**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Name: Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday September 18th, 2018

Time: 5:30pm- 8:30pm

**Core Voting Constituent’s:**

Present: \*J’Net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth (Co Chair), \*Dr. Susan Dion (York U), \*Renee Dixon (Parent), \*Marilyn Hew (TYRMC), \*Shannon Judge (FNST Parent), \*Mike Auksi (U of T), \*Patricia Schuyler (YWCA), \*Crystal Basi (TASSC), \*Howard Munroe (OCAD), \*Dr. Bob Phillips (U of T), \*Clayton Shirt (Knowledge Keeper) and \*Dr. Suzanne Stewart (U of T)

**TDSB Trustee’s:**

Present: Jennifer Story

**TDSB Staff:**

Present: Christina Breen (FNST VP), Mary Doucette (Office Assistant), Dr. Duke Redbird (Artist in Residence), Tanya Senk (Centrally Assigned Principal/Principal), John Chasty (Superintendent), Lena Recollet (Native Language), Mike Izzo (Instructional Leader), Hayley Chown (FNST Teacher), Jeff MacDonald (Teacher), Ryan Neepin (Teacher), Barb Felschow (Retired Principal), Natasha Gleeson (SST), Aly Hirji (Teacher), Bonnie Johnston (Community Liaison), Tsitra McKay (FNST CYC), Adrienne Plumley (FNST Teacher), Tasha Smith (FNST Teacher), Christina Saunders (Instructional Leader), Jon Salvatore (FNST Teacher), Mervi Salo (Principal, Queen Alexandra Middle School), Jim Clarke (Principal @ Eastview) and Meaghan Salisbury (Teacher)

**Guests:**  Kayla Webber, Sandra Lafleur, Graham Giles and Robert Sleeper

**Regrets:** \*Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), Trustee Jerry Chadwick and Trustee Pam Gough

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ACTION** |
| Call to Order, Traditional Opening, meeting etiquette/ code of conduct | J’Net Ay Ay Qwa Yak chaired the meeting.  Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire conducted a traditional prayer to open the meeting followed by introductions of the membership in attendance.  Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire reminded everyone about the meeting etiquette and code of conduct for ACAC members and guests. |  |
| Approval of Agenda | The agenda of September 18th, 2018 was amended approved by consensus. |  |
| Review and Approval of the minutes of May 15th, 2018 | The minutes of May 15th, 2018 were approved by consensus. |  |
| ACAC Priorities   1. Facility, 16 Phin – Mobility, Accessibility, Health & Safety, Renovations. 2. Indigenous TDSB Trustee 3. Hiring practices, recruitment, retention and mobility. | ACAC Priorities  Facility, 16 Phin – Mobility, Accessibility, Health & Safety, Renovations. **Deferred**  Indigenous TDSB Trustee. **Deferred**  Hiring practices, recruitment, retention and mobility. **Deferred**  J’Net:   * Spoke to the three main priorities for the ACAC for this school year, also spoke to their importance. |  |
| **Staff Update:** | **Jim Spyropoulos - Update**   * Great to be back again working in Indigenous Education. * Wants to start early with the communication and ensure there are fewer points on contact. * Would like to thank John Chasty for his role in Indigenous education.   John Chasty:   * Would like to thank everyone for their support during his time working with Indigenous Education. * There is 15-16 million dollars presently confirmed to support the site. There was a process to hire an architect and the selected winner was passed at the September board meeting. M.C.I and Two Row were chosen. * The elevator and accessibility within the building is a priority. * The window construction will be completed in early November. * The construction for the public path in the field will begin next week.   Jim Spyropoulos:   * Thanks to all for the welcome back. * Recognizing as a board, Orange Shirt Day on Friday September 28th, 2018. * Summer writing initiatives were interrupted this summer. Would like support as to when this work will recommence.   Joanne:   * Accessibility in the building is a longer term issue but we need something temporary in place for those that require it.   **Tanya Senk- Update**   * Thanks to John Chasty for his work. * Friday September 28, 2018 is Orange Shirt day for the TDSB. Thanks to Jim for the shirts. * The curriculum rollout will continue for grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9/10 History and Geography. * We are currently going through a complex, multi-layered construction. * At the very beginning stages with this construction. * Welcome back to Jim.   Jennifer Story:   * Spoke to the curriculum writing being interrupted.   Discussions took place in regards to the curriculum writing be interrupted this summer. In conclusion, a motion was created.  Suzanne Stewart:   * Is there a mechanism in place to ensure transparency and consultation in what is happening in the TDSB at board level? What is in place now to address that?   Jim Spyropoulos:   * TDSB mechanisms are school councils, terms of reference, ACAC’s, etc.   Discussions took place regarding transparency within the Toronto District School Board. | Motion: The membership agrees unanimously that a temporary ramp be  **Motion: The ACAC membership agrees unanimously that a temporary ramp be installed at door 5 for accessibility.**  **Motion:**  **The ACAC membership recommends that the chair of the TDSB express to the Ministry of Education, the urgency and importance of returning to Indigenous Curriculum writing initiatives immediately as part of honouring the commitments made to the calls to action #62 & #63.** |
| **Elders Update** | * **Deferred until next meeting** |  |
| **New and Other Business** | * ACAC Name Change – **Deferred** * ACAC Co-chair position – **Deferred** * UIECE Action Plan Implementation Committee update – **deferred** * APSIP – Tracy Jocko **Deferred** |  |
| Next meeting Date: | The next ACAC will be on Tuesday October 16th @ 5:30pm. Located in room 123, 16 Phin Ave. |  |
| Traditional Closing: | Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire closed the meeting. |  |