



Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: Early Years Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 11, January, 2019

A meeting of the Early Years Community Advisory Committee convened on January 11, 2019 from 10:00am to 12:00pm in TDSB Administration Centre, Committee Room A, 5050 Yonge Street, with Trustee Co-Chairs: Rachel Chernos Lin, Jennifer Story, Community Co-Chairs: Jill Oakes, Pam McArthur presiding

Attendance: Trustee Co-Chair: Rachel Chernos Lin, Trustee Co-Chair: Jennifer Story
Community Co-Chair: Pam McArthur, Community Co-Chair: Jill Oakes
EYCAC Members: Patricia Chorney Rubin (George Brown College), Anabela Ferreira (Woodgreen Child Care), Nancy Hendy (Toronto Children's Services), Coleen McGrath (Learning Enrichment), Donna Spreitzer (Jackman Child Care), Patrina Stathopoulos (Dandyllion Daycare), Kim Rogers (Sunshine Child Care) and Lisa Tjernstrom (Lakeshore Child Care).
Staff: Cynthia Grundmann (Senior Policy Advisor/Manager Early Years and Child Care Services), Karen Guthrie (Early Years Coordinator), Liz Hoang (Child Care Services Manager), Louise Humphreys (Child Care Services Manager), Adrienne Plumley (OCT), Anastasia Poulis (Centrally Assigned Principal, Early Years), Colleen Russell-Rawlins (Associate Director, Lynn Strangway (Superintendent of Education LN27, LC2 Early Years) and Ted Libera (Centrally Assigned Principal Caring and Safe Schools and Alternative Programs).
Also present was: Kelly O'Gorman (Toronto Children's Services)

Part A: Recommendations

No recommendations

Part B: For Information Only

- Early Years is providing System Professional Learning for DECEs in alignment with the Multi Year Strategic Plan on January 18th and June 7th. DECEs will be co-facilitating

with Early Reading Coaches in providing these learning sessions. We will also have presentations from the Mehrit Centre and Dr. Shanker to support our learning around self-regulation.

- Another initiative for our DECEs is our Mentoring Project. We are partnering with Teachers Leading Learning to provide Mentoring and Mentee opportunities for DECEs. These mentoring opportunities empower DECEs by building leadership through mentoring and improve Early Years pedagogical practice through reciprocal mentoring.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

Updates from EYAC Work Groups were received:

Best Practices in Shared Space Work Group:

Communications to Child Cares:

The working group had inquired about whether staff are able to send information to child cares via email on behalf of the working group. Staff have confirmed this can be done so long as the communications relate to the work of EYAC.

Professional Learning:

The working group discussed the professional learning sessions that took place this past June and members have suggested that staff explore further opportunities to bring school and child care staff together.

Priorities:

The working group members have identified the following priorities for the 2019-20 school year:

1. Providing advice on creating collaborative relationships through shared vision and joint working norms.
2. Highlighting successes in shared space.

Facilities Work Group:

- Current Challenges – Communication, security and maintenance – Three topics were reviewed and members agreed that all are still relevant.

Members reviewed last year's actions:

1. Review and update the key and access policy was approved.
2. New Security Systems for Child Cares – Pilot still in process.
 - Details about Wi-Fi can be found in the October PSSC report

- Caretakers remain the first point of contact for child cares in schools.
- John Long will look into adding an item in the “popup checklist” that FTL’s use when visiting schools, to include a check in with Child Care.
- Child care operators would like access to TDSB’s already existing Wi-Fi in all the schools, not our own TDSB internet system.
- Invite IT to discuss security and fire wall issue.

Report Submitted by: Lynn Strangway

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