**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Name: Inner City Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, February 8th, 2018

5050 Yonge Street, Committee Room A

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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| Present: | Jennifer Arp (Co-Chair), Ingrid Palmer (Co-Chair), Natasha Arcentales, Sue Bilar, Ashley Boatswain, Lia Christensen, Kirby Davidson, Natasha Douglas, Emmanuel Kozyrakis, Shaila Krishna, Riley MacDonald, Cafeon Nembhard, Sejal Patel, Michael Roth, Jessica Ruiz, Crystal Stewart |
| Staff Present: | Karen Falconer, Daniel Jeffers, Ian Macpherson, Kurt McIntosh, Omar Omar, Kim Pividor, Sheryl Robinson-Petrazzini, Alison Rutherford, Nicole Seck |
| Guests: |  |
| Regrets: | Sheila Cary-Meagher, Helen Fisher, Michael Griesz, Avtar Minhas, Sharma Queiser |
| Recorder: | Maria Valente-De Sa |

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION** |
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| Call to Order/Quorum | * Meeting called to order at 9:45 a.m. * Trustee Jennifer Arp will be Co-Chairing with Ingrid Palmer through to April 2018. * Everyone introduced themselves. * This is an informal meeting as quorum was not achieved. The meeting continued as per the Terms of Reference that the Committee would continue to meet and discuss. |  |
| Approval of Agenda |  | Agenda was approved.  Shaila moved to accept the agenda.  No questions/concerns.  All in favour. Carried |
| Approval of Minutes |  | Shaila moved to accept the minutes.  No questions/concerns.  All in favour. Carried |
| Declaration of Conflict of Interest | Nil |  |
| Co-Chair(s) Report | Ingrid Palmer – Parents as Partners Conference will be held on Saturday, April 28th, 2018. Registration will be opening soon.   * On January 24th, Ingrid attended and presented a deputation on scattered housing to the Mayor and City Counsellors that all types of housing need to be protected. This was passed unanimously. * Workshops are being held for parents for Advocacy. The sessions are planned for February 9th at Brookhaven PS and March 1st at Humberwood Downs MS. |  |
| Learning Centre Updates | Learning Centre 1:   * two parent academies have been held with the third one to be held on the 28th of February at West Humber JMS; * the sessions have been on how to embrace and learning new techniques re technology; * parents will be presenting at the upcoming Parents as Partners Conference on April 28th re preparing our students for leadership, bridging the gap between middle to high school.   Learning Centre 2:   * all 150 and 19 transitioning out Model Schools will be receiving the Adventure Passport’s. This will be distributed with the report cards; * working through research re Vision Clinic’s and extending the partnership with McMaster; * training sessions is being planned for the 24 Community Support Workers (CSW’s) on March 6th; * SmartSAVER has a partnership with the Board. This allows families to access funds for their child(ren)’s future education. Currently in the process of new arrangements for the schools; * summer schools sites are being finalized. A listing will be out shortly. There are approximately 24 sites across the Toronto District School Board that will be providing program in July for K-8 students. The Model Schools sites will be receiving bussing. Claude Watson School for the Arts will be offering spots once again this summer for students in Grades 6-8 with digital, film and dance opportunities for students in Learning Centre 2 and 4. Karen Kain School of the Arts will be offering similar programs in the south for Learning Centres 1 and 4; * some of the schools in LC2 have music and arts program offerings. Some schools have engaged parents to come in and teach the students drumming. Some secondary schools students come in and work with the elementary students around times of celebrations (i.e. African Heritage Month, etc…)   Learning Centre 3:   * three parent academies have been held thus far at Mason Road PS. The sessions have focussed on STEM, math, literacy and reading strategies; * all sessions were very well received and attended by parents; * the next session will be held out in the community as some parents felt that they are not welcomed at schools. The focus will have more of an equity lens; * there will be a Learning Coach to support and empower parents to execute workshops in their home school, shared leadership opportunity for parents and staff * parents will be presenting at the upcoming Parents as Partners Conference as well on children having stress too.   Learning Centre 4:   * there are a number of schools in LC4 that have a variety of music and arts program offerings. These programs vary from strings, African drumming, piano, ukulele, steelpan, vocal, traditional singing and dancing, core and itinerant music. * some schools have partnerships with East End Music, Hammerband, U of T, Regent Park, Little Jammers, Young People’s Theatre, Inner City Angels, as well as speciality teachers providing the instruction/support to the students. | * Learning Centre 1 & 3 to provide an update on their music programs at the March meeting. |
| Enhanced Equity Task Force Report | * Director’s report on Helping Students Succeed was summarized and discussed with respect to the Actions in Professional Learning, Challenging Streaming and Exclusion to Improve Achievement & Well-Being; Examination of the Policies and Procedures that Affect Access, Opportunities and Outcomes; Enhancing Engagement and Voice Towards System Change. | * To be continued at the March meeting. |
| Other Business | Next Meeting:  Thursday, March 8, 2018  6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  Elmbank Junior Middle School (dinner will be provided) |  |
| Adjournment | * The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. | Cafeon moved to adjourn the meeting.  No questions/concerns.  All in favour. Carried |