



## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday November 21, 2017

Time: 5:30pm-8:00pm

### Core Voting Constituents:

Present: Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), J'net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth (Co-Chair), Shannon Judge (FNST Parent), Dr. Susan Dion (York University), Marilyn Hew (TYRMC), Keith McCrady (NCFST), Ryan Neepin (Community), Summer Catt Manning (ROM), Jennifer Gray (Parent), Leslie Van Every (Parent) and Rebecca Alpine (Community).

### TDSB Trustee's:

Present: Jennifer Story, Pamela Gough and Alexander Brown.

### TDSB Staff:

Present: Dr. Duke Redbird (Museum & Archives), Sandy Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent), John Chasty (Superintendent), Tasha Smith (Special Education Teacher), Tanya Senk (Centrally Assigned Principal), Mervi Salo (Centrally Assigned Vice-Principal), Adrienne Plumley (Teacher), Lena Recollet (Native Language Teacher), Jonathan Kakegamic (FNST Principal), Natasha Gleeson (Teacher), Bonnie Johnston (Community Liaison), Roxanne Chee (Teacher) and Tsitra McKay (Community Liaison).

**Guests:** Josh Stribbell, Beatrice D'Angelo, Jennifer Feasby, Nick Bertrand, Gisele Gordon, Renee Dixon, Mary Doucette and Barbara-Ann Felschow.





**Regrets:** Blu Waters, Marilyn Maychak, Jimmy Dick, Mike Izzo, Mark Varvas Randy Pitawanakwat and Ken Morden.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order</li> <li>• Traditional Opening</li> <li>• Meeting Etiquette/Code of Conduct for members and guests</li> </ul>	<p>J'net chaired the meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Joanne Dallaire conducted a traditional prayer to open the meeting followed by introductions of membership in attendance.</p> <p>Joanne reviewed meeting etiquette/code of conduct for members and guests.</p>	
<p>Approval of Agenda</p>	<p>The agenda of November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 was revised and approved by consensus.</p>	
<p>Approval of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ACAC Minutes</p>	<p>The minutes of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were approved by consensus.</p>	
<p>ACAC Priorities</p> <p>1. Aboriginal TDSB Trustee</p>	<p><b>Aboriginal TDSB Trustee:</b>            Invited guests from the Ministry of Education (MOE) attended the meeting to consult on the process of how the TDSB can appoint or elect an Aboriginal Trustee. It was recommended that representatives from the Governance Branch at the MOE would be invited to the next ACAC meeting to discuss how to move forward with an Indigenous Trustee.</p> <p>There are no education service agreements in the TDSB and the same barriers that have happened before will be repeated. A better understanding from the Ministry is needed on how to take concrete steps</p>	



<p>2. Aboriginal Student TDSB Trustee</p> <p>3. Hiring Practices, Recruitment, Retention and Mobility.</p>	<p>towards this goal. Can it be waived for TDSB? Can there be an exemption?</p> <p>Has the ministry explored this issue before? If they have, what information can they give? If they say no, what are the reasons?</p> <p>Susan Dion: Have any other urban centres asked for this? Could our guests from the Ministry come next meeting with the information gained?</p> <p>Pamela Gough: Funding formula should be looked at since there are many Indigenous peoples living in urban areas.</p> <p><b>Aboriginal Student TDSB Trustee:</b> The Indigenous TDSB Student Trustee proposal will be tabled for approval at the next board meeting. A Superintendent from the Thames Valley School Board and their Indigenous Student Trustee has been invited to the January 2018 ACAC meeting.</p> <p><b>Hiring Practices, Recruitment, Retention and Mobility:</b> No new updates.</p>	
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<p>Staff Updates:</p>	<p><b>Staff Updates - Sandy Spyropoulos:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tasked the AEC to put together a framework distinct and different from the integrated equity framework</li><li>• Thanks to the Ministry for funding the curriculum change which the AEC teaching and learning team will be working on.</li><li>• The SRO program will be discontinued</li><li>• Would like to extend invitation to PIAC for parents.</li><li>• Board meeting tomorrow where Dr. Duke Redbird will be opening for TDSB Indigenous Education Month.</li></ul> <p><b>Staff Updates – Tanya Senk:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thanks to Community Liaison team for the <i>Walking With Our Sisters</i> Art Installation.</li><li>• Events since last meeting: Remembrance Day, Indigenous Veterans day, 16 Phin Community Fall Feast and Drum Social, Eastview School Community Fall Feast and Drum Social.</li><li>• Upcoming events: 16 Phin Round Dance and the Winter Solstice</li><li>• AGO learning days for NAC10 teachers just happened as well as professional learning with beginning teachers.</li><li>• The AEC is looking at building a leadership capacity network.</li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> year in Collaborative Inquiry</li> <li>• An AEC Protocol of Engagement document is nearly complete.</li> <li>• There are resources available for Indigenous education month that have been generated since 2010.</li> </ul>	
New and Other Business:	<p><i>First Nations, Métis and Inuit Graduation Ceremony/Celebration</i>          Tsitra McKay:          There will be a Gala of sorts in May/June. Details not confirmed but more information will be available in the coming meetings.</p> <p><i>Seeing the Light Conference:</i>          Joshua Stribbell:          The Toronto Inuit Association does not support the <i>Seeing the Light Conference</i> and is officially withdrawing their involvement and participation.</p>	
Future Topics	<p>Future topics to discuss:          -How to get parents to attend more meetings/ how to accommodate parents to obtain more feedback</p>	
Next meeting Date:	<p>Next meeting date: Tuesday January 16, 2018 @ 5:30pm. 16 Phin Ave – Room 123 (first floor).</p>	
Traditional Closing:	<p>Elder Joanne Dallaire closed the meeting.</p>	

