



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee (ACAC)

Date: January 20, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Present: Rob Lackie (Co-Chair); Trustee Alexander Brown; Trustee Pamela Gough; Trustee Jerry Chadwick; Christine Monague(Co-Chair); J’net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth (Co-Chair); Judy Rheaume (Parent); Jennifer Sylvester(Parent); Karolina Jonson (Council fire); Marilyn Hew (Community Representative, Métis Nation of Ontario – Toronto & York Region Métis Council) ; Susan Dion (Community Representative, York University, Faculty of Education); Amanda J. Thompson (Community Representation, Ryerson University); Tasha Smith

Staff: Jim Spyropoulos; Bonnie Johnston; Tessa Sill; Barbara Felschow; Tanya Senk; Michelle Corneau Jacint Cyrus; Hannah Fowlie; Christina Breen; John Chasty; Shane McLeod; Kenneth Morden, Jarvis Nahdee

Regrets:

Guests: Elder Joanne Dallaire; Michelle Bartlett (Parent); Bob Crawford(George Brown)

Recorder: Latha John (Parent and Community Engagement Office)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION
Call to Order Welcome and Introductions	Welcome and Introductions. Rob Lackie chaired the meeting, meeting called to order at 6:04 pm. Welcome and Introductions of the ACAC committee members followed. Traditional prayer by Elder Joanne Dallaire	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to move the agenda by Christine Monague , seconded	

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	by Judy Rheaume. All in Favour. Motion carried.	
Review and Approval of the Minutes – November 18, 2014	Approval of minutes, Motion to approve the minutes, all in favour. Motion carried.	
Community Check-In (Talking Circle ~ In-Camera) Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interests	The Talking Circle was amended to be inclusive of Senior TDSB Staff, Trustees and Committee members. Elder Joanne Dallaire briefed the committee about the talking circle and how no minutes will be taken during the circle. The talking circle ended at 8:04 pm	
Items for Discussion a) Time of meetings/access to services/communicate the services	Timing of future meeting 6:00 pm	
b) Increase Indigenous supports, resource people and volunteers available in the classroom		
c) Communication strategy		
d) TDSB hiring practices- e.g., retain, provide opportunities for advancement, open up hiring practices to external and succession plan for the position of AEC Central Coordinating Principal		
Staff Updates: • Inclusive Schools, Student,	Trustee Pamela Gough- Motion passed in the board – to implement all schools to learn about the effects of Residential	

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<p>Parent and Community – Jim Spyropoulos</p>	<p>Schools on Aboriginal communities.</p> <p>Discussions Susan Dion questioned the methods of teaching Aboriginal history which is complicated and difficult. Teachers need to be trained in Aboriginal education.</p> <p>Feedback The curriculum which is being developed should be done in collaboration, consultation and consent with and from authentic voice of experiences of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples who have the embodied understanding.</p> <p>Staff Update Jim Spyropoulos</p> <p>Jim Spyropoulos – Focus on Youth-600 Students are hired every summer. Students who are 16 yrs or older are eligible for the program This program enables students to get paid, earn a credit and develop mentorship. FNMI students are encouraged to apply.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal Education Centre- Barbara Felschow 	<p>AEC Update- University Of Winnipeg and Seven Oaks District School Board developed and presented a “Blanket Exercise” at Indspire conference in November 2014. The AEC team refined and added to the “simulation” and will present the experience to the FOS principals and teachers for 25 sessions from February to May 2015.</p> <p>Ministry of Education has requested participation at a regional level on Feb 18. Request to ACAC Members from this committee to represent.</p>	



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	March Break and Summer Experience/Leadership opportunity for FNMI students - flyer distributed to the committee	
New and Other Business Rochelle Allen – Act 10	Deferred to next meeting.	
Christine Monague – Winter Solstice Event	Winter Solstice – winter /spring concert for TDSB students across the board. Showcase the Aboriginal students to showcase their talents.	
Future Meetings –	February 17, March 24th, April 21& May 19	
Next Meeting Date	Next meeting on February 17, 2015	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned t 8:33 pm.	