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

**Meeting Date**: **14 December 2023**

Notes

## Attendance (via Zoom):

Trustee Alexis Dawson, Ward 9; Omar Khan, Community Member; Valerie Laurie, Community Member; Cherie Mordecai Steer, Community Member; Wendy Hernandez, The Neighbourhood Organization; Ellen MacLean, Toronto Public Health; Crystal Stewart, Community Member; Ingrid Palmer, Community Member; Sejal Patel, Toronto Metropolitan University; Robin Liu Hopson, People For Education.

Also present were: Valerie Tih, Community Member; Latoya Aldridge, Community Member; Akon Nsikan, Community Member; Ricardo Francis, Community Support Worker LC 1; Babak Nikmard, Community Support Worker LC 3; Omar Omar, Community Support Worker LC 2; Karlo Cabrera, Centrally Assigned Principal, Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression; Lynn Strangway, Executive Superintendent LC 3; Jack Nigro, Executive Superintendent LC 4; Jenesse James, Executive Assistant LC 3.

## Regrets:

Robert (Bob) Spencer, Community Member; Laurie Green, St. Michael’s Hospital; Lance Merraro, City of Toronto; Farhana Jogiat / Asavari Datar, Catholic Crosscultural Services; Ayan Kaillie, Community Member; Vicky Tourkolias, Toronto Public Library; michael kerr, Colour of Poverty, Colour of Change; 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; Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement; Nura Aman, Community Support Worker LC 4.

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/ MOTION** |
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| **Call to Order / Quorum** | **Meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.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: Valerie Laurie  Seconded: Alexis Dawson |
| Declarations of Possible Conflicts of Interest | No conflicts of interest were declared. |  |
| Review and Approval of the Notes – November 16, 2023 | The notes from November 16, 2023, were approved. | Moved: Crystal Stewart  Seconded: Alexis Dawson |
| Co-Chairs’ Report | Trustee Alexis Dawson and Omar Khan presented the Co-Chairs report.  Trustee Dawson presented a report which informed the committee of the Ministry of Education’s [Accelerated Apprenticeship Pathway Consultation proposal](https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=45747&language=en). If passed, it could create barriers for those students choosing to pursue the Employer Supervised Apprenticeship pathway since this requires them to withdraw enrolment, potentially as early as Grade 11. The Trustee spoke to the [advocacy by TDSB Trustees](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/home/ctl/Details/mid/42863/itemId/211) asking the Province to consider the broader implications of the proposal.  The Parent Co-Chair brought updates regarding upcoming committee presentations, food program discussions with Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS), and after school food programs. |  |
| Business Arising from November 16, 2024, meeting | A draft motion recommending an increase to the allocated number of CSWs was discussed. It was decided that the motion would come to the next meeting for committee approval. | Cherie Mordecai-Steer  Omar Khan |
| MSIC Update | Karlo Cabrera, Centrally Assigned Principal, Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression, gave a presentation that included current initiatives including 50 Years of Hip Hop, VOICES @ the McMichael Art Gallery, and Untold Stories (black voices in Canadian hockey).  Also mentioned was an update following the screening of Steadfast: The Jean Augustine Story at Central Technical School which was attended by the Honorable Jean Augustine.  An update on the various vision, hearing, and paediatric clinics being offered through Model Schools was presented. |  |
| CSW Update | CSW’s Ricardo Francis (LC1), Omar Omar (LC2), and Babak Nikmard (LC3) provided the CSW update, including informing the committee of an initiative that took parent concern and turned it into a STEM learning opportunity for both students and parents/caregivers alike.  CSW are actively connecting newcomers with community centres, outside homework help, and language supports.  At Alexander Stirling PS, a “community room” has been started as a collaborative effort between TDSB departments including Partnerships, the Parent/Caregiver and Community Engagement Office (PCCEO), and Business Development. The goal is to bring together the resources for parents and caregivers that would otherwise be scattered. Forecasted initiatives include job fairs, food handling certification, and first aid training.  Going forward, the CSW’s will endeavour to present activities that are being implemented system-wide. |  |
| Other Business | There was no other business discussed. |  |
| Next Meeting | Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. |  |
| **Adjournment** | **Meeting was called adjourned at 11:00 a.m.** | **Moved: Ellen MacLean**  **Seconded: Valerie Laurie** |