

Name of Committee: Urban Indigenous Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 16th, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 pm

Attendance via Zoom:

**Core Voting Constituents:** Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire (UICAC Chair, Elders Council Member, UIEC/TDSB), Elder Dr. Duke Redbird (Elders Council Member, UIEC/TDSB), Elder Clayton Shirt (Elders Council Member, UIEC/TDSB), Bonnie Johnston (Indigenous Social Worker, UIEC/TDSB), Selina Young (City of Toronto, Indigenous Affairs Office), Isaiah Shafqat (Indigenous Student Trustee,) Joe Rock (City of Toronto, Early ON), Sean Gale (Student Success Teacher, UIEC/TDSB), Shannon Judge (Community), Robin White (Vice Principal, Seneca School, TDSB), Robert Durocher (Centrally Assigned Vice-Principal, UIEC/TDSB)

**TDSB Staff:** Jim Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent, Indigenous Education, Caring and Safe Schools, UIEC/TDSB), Emily Wadsworth (Centrally Assigned Vice-Principal, UIEC/TDSB), Antonino Giambrone (Centrally Assigned Principal, UIEC/TDSB), Barbara-Ann Felschow (Retired Principal, TDSB), Jim Veltman (ACL, NLC-East/TDSB), Michael Sanders (Principal, Eastview PS, TDSB), Danielle Noel (VP, Eastview PS/TDSB), Lindsay Boag (VP, Eastview/TDSB), Michael Griesz (Principal, Lawrence Park/TDSB)

**TDSB Trustees:** Deborah Williams (Ward 10), Michelle Aarts (Ward 16), Dennis Hastings (Ward 1), Indigenous Student Trustee Isaiah Shafqat

**Guest**: Deanne Hupfield (Community Member)

**Regrets:** Tanya Senk (System Superintendent, Indigenous Education, UIEC and Kâpapâmahchakwêw/Wandering Spirt School, TDSB), Natasha Gleeson (Instructional Leader, UIEC/TDSB), Kyle Genaille (Graduation Coach, UIEC/TDSB), Elder Blu Waters (Seneca College), Michael Griesz (Principal, Lawrence Park. TDSB), Sara Ehrhardt (Ward 15), Elise Twyford (Principal, Wandering Spirit, TDSB), Saby Chandi, (Principal, NLCE, TDSB), Eleni Sotos (ACL, NLC-East, TDSB), Lisa Dilworth (Superintendent of Education, LN17, TDSB), Angela Frawley(Curriculum Leader, NLC E, TDSB), JacobBarghout (Vice-Principal, Laurier CI, TDSB), Sue Rogers, (Indigenous Food Sovereignty Chef, NLC E)

| ITEM | DISCUSSION | MOTION/RECOMMENDATION |
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| Traditional Opening, Call to Order, Review of Meeting Etiquette, Code of Conduct | Traditional Opening Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire.  Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire spoke to the code of conduct for UICAC (Urban Indigenous Community Advisory Committee) members and guests.  Members in attendance introductions.  Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire chaired the meeting. | |
| Approval of Agenda | The agenda of May 16th, 2023, moved and seconded by Shannon Judge and Bonnie Johnston | |
| Review and Approval of the minutes | The minutes of April 18th, 2023, moved and seconded by Elder Dr. Duke Redbird and Shannon Judge | |
| Declaration of conflict of interest, Terms of Reference | None | |
| Facility, 16 Phin – Mobility, Accessibility, Health & Safety, Renovations.  Indigenous Trustee (TDSB)  Hiring practices, recruitment, retention, and mobility. | Facility, 16 Phin – Mobility, Accessibility, Health & Safety, Renovations   * No updates   Establishment of an Indigenous Trustee  **Tanya Senk (System Superintendent, Indigenous Education, UIEC and Kâpapâmahchakwêw / Wandering Spirt School, TDSB)**   * On hold until further notice.   Hiring practices, recruitment, retention, and mobility   * Deferred until September 19th meeting | |
| Elders Update:  Staff Update: | **Elder Joanne Dallaire**   * Advised Community Member Deanne Hupfield that the Elders Council, UIEC, UICAC, and community members will provide input and guidance on the development of a policy on Indigenous identity. Updates will be provided in the September UICAC meeting.   **Jim Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent, Indigenous Education, Caring and Safe Schools, UIEC/TDSB)**   * TDSB continues to address the 60-million-dollar deficit and will continue for the next several weeks. * The Trustees continue to review and work through the necessary changes to meet budget requirements. TDSB budget committee meets regularly and updates will continue to be provided to this committee. * The Boyne River Natural Science School has been a conversation that we have been having for some time now. The original proposal was around $800,000.00. We have been working closely with Executive Officer Maia Puccetti, who works in Facilities and Associate Director Stacey Zucker, who oversees Finance and Operations in our board. There was the realization that 800,000.00 wasn't going to be sufficient. Therefore, the proposal was increased to 3 million dollars to open the Boyne. Basically, we were asking the Ministry if we could use 3 million dollars of our own money to begin the construction. This cost is required to have the Boyne fully operational including clean drinking water and a proper sewage system. We believe, through many conversations that we have had that, approval to begin imminently to open the Boyne for day and overnight visits. Details will continue to be provided.   **Antonino Giambrone (Centrally Assigned Principal, UIEC/TDSB)**   * We have completed the interview process with Elder Dr. Duke Redbird for Instructional Leaders and staff for various positions. We have completed the interview process for NLC-E and NLC-D and look forward finalizing the positions shortly. In addition, we are also adding Learning Coaches to the UIEC and will be scheduling those interviews with Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire and Elder Dr. Duke Redbird.   **Robert Durocher (Centrally Assigned Vice Principal, UIEC/TDSB)**   * June 1st teachers are going to be invited to come back to share what they have learned this year. * Indigenous History month begins June 1st and we will be kicking it off with our third addition of OK. KO. OK magazine launch with a barbeque starting at 4:00pm. * We will be hosting Indigenous History Month, and Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer pride with a few guest speakers in person rather than virtual this year.   **Emily Wadsworth, Centrally Assigned Vice Principal, UIEC/TDSB)**   * We are currently working on developing a summer Co-Op mentorship program for our secondary students. The Indigenous grad coaches have been reaching out to students across the board to provide an opportunity for our students to work in a variety of different placements and, have direct mentorship while earning a salary for the month of July. Students that complete the program will also earn a Co-Op credit as well as credit recovery. | |
| Indigenous Student Trustee Update: | **Isaiah Shafqat (Indigenous Student Trustee, TDSB)**   * We have appointed the third Indigenous Student Trustee for TDSB. Trustees approved the establishment of this role back in 2019. We welcome Ozaawaa Secord as our Indigenous Student Trustee, Ozaawaa Secord, She is a grade 11 student at Rosedale Heights School of the Arts. * On Monday, May the 15th. I had the pleasure of meeting members from Cardi College, a private women's College in the United States to discuss the recent decision of the Board’s approval to make the NB3 compulsory grade 11 English course, as well as talk about some of the work I have done as the Indigenous Student Trustee for the TDSB. * I will have the pleasure to be on a panel with the Honorable Murray Sinclair in the coming weeks called a Fireside Chat. We will be discussing various topics. There will be Indigenous Student Trustees from across the province sitting at the virtual fire with the Honorable Murray Sinclair. * Last week I had the pleasure of hosting my second student panel for the Ontario Public Supervisory Officers Association. We were joined by Grandma Pauline. She opened us up in a good way for the first and second day of the OPSOA conference. | |
| New and Other Business |  | |
| Traditional Closing: | * Traditional closing by Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire * Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire adjourned the meeting. | |