**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Committee Name: Student Nutrition Advisory Committee**

**Date: April 3, 2017**

**Time: 5:00 p.m.**

Present: Co-Chairs Marvin Greenberg, Krista Taylor

Vince MacCormack, Ellen McLean, Chris Trussel, Charmyne Urquhart, Helen Montagnese, Pat Manousos, Catherine Parsonage, Heather Martinez, Erika Schwartz, Janet O’Reilly, Angela Dozzi, Fiona Bowser, Meredith Hayes, Cathy Ireland

Regrets: Gary Hoyer, Stephanie Tonks, Trustee Jerry Chadwick, Trustee Shelley Laskin, Jocelyn Midghall, George Kourtis, Curtis Ennis, Trustees Jerry Chadwick and Shelley Laskin

Guests: Nil

Recorder: Anita Paul (Administrative Liaison – Learning Network 10)

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION** |
| 1. Call to Order/Quorum | Meeting was called to order and quorum confirmed. Introductions were made |  |
| 1. Treaty of Acknowledgment   Of Aboriginal Lands | Treaty read and recognized. |  |
| 1. Declaration of a possible   conflict of interest | None stated. |  |
| 1. Approval of Agenda | Motion to approve agenda. All in favour – motion carried |  |
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| 4. Approval of Minutes | 2.2 one typo, last page ,  Motion under item 9 , a wonderful proposal to be considered under #7 on this agenda.  Catherine presented the sources of funding for student nutrition programs in the TDSB requested by Trustee Laskin under Item 10. This is attached herewith for your information. |  |
| 5. Business Arising | None |  |
| 6. Outreach to Parents, Community  - Angela Dozzi, TDSB | Angela Dozzi introduced Vince McCormack, former breakfast coordinator at George Harvey CI, now retired but who would like to join the committee on a volunteer basis. His knowledge and experience in this regard would be of great value and support to this committee.  Parent conference – 5 parents may be interested in joining. 20 members in total now.  Committee will work on outreach at Ward Forums . Members will be working on a PowerPoint presentation to be shown at Ward forums and will present this at the next meeting on May 8, 2017. | Catherine reported that  pizza lunches raise only 10% extra of what is needed to run the program.  . TFSS focus on fundraising takes quite a bit of time and only raises a small amount.  . TFSS offers income tax receipt to parents that contribute $10 or more to programs, this has grown exponentially this year.  . TFSS is focusing on raising awareness during Feed Tomorrow Week in October.  . In school fundraising focus should be for specific items for example one fundraiser to support nutrition program.  . We should develop a campaign to raise funds for SNP.  **Motion** made by Catherine Parsonage that SNAC propose a Nutrition Program Day during Feed Tomorrow Week to be endorsed by Superintendent Curtis Ennis and Director Dr. John Malloy.  Seconded by Terry Doyle,  Carried. |
| 7. Food Initiatives: School gardens, local farming, growing models – Meredith Hayes, Foodshare | Meredith Hayes from Foodshare presented on school gardens, local farming, growing models with a powerpoint presentation.  Powerpoint showed :  Farm at Bendale BTI, produce sold at Farmers Markets  The Great Big Crunch, quite successful, 482 crunches  The good food machine in the classroom – growing vegetables in the classroom  10 pilot schools with plant towers  86% of students eating healthy  230 raised beds at Eastdale  Rooftop gardens  Students receive paid employment and/or credits  Open House at Heydon Park  Resource for schools: Question was asked on how to establish towers, rooftop gardens process, rolling kitchens and fundraise accordingly. | Meredith will formulate a plan and provide this resource. |
| 8. School cooking facilities/cafeteria – Angela Dozzi, TDSB | Lunch programs are no longer funded through government sources, however, 13 schools applied for lunch programs. Two other schools phoned Angela to enquire about running a lunch program. There are unfunded lunch programs operating in TDSB but how many is not known. Dewson PS requested a lunch program and was written up in the Globe & Mail re: the lack of funding.  Funded lunch programs that started when funding was available -31 elementary schools and 45 secondary schools.  SNAC in partnership with Food Share has the opportunity to apply for funding through Ontario Trillium foundation called collective impact grants  1st application is for research project in a small way (approx.$30,000)  2nd additional application is more substantial funding at $500,000 to carry out project coming out of the research..  Proposal was made to put a working committee together to develop a proposal for research of school lunch programs and the need.  Volunteers on this committee are: Vince MacCormack, Charmyne Urquhart, Terry Doyle, Janet O’Reilly, Pat Manousos.  Patricia Manousos reported that Sir John A. MacDonald, Bloor C.I and hoping for a third school to serve as commissaries to feed other schools. | Angela Dozzi  Meredith Hayes  Proposed by Marvin Greenberg |
| 9. Student Nutrition Programs –  Angela Dozzi, TDSB | Angela explained the need for additional nutrition staff. Since 1998 at amalgamation to now the nutrition programs have grown 140% - the staff to look after this growth has not increased. Currently there are 2 Nutrition Liaison Officers (NLOs)serving 4 Learning Centres. Each NLO is responsible for approximately 280 programs. It is impossible to provide good service to administrators and nutrition coordinators with so many demands. Angela explained that her department can only deal with emergency or crisis situations regarding financial, food procurement, parent concerns or staffing. Some programs take more staff time to resolve issues and some problems fall through the cracks because of lack of staff support. NLOs travel great distances across the city to visit schools. There is a desperate need for 2 additional nutrition liaison officers one for each Learning Centre. From 2003 to now students served increased from 11,000 to 200,000.  Municipal funding came through with an additional 2.2M$.  (Catherine & Ellen) | **Krista Taylor made the following two part motion:**   1. **That SNAC adamantly support and recommend to the TDSB Board the hiring of 2 additional  Nutrition Liaison Officers to increase the complement to 4 one Nutrition Liaison Officer for each Learning Centre, and one full time permanent office assistant immediately.** 2. **Co-Chairs of SNAC write a letter of support for additional staff to the Director of Education on behalf of SNAC.**   **Seconded by Chris Trussel,  Carried.** |
| 10. SNAC Terms of Reference –  Co-Chairs | Deferred |  |
| 11. Partner Updates | Nil |  |
| Next Meeting Date | May 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. |  |
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| Adjournment | Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm |  |

Standing Items for future agendas:

Outreach to community

Food initiatives: School community gardens

School cooking facilities /cafeteria