for clarification regarding the Land Acknowledgment. • The AEC indicated that the Acknowledgement is taken up different in different sites but that the 	
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	<p>AEC is providing Professional Learning for all TDSB staff on <i>Key to Learn</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Duke Redbird reiterated that the Acknowledgment should be done before every TDSB meeting and before schools sing; <i>Oh Canada</i>. 	
Future Topics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	
Next meeting Date:	The next ACAC will be on Tuesday March 21, 2017 @ 5:30pm. Located in the Library on the second floor.	
Traditional Closing:	Dr. Joanne Dallaire closed the meeting.	

