**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Name: Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday October 11, 2016

Time: 5:30pm

**Core Voting Constituent’s:**

Present: Co-Chair Blue Waters (via telephone), Co-Chair J’net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth (via telephone), Landy Anderson (NCFST), Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), Marilyn Hew (Métis Nation of Ontario - Toronto & York Region Métis Council ), Bob Phillips (Elder), Joseph Poitras (Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario), Judy Rheaume (Parent) Shannon Judge (FNST Parent Council), Dawn Maracle (University of Toronto), Rosalinda Furlan (Community), Stephanie Carrier (Parent), Soliel Perrier (Student) & Kimberly Waddilove (Student).

**TDSB Trustee’s:**

Present: Pam Gough (Co-Chair), Jennifer Story and Alexander Brown.

**TDSB Staff:**

Present: John Chasty (Superintendent), Roxanne Chee (Teacher), Bonnie Johnston (Community Liaison), Barbara-Ann Felschow (Central Coordinating Principal), Candice O’Grady (Media), Adrienne Plumley (Teacher), Tanya Senk (Central Coordinating Vice-Principal), Janet Csontos (Teacher), Mike Izzo (Instructional Leader), Sandy Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent), Mario Tenentes (Sir Wilfred Laurier Collegiate Principal), Denis Lopes (Secondary Alternative Principal), Jennie Town (Coordinator, NLC East), Natasha Gleeson (Teacher), Jimmy Dick (Cultural Instructor) Dr. Duke Redbird (Curator/Advisor) and Ken Kirkwood (Teacher), Mark Varvas (Sir Wilfred Laurier Collegiate Vice-Principal) and Carrier Lester (Teacher).

**Guests:** La Toya Dennie (University of Toronto).

**Regrets:** Susan Dion, Tessa Sill, Christina Saunders & Veronica Johnny.

**Recorder:** Marlene Tameta (Administrative Assistant).

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION** |
| Call to Order, Traditional Opening | Trustee Co-Chair Pamela Gough chaired the meeting. Elder Joanne Dallaire conducted a traditional prayer to open the meeting followed by introductions of the membership in attendance. |  |
| Approval of Agenda | The agenda was amended and approved;   * New & Other Business- Information sharing by Dawn Maracle representing the University of Toronto was moved to agenda item #4 * Item added to New & Other Business- Jimmy Dick update from Mizwi Biik regarding Block 10. |  |
| Review and Approval of the minutes of September 20, 2016. | The minutes of September 20, 2016 were approved by consensus. |  |
| Staff Updates | **Tanya Senk:**  Two of the AEC Instructional Leaders are currently in Newfoundland attending an Inuit conference. AEC staff is also participating in the FNMI Collaborative Inquiry in Kingston, Ontario.  November 1 & 2 will be a Provincial Leads meeting at Toronto Royal York Hotel.  The AEC will be Indigenizing the TDSB site at the Boyne River.  A big shout out across the TDSB to all of those who participated in ‘Orange Shirt Day’ on September 30.  Aboriginal Education Month at the TDSB is November. Events and initiatives across the board will be posted on the AEC website.  Treaties Recognition Week at the TDSB-November 7-11.  The AEC will release a new curriculum resource in early November.  Anishnabek Dewewin will continue into its third year.  **Indigenous Content & Partnerships at the TDSB:**  All Indigenous content and partnerships must flow through the Aboriginal Education Centre first- for vetting, endorsement and distribution throughout the TDSB.  **Sandy Spyropoulos:**  Integrated Action Plan: New learning centre strategy whereby equity is embedded in all that we do in TDSB.  The board will review TDSB policies and procedures as well as the budget, using an equity lens.  TDSB Planning and Priorities meeting - Thank you Trustee’s and Shannon Judge for delivering a loud and clear message on behalf of FNST and the ACAC to put forward a motion to the board that recommends the relocation of FNST to 16 Phin Avenue for January 2017.  Duke Redbird commenced the October board meeting with the land acknowledgement.  The mayor of Toronto (John Tory) declared September 30 as Orange Shirt Day. |  |
| Follow-up/ Action Items | **Barbara-Ann Felschow: Urban Indigenous Education Centre of Excellence (UIECE)**  A handout was provided and included an overview of the UIECE 2015-2016 mandate, timeline, list of steering council membership, meeting dates, governance, the terms of reference/guiding principles, transitional and long-term plan.  Feedback regarding the handout:  Why is NCFST not represented on the steering council?  Response: There are no agency representatives as each committee member is responsible to share information with community organizations and updates are always provided at each monthly ACAC meeting.  **Blu Waters: TDSB School Trustee** | Deferred |
| Community Check-in | **Blu Waters: ACAC meeting dates**  It has come to the attention of the ACAC that TDSB has been requesting to change original ACAC meeting dates. Co-Chairs Blu & J’net as well as Dr. Joanne Dallaire emphasized the importance of maintaining a schedule of consistency with regard to original meeting dates.  **Landy Anderson: TDSB Community Use of Schools Advisory Committee (C.U.S.A.C.)**  Judy Rheaume volunteered to participate on the CUSAC. Landy Anderson will connect with Judy and provide her with meeting dates and committee information. | **Motion:**  The ACAC recommends that TDSB keep to the third Tuesday evening of every month for ACAC meetings and that the meeting dates do not change. This will commence January 2017. |
| New and Other Business | **Dawn Maracle: University of Toronto**  Information was shared regarding Cervical Cancer week mid-October and the University of Toronto Arts Centre/Hart House Exhibit.  The Summer Mentorship Program at the University of Toronto is looking to work with the ACAC to recruit more Indigenous students. A handout was provided and suggestions were offered by several ACAC members and AEC staff.  **Ethical Engagements:**  The ACAC discussed ethical engagements and the work at the AEC. The ACAC will continue discussions regarding formulating a board recommendation that adheres to not engaging with denigrating projects/initiatives that cause harm to the earth and dehumanize and/or further marginalize and silence First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.  **Jimmy Dick: Block 10 Mizwi Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training (MBAET) update**:  Anishinawbe Health Toronto (AHT) received funding to hire a Development Consultant.  They chose Dream Kilmer, which is an organization that has done a lot of condo building in the West Donlands.  AHT still needs to provide the development plan to Infrastructure Ontario.  Right now the terms and conditions for the use of the land are under section 13 of the Ontario Treasury board guidelines. Some of the terms are very restrictive and AHT is meeting with the Ontario government to get some of these terms changed so the guidelines are easier to fulfill.  The Developer hopes to introduce “residential” in the agreement which is excluded at the moment. This is AHT’s project and MBAET is building a training institute on AHT land. | Bonnie Johnston will coordinate a time to meet with Dawn and La Toya to strategize student recruitment options. |
| Future Topics | * Jerry Chadwick, O.P.S.A. * Blu Waters, TDSB recruitment, retention and mobility * Tanya Senk, Ethical engagement/partnerships |  |
| Next Meeting Date | The next ACAC will be on Tuesday November 22, 2016 and in the library on the second floor. |  |
| Traditional Closing | Elder Joanne Dallaire closed the meeting. |  |