



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday September 19th, 2017

Time: 5:30pm

Core Voting Constituent's:

Present: Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), J'net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth (Co-Chair), Blu Waters *via telephone (Co-Chair) Shannon Judge (FNST Parent), Neal Judge (FNST Parent), Randy Pitawanakwat (NCFST), Dr. Susan Dion (York University), Patricia Schuyler (Aboriginal Health & Wellness, YWCA), Vivian Roy (NCFST) and Leslie Van Every (Parent).

TDSB Trustee's:

Present: Pamela Gough, Jennifer Story and Alexander Brown.

TDSB Staff:

Present: Dr. Duke Redbird (Museum & Archives), Sandy Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent), John Chasty (Superintendent), Tasha Smith (Student Success Teacher), Tanya Senk (Centrally Assigned Principal), Mervi Salo (Centrally Assigned Vice-Principal), Mike Izzo (Instructional Leader), Marianne Groat (Instructional Leader), Christina Breen (FNST Vice-Principal), Michelle Corneau (Vice-Principal), Marilyn Maychak (On Leave), Malia Mitha (FNST Teacher), Adrienne Plumley (Teacher), Rhonda Kakegamic (Behavioral Resource Counsellor), Jonathan Kakegamic (FNST Principal), Roxanne Chee (Teacher), Natasha Gleeson (Teacher), Bonnie Johnston (Community Liaison), Tsitra McKay (Community Liaison), Jeff





McDonald (Teacher), Ali Hirji (Teacher), Ken Morden (Eastview School Principal), Ken Kirkwood (Teacher), Lena Recollet (Cultures & Language Instructor), Eleni Sotas (Teacher) and Amber Smith (Education Assistant).

Guests: Ryan Neepin, Rebecca Alpine, Jenne Finely, Summer Catt Manning and Barbara-Ann Felschow.

Regrets: Marilyn Hew (TYRMC), Mario Tenentes (Principal, Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI) and Mark Varvas (Vice-Principal, Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI).

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Traditional Opening • Meeting Etiquette/Code of Conduct for members and guests • General House Keeping- Terms of Reference 	<p>J'net chaired the meeting. Dr. Joanne Dallaire conducted a traditional prayer to open the meeting and reviewed the code of conduct for ACAC members and guests. J'net reviewed the ACAC Terms of Reference.</p>	
<p>Approval of Agenda</p>	<p>The agenda for September 19, 2017 was approved with one addition- to add First Nations, Métis and Inuit Graduation Ceremony/Celebration under <i>#8New and Other Business</i>.</p>	
<p>Approval of May 19, 2017 ACAC Minutes</p>	<p>The minutes of May 19, 2017 were approved.</p>	
<p>ACAC Priorities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hiring Practices, Recruitment, Retention 	<p>Hiring Practices, Recruitment, Retention and Mobility: TDSB suggested that Pardeep Nagra, Manager, Employment Equity be invited to the next ACAC</p>	<p>AEC Staff will invite Pardeep Nagra to the next ACAC meeting.</p>



<p>and Mobility.</p> <p>2. Aboriginal TDSB Trustee</p> <p>3. Aboriginal Student TDSB Trustee</p>	<p>meeting for a discussion. Sandy Spyropoulos indicated that TDSB made a concerted effort to create a number of FNMI administrators. For example; Hiring Jonathan Kakegamic as the FNST Principal, promoting Christina Breen as FNST Vice-Principal, promoting Tanya Senk as Centrally Assigned Principal of AEC and Mervi Salo as the new Centrally Assigned Vice-Principal. TDSB needs to increase First Nations, Métis and Inuit recruitment.</p> <p>Aboriginal TDSB Trustee: Running for election as a School Board Trustee involves Provincial Policy under the <i>Education Act</i>. In order to make changes to the current process, the Province must be involved. Trustee Brown suggested inviting Hon David Zimmer, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to an ACAC meeting for consultation on the process.</p> <p>Aboriginal Student TDSB Trustee: TDSB is exploring the process to appoint an Indigenous student for a position of Student TDSB Trustee. It was also discussed that staff would involve the Student Trustees and engage them in this process as well.</p>	<p>AEC Staff will invite Hon David Zimmer, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to the next ACAC meeting.</p> <p>The ACAC recommends that the newly elected Indigenous Student Trustee from Thames Valley DSB be invited to an upcoming ACAC meeting to share information around how this was accomplished.</p>
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<p>Staff Updates: Led by: Sandy Spyropoulos, Tanya Senk, John Chasty and Mike Izzo.</p>	<p>Staff Updates - Sandy Spyropoulos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and congratulations to Tanya Senk and Mervi Salo.• On August 30, 2017 Dr. Duke Redbird provided an opening at an event for over 800 TDSB Vice-Principals and Principals.• Sandy will share Director Malloy’s presentation (What Inspires Us) at the next ACAC meeting.• TDSB retired the title “Chief” for all positions within the board.• On September 8, 2017, a business plan was submitted for 16 Phin- keeping at the forefront the vision of urban Indigenous education.• Submitted the board action plan to the Ministry of Education. <p>Staff Updates – John Chasty: The NAC10 course is now in its fifth year. It has grown increasing large and complex and currently in almost 70 schools. NAC10 reaches just under 4000 students and generates 4.4 million in revenue. 100% of revenue goes back into the classrooms and the AEC.</p> <p>Staff Updates – Tanya Senk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy Powley Day!• Shout out to Tasha Smith who is now working	
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	<p>at FNST.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Jarvis Nahdee returning to work at the AEC as an Instructional Leader. • Will be hosting Walking With Our Sisters (WWOS) in partnership with FNST • The WWOS exhibit will be open to the public in October for two weeks. • Volunteers are required. See Tsitra McKay (AEC Community Liaison) if you would like to volunteer. <p>Staff Updates – Mike Izzo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike provided members with copies of three different versions of revised Land Acknowledgments. • TDSB Land Acknowledgement: It is not about Treaties, it is about land. • AEC will continue consultations in the east. • For consistency, the AEC staff conducted a scan across the City of Toronto to see how other agencies and institutions are acknowledging the land. • Thanks staff, Elders and community members for their assistance and support with the Land Acknowledgment. 	<p>TDSB Land Acknowledgement: Be it resolved that the ACAC approves the revised land acknowledgments. Be it further that the AEC is tasked to complete consultations and implement the revised land acknowledgments throughout the TDSB no later than February 5, 2018.</p>
<p>New and Other Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations, Métis and Inuit Graduation Ceremony/Celebration deferred to next month 	





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	<p>ACAC meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FNST are in the process of organizing the bi-laws for the Parent Council. • Consultations with FNST parents regarding child care will be on the agenda at the next FNST Parent Council meeting. • FNST will host a meet and greet on the evening of September 21, 2017, 5:30pm to 8:30pm. • A City of Toronto Child Care Consultation meeting (Journey Together: Expanding Indigenous Child Care and Child and Family Programs in Toronto) will be held at 16 Phin on September 27 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. 	
<p>Next meeting Date:</p>	<p>Next meeting date: Tuesday October 17, 2017 @ 5:30pm. 16 Phin Ave – Room 123 (first floor).</p>	
<p>Traditional Closing:</p>	<p>Elder Joanne Dallaire closed the meeting.</p>	

