# Name of Committee: Inner City Community Advisory Committee (ICCAC)

**Meeting Date**: **21 September 2023**

Notes

## Attendance (via Zoom):

Trustee Matias De Dovitiis, Ward 4; Omar Khan, Community Member; Valerie Laurie, Community Member; Robert (Bob) Spencer, Community Member; Crystal Stewart, Community Member; Cherie Mordecai Steer, Community Member; Wendy Hernandez, The Neighbourhood Organization; Laurie Green, St. Michael’s Hospital; Ellen MacLean, Toronto Public Health; Lance Merraro, City of Toronto; Vicky Tourkolias, Toronto Public Library; Asavari Datar, Catholic Crosscultural Services

Also present were: Trustee Michelle Aarts, Ward 16; Jelani Philbert, Community Member; Lauren Lipkin, Community Member; Maureen Karkin, Community Member; Kaela Tenn, Community Member; Tracey Miller, Community Member; Ricardo Francis, Community Support Worker LC 1; David Forrester, Community Support Worker LC 1; Omar Omar, Community Support Worker LC 2; Karen Murray, System Superintendent, Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression and Early Years; Jay Williams, Coordinator, Model Schools for Inner Cities / Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression; Jenesse James, Executive Assistant LC 3; Jack Nigro, Executive Superintendent LC 4

## Regrets:

Trustee Alexis Dawson, Ward 9; Ayan Kaillie, Community Member; Ingrid Palmer, Community Member; Robin Liu Hopson, People For Education; michael kerr, Colour of Poverty, Colour of Change; Sejal Patel, Toronto Metropolitan University; Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement; Nura Aman, Community Support Worker LC 4; Lynn Strangway, Executive Superintendent LC 3;

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/ MOTION** |
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| **Call to Order / Quorum** | **Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.** |  |
| Land Acknowledgement | The traditional lands were acknowledged. |  |
| Welcome and Introductions of new and returning members. Setting meeting norms | Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made. |  |
| Approval of Agenda | The agenda was approved. | Moved: Laurie Green  Seconded: Lance Merraro |
| Declarations of Possible Conflicts of Interest | No conflicts of interest were declared. |  |
| Review and Approval of the Notes – May 18, 2023 | The notes from May 18, 2023, were approved. | Moved: Valerie Laurie  Seconded: Wendy Hernandez |
| Co-Chairs’ Report | Trustee Matias de Dovitiis and Omar Khan presented the Co-Chairs report.  The Trustee presented Trustee Dawson’s Co-Chair report which updated the committee on recent Board advocacy, specifically that the Chair to write the Ministry of Education to request assistance with clearing the TDSB’s Mental Health and Psychoeducational Assessments backlog. In addition, the Trustee presented on the decisions recently passed at Board, one regarding student nutrition and the other, endorsing a statement made by the Toronto Youth Cabinet on student mental health and student nutrition.  The Parent Co-Chair discussed the LOI Policy Review and the ICCAC’s involvement in the process. |  |
| Adjustment to 2023-2024 ICCAC Meeting Dates | The meeting previously scheduled for April 18, 2024, will now take place on Thursday, April 11, 2024. |  |
| Discussion on 2023-2024 Committee Drivers | The floor was opened the participants to contribute their ideas for topics that should be addressed by the ICCAC over the course of the 2023-24 school year. |  |
| MSIC Update | Karen Murray, System Superintendent, Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression and Early Years, and Stephanie Fearon, Coordinator, Model Schools for Inner Cities / Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression, gave a presentation that included a report on programs to increase the visibility of black girls in math, 10 years of the Pre-K to Grade 2 Summer Learning Program, clinics taking place in the community, summer partnerships with TPL, and other topics. |  |
| CSW Update | CSW’s Ricardo Francis (LC1) and Omar Omar (LC2) provided the CSW update, including information around literacy activities and parent involvement in the MYSP renewal process. |  |
| Other Business | There was no other business discussed. |  |
| Next Meeting | Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. |  |
| **Adjournment** | **Meeting was called adjourned at 7:59 p.m.** | **Moved: Robert Spencer**  **Seconded: Laurie Green** |