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Program and School Services Committee

Report No. 67, March 28, 2018

TO Regular Meeting Date: April 18, 2018

MEETING A meeting of the Program and School Services Committee convened on Wednesday, March 28 2018 from 4:34 to 7:31 p.m. in Committee Room A, 5050 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, with Pamela Gough presiding.

ATTENDANCE The following members were present: Trustees Pamela Gough (Chair), Jerry Chadwick, Chris Glover, David Smith, Jennifer Story and Manna Wong. Regrets were received from Trustee Chris Moise. Also present were Trustees Jennifer Arp, Alexander Brown, Ken Lister, Alexandra Lulka, Robin Pilkey and Student. Trustee Story participated by electronic means.

The Committee decided to report and recommend as follows:

Part A: Committee Recommendations

1. Representative for the Learning Disabilities Association on SEAC

The Committee considered a report from the Special Education Advisory Committee (see PSSC:069A, page 39) presenting a recommendation for a new representative for the Learning Disabilities Association, Toronto District on SEAC.

On motion of Trustee Glover, the Program and School Services Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

Whereas, there is a vacancy for Association Representative for the Learning Disabilities Association on the Toronto District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), and

Whereas, SEAC has received a nomination and recommendation from Valerie Martin, the Executive Director of the Learning Disabilities Association, Toronto District for Myriam Rodriquez to fill the role of Learning Disabilities Association Representative, and

Whereas Ms. Rodriquez meets the Ministry of Education and board criteria for eligibility;

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Therefore, be it resolved Myriam Rodriguez be appointed to the Special Education Advisory Committee as the representative for the Learning Disabilities Association for a term ending November 30, 2018.

2. Student Nutrition Programs Data [3357]

The Committee considered a staff report (see PSSC:069A, page 45) presenting information on student nutrition programs.

Committee's recommendation or action regarding the staff recommendation:

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On motion of Trustee Chadwick, the Program and School Services Committee **RECOMMENDS that the report be received.**

3. Annual Aboriginal Education Update [3358]

The Committee considered a staff report (see PSSC:069A, page 49) presenting an update on Aboriginal education.

Committee's recommendation or action regarding the staff recommendation:

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On motion of Trustee Arp, the Program and School Services Committee **RECOMMENDS that the report be received.**

4. Mental Health Leadership Meeting: School Mental Health Assist [3349]

The Committee considered Report No. 16 of the Health and Mental Well-being Committee dated March 8, 2018 (see PSSC:069A, page 83) presenting information on the automation planning sessions offered by School Mental Health Assist.

On motion of Trustee Chadwick, the Program and School Services Committee **RECOMMENDS that the report be received.**

5. Partnership With Toronto Public Health re Violence Among Students

On motion of Trustee Glover, the Program and School Services Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

Whereas, on March 5, 2018 the Toronto Board of Health decided to recognize exposure to community violence as a social determinant of health and to collabo-

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rate with Public Health Ontario and academic partners to scope out an approach and related costs for a research project to examine the extent of exposure to community violence and its physical and mental health impacts in Toronto and to identify how programs can be developed and supported to mitigate these impacts; and

Whereas, there is anecdotal evidence and some research on the extent of exposure to community violence among students, however this information is not complete; and

Whereas, while there is some data available, for the most part in Toronto, it is not known the extent of exposure to community violence, it is not known, for example, how many children and teenagers do not have a safe place to play, or feel afraid to walk home after school; and

Whereas, it is not known exactly how many young people have witnessed violent crimes in their neighbourhoods or have lost someone close, or in some cases multiple people to gun and other community violence; and

Whereas, developing an understanding of the above statistics will be the first step in developing a plan to effectively reduce community violence; and

Whereas, some students who are affected by gun and other violence often do not feel safe attending school or caring and safe school programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Board adopt a public health approach to addressing the impact of exposure to community violence;
- (b) That the Director enter into discussions with Toronto Public Health in an attempt to undertake research on the extent of exposure to community violence among students;
- (c) That steps be taken to provide students affected by gun and other violence with necessary counselling and a pathway to earn credits.
- (d) That the Director present a report on the matter in the fall of 2018.

6. Partnership With Toronto Public Health re Violence Among Students: Development of a Crisis Response Protocol

With the permission of the meeting and on motion of Trustee Glover, the matter was added to the agenda as new business and discussed.

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On motion of Trustee Glover, the Program and School Services Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

Whereas, the City of Toronto Community Crisis Response Program continues to develop and enhance crisis response protocols to coordinate support services and crisis response with the Toronto Community Housing Corporation, the Police, City Divisions and Community Partners; and

Whereas, although there is coordination between the City of Toronto and the Toronto District School Board, a similar protocol between the City and the Board would streamline communication about violent incidents and would allow for effective information sharing, as well as a coordinated response between the Community Crisis Response Program and the TDSB; and

Whereas, such a protocol could allow staff to be better connected to and utilize community intervention models such as FOCUS Toronto to potentially prevent some incidents before they escalate;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Director investigate formalizing a protocol between the Toronto District School Board and the City of Toronto Crisis Response Program and present a report to the Board in the fall of 2018.

Part B: Information Only

7. Delegations

The following oral delegation was heard in accordance with the Board's procedure for hearing delegations:

re Partnership With Toronto Public Health re Violence Among Students

1. Louis March, Zero Gun Violence Movement
2. Rev. Sky Starr, Out of Bounds Grief Support
3. Phillip Chuck, In Between the Lines & Peacebuilders

re Special Education Advisory Committee Report, March 5, 2018

1. Nora Green, Special Education Advisory Committee

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8. Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee Report, February 20, 2018

On motion of Trustee Arp, the Committee received the Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee report dated February 20, 2018 (see PSSC:069A, page 1).

9. Alternative Schools Community Advisory Committee Report, February 26, 2018

On motion of Trustee Chadwick, the Committee received the Alternative Schools Community Advisory Committee report dated February 26, 2018 (see PSSC:069A, page 3).

10. Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee Report, February 5, 2018

On motion of Trustee Arp, the Committee received the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee report dated February 5, 2018 (see PSSC:069A, page 5).

11. Community Use of Schools Community Advisory Committee Report, January 9, 2018

On motion of Trustee Smith, the Committee received the Community Use of Schools Community Advisory Committee report dated January 9, 2018 (see PSSC:069A, page 7).

12. Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee Report, February 6, 2018

On motion of Trustee Arp, the Committee received the Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee report dated February 6, 2018 (see PSSC:069A, page 9).

13. Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee Reports, November 16, 2017, January 18 and February 15, 2018

On motion of Trustee Chadwick, the Committee received the Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee reports dated November 16, 2017, January 18 and February 15, 2018 (see PSSC:069A, page 11)

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14. French-as-a-Second-Language Community Advisory Committee Report, January 9, 2018

On motion of Trustee Chadwick, the Committee received the French-as-a-Second-Language Community Advisory Committee report dated January 9, 2018 (see PSSC:069A, page 27).

15. Inner City Community Advisory Committee Report, February 8, 2018

On motion of Trustee Smith, the Committee received the Inner City Community Advisory Committee report dated February 8, 2018 (see PSSC:069A, page 31).

16. Parent Involvement Advisory Committee Report, February 20, 2018

The Co-Chairs of Parent Involvement Advisory Committee provided an oral update on the recent activities of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee and presented the committee report.

On motion of Trustee Chadwick, the Committee received the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee Report dated February 20, 2018 (see PSSC:069A, page 35).

17. Special Education Advisory Committee Report, March 5, 2018

On motion of Trustee Chadwick, the Committee received the Special Education Advisory Committee Report dated March 5, 2018 (see PSSC:069A, page 39).

Staff informed the Committee that SEAC wished to withdraw its recommendation regarding equitable outcomes for students with special needs, as staff had reached out to SEAC in response to its recommendation and it was satisfied with staff's response and approach.

18. Report No. 16 of the Health and Mental Well-being Committee

On motion of Trustee Chadwick, the Committee received the Report No. 16 of the Health and Mental Well-being Committee (March 8, 2018) (see PSSC:069A, page 83) including:

- Legalization of Cannabis
- Opioid Overdose Plan
- Delegation from Stephanie Bonas, Parent re Management of Type 1 Diabetes Safety in Schools

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Part C: Ongoing Matters

No matters to report

SUBMITTED BY Pamela Gough
Chair

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