**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

 Committee Name: Inner City Advisory Committee

 Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017

 5050 Yonge Street, 5th Floor Executive Meeting Room

 Time: 9:30 – 12:00 p.m.

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| Present: | Ingrid Palmer (Co-Chair), Sheila Cary-Meagher (Co-Chair), Karen Falconer, Helen Fisher, Alison Gaymes San Vicente, Laurie Green, Michael Griesz, Sally Hakim, Mathew Judd, Nicholas Lucas, Kurt McIntosh, Precious Myers, Omar Omar, Sharma Queiser, Natasha Robertson, Sheryl Robinson-Petrazzini, Alison Rutherford, Nicole Seck, Duane Spencer, Marc Sprack. |
| Regrets: | Michael Kerr, Ying Ong |
| Recorder: | Maria Valente-De Sa |

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION** |
| Call to Order/Quorum  | * Meeting called to order at 9:55 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.
* Quorum was confirmed.
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| Approval of Agenda | * There was an amendment to the agenda to move the Summer School Update as a timed item.
* To include an update the Task Force Report.
 | Agenda was approved.Laurie Green moved to accept the agenda.Nicole Sec seconded.All in favour. |
| Approval of Minutes | * Correction in the meeting notes to reflect that Michael Griesz is Vice-Principal.
 | Sharma Queiser moved to accept the meeting notes.Omar Omar seconded. All in favour. |
| Declaration of Conflict of Interest | Nil |  |
| Co-Chair Report | Co-Chair Ingrid Palmer:* Ingrid attended the Enhanced Equity Task Force Summit on June 16th – this was to look at issues of equity in our system, the problems that exist and moving forward to solutions. A report will be coming out some time this fall.
* Ingrid is on the Tenant Advisory Panel where13 recommendations were put forward on how to improve community housing. It moved up to Executive Council in July and all 13 recommendations were approved.
* Information on the Parents as Partners Conference will be forthcoming.
* Ingrid will be attending the 60th Annual Social Planning Event.
* Ingrid was invited to attend the Board’s Islamic Heritage Month celebration that will be taking place at the Aga Khan Museum.
* Ingrid was approached by Margarita Isacov from Integrated Action for Inclusion (IAI) and is very much interested in learning more about our Inner City Advisory Committee.
* Ingrid shared with the group a book called *“Pushing the Limits”* by Nancy Steinhauer. Nancy was Principal at our flagship of Model Schools (George Webster School).

 Co-Chair Sheila Cary-Meagher:* The Task Force had held consultations meetings and a report will be forthcoming.
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| Summer School Update, including Claude Watson School | * We are very proud to report that 35,000 students were served this summer. Out of this number, 5,000 were Model School students.
* This summer we ran a program at Karin Kane School of the Arts in the south and Claude Watson School of the Arts in the north. Auditions were not required.
* Very positive feedback not only from the students but the parents as well. Facilities and cleanliness was noted by both students and parents.
* It was suggested that a motion be sent to Facilities from our committee to ask if our Board has a standard of cleanliness for our schools and to ask what Ministry funding there is to uphold this and to address the systemic issues of upkeep and cleanliness in our neediest schools.
 | Ingrid MOVED a motion/recommendation, ***“that the Board report back on the Facility standards of the cleanliness of schools”***Seconded by Laurie Green. All in favor, no oppositions. |
| Enhanced Equity Task Force and SEAC Report | * Everyone received a draft copy of the submission from the Inner City Advisory Committee to the Enhancing Equity Task Force and SEAC.
* It was suggested that the following be added:
* Parent choice and an HSP Fact Sheet
* What are the benefits to the congregated classes (individual vs. school)
* Have representation from SEAC
* Laurie to revise and forward to the ICAC Committee to review and finalize at the October meeting.
 | All were in favor of the additions to the document. |
| Don’t Ask Don’t Tell Motion | * It was suggested that the name be changed to, “Ask, Don’t Tell”, community member offered that it would be better to stay with the “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell”.
* PR518 is the procedure for our immigration status. Parents must show proof of residency in order for their children not to pay fees and to register in our schools. Families without proof of residency and/or refugee status will need to pay fees to attend our school or wait a 6 month waiting period.
* If a family is registered for refugee status, the 6 month waiting period is waived and students may register at a school without pay a fee.
* It was noted that if families are asked to go from the school to register at 5050 Yonge Street, when proof of residency or status is shown to the school, that we be contacted/notified as this is not necessary.
* There was a request last year that the Procedure 518 be translated into the 10 most popular languages. Most of our websites uses Google Translate. It was suggested and agreed that only an explanation of Don’t Ask Don’t Tell be translated into the 10 most popular languages.
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| School Updates | * Each year schools that fall under the Learning Opportunities Index of 1-150 are provided with additional funds to support these schools.
* There is 2.8 million dollars to be divided up among the 150 schools.
* Schools that came off the 1-150 listing from last year will be provided with some transitions funding.
* School allocations will be brought to the next ICAC meeting.
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| Other Business | Social Planning:* A report was released on high school course selections and streaming, it is available on-line.

Previous Meeting Notes:* At the June Meeting a recommendation was made that the Director provide a response to the ICAC regarding how the learning opportunities grant funds are dispersed and specifically how it is dispersed in relation to the LOI
* This information is being taken to the Program and Schools Services Committee.
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| Adjournment  | * The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.
 | All in favour. |