



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday January 16th, 2018

Time: 5:30pm-8:00pm

Core Voting Constituent's:

Present: Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), J'net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth (Co-Chair), Shannon Judge (FNST Parent), Dr. Susan Dion (York University), Ryan Neepin (OISE), Rebecca MacAlpine (OISE), Renee Dixon (Parent), Jeffrey MacDonald (Parent), Summer Catt-Manning (ROM), Chantal McGregor (Council Fire), Randy Pitawanakwat (NCFST), Patricia Schuyler (YWCA) and Mike Auksi (University of Toronto).

TDSB Trustee's:

Present: Pamela Gough, Alexander Brown, Ausma Malik and Jerry Chadwick

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), Lena Recollet (Native Language), Natasha Gleeson (Teacher), Bonnie Johnston (Community Liaison), Mike Izzo (Instructional Leader), Christina Saunders (Instructional Leader), Jarvis Nahdee (Instructional Leader), Michelle Corneau (Vice Principal), Christina Breen (FNST Vice Principal), Roxanne Chee (Teacher), Nancy Clark (Teacher), Sherry Williams (DRECE), Meaghan Salisbury (Teacher), Jessica Medeiros (Indigenous Support and Engagement Initiative), Mark Varvas (Vice Principal) and Mary Doucette (Office Clerk).





Guests: Margaret Correia, Jonathan Lear, Jennifer Feasby, Barbara-Ann Felschow, and Julian Carpenter (Secondary Student).

Regrets: Marilyn Hew, Marilyn Maychak, Dr. Suzanne Stewart, Howard Munroe, Ali Hirji, Mario Tenentes and Bob Phillips.

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 	<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 January 16th, 2018 was approved by consensus.</p>	
<p>Approval of November 21st, 2017 ACAC Minutes</p>	<p>The minutes of November 21st, 2017 were approved by consensus.</p>	
<p>ACAC Priorities</p> <p>1. Aboriginal TDSB Trustee</p>	<p>Aboriginal TDSB Trustee: <u>J'Net:</u> Welcomes guests Margaret Correia, Jonathan Lear and Jennifer Feasby from the Ministry of Education. <u>Jonathan Lear:</u> There is legislation that says an education service agreement with a neighbouring First Nations community is needed in order to have an appointment of an Aboriginal Trustee. The TDSB does not currently have an education services tuition agreement which means that legislative change would need to happen.</p>	<p>The ACAC recommends that the TDSB send a letter from the chair to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Indigenous Affairs expressing the will and desire of the board to have Indigenous students represented by an Indigenous Trustee and that the Minister recommends a process by which this can happen. Approved by: J'Net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth</p>



<p>2. Aboriginal Student TDSB Trustee</p>	<p>This would affect school boards across the province. <u>Joanne:</u> How do we change the legislation? <u>Jonathan Lear:</u> You would begin by writing to the Minister.</p> <p>Discussions continued regarding different options and outcomes in regards to how the ACAC would be able to appoint an Aboriginal TDSB Trustee. The ACAC recommends that the TDSB send a letter from the chair to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Indigenous Affairs expressing the will and desire of the board to have Indigenous students represented by an Indigenous Trustee and that the Minister recommends a process by which this can happen.</p> <p>Aboriginal Student TDSB Trustee: It was discussed that as it is now January and elections will begin soon there is now a very short period of time for this to happen. The ACAC recommends that the TDSB establish the position of an Indigenous student trustee to commence in the 2018-2019 school year via a process that is</p>	<p>Seconded by: Shannon Judge</p> <p>The ACAC recommends that the TDSB establish the position of an Indigenous student trustee to commence in the 2018-2019 school year via a process that is recommended by the Aboriginal Education Centre. Approved by: J'Net Ay Ay Qwa Yak</p>
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<p>3. Hiring Practices, Recruitment, Retention and Mobility.</p>	<p>recommended by the Aboriginal Education Centre.</p> <p>Hiring Practices, Recruitment, Retention and Mobility: Deferred until February meeting.</p>	<p>Sheelth Seconded by: Shannon Judge</p>
<p>Staff Updates:</p>	<p>Staff Updates - Sandy Spyropoulos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 4th – organizational board meeting • The student Trustee had to step down for personal reasons and there will be someone filling in. Was very interested in discussing a potential Aboriginal student Trustee. • The Director’s annual report was given to each member in attendance. • Enhancing Equity Task Force Report was approved and sent back for actions. • Student educational travel to the United States was suspended for all staff and students, there will be reconsideration for staff and students who need to travel for competition and subject related travel. <p>Staff Updates – Tanya Senk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 12-13, 2017 was the Indigenous Education Gathering where there was the roll out of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, specifically #62 & #63 • The Aboriginal Education Centre will continue to 	



	<p>roll out the TRC documents as well as the Knowledge Building Resource for teachers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th Year for the Collaborative Inquiry lead by Dr. Susan Dion. • The Land Acknowledgement is still being revised and consultations are ongoing for correct wording. • Congratulations to Natasha Gleeson for her new position at the Aboriginal Education Centre as the Student Success Teacher. • Thanks to Jarvis Nahdee and Albert Owl for their Ojibway Language Nest now running on Wednesday nights until March Break. • Thanks to FNST & AEC staff for their work on the Winter Solstice. • Round Dance will be happening January 27th, 2018 at 16 Phin Ave. <p>Staff Updates – Mize Izzo (TDSB Land Acknowledgement):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations are ongoing, Deferred until February meeting. 	<p>TDSB Land Acknowledgement is still being reviewed and consultations for revised wording are ongoing.</p>
<p>New and Other Business:</p>	<p><i>First Nations, Métis and Inuit Graduation Ceremony/Celebration:</i> Deferred until next meeting.</p> <p><i>Parents as Partners:</i> <u>Bonnie Johnston:</u></p>	<p>First Nations, Métis and Inuit Graduation Ceremony/Celebration - Deferred</p>





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	On Saturday April 28 th , 2018 the Parents as Partners conference is happening. Bonnie is looking for workshop facilitators. Contact directly for more information.	
Next meeting Date:	Next meeting date: Tuesday February 20 th , 2018 @ 5:30pm. 16 Phin Ave – Room 123 (first floor).	
Traditional Closing:	Elder Joanne Dallaire closed the meeting.	

