



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Early Years Advisory Committee

Date: May 29, 2015

Time: 10:15 am – 12:15 pm

Present: (Co –Chair) Trustee Ken Lister; (Co –Chair) Trustee Gerri Gershon; (Co –Chair); Jill Oakes (YMCA); (Co –Chair) Pam McArthur (Runnymede Adventure Club); Cindy McCarthy (Terry Tan Child care); Val Siebert (Kew Beach Day Care); Sophia Ali (Family Services Toronto); Daniella Savinetti (Ideal Child Care); Grace Pantos (Ideal Child Care); Frank Frois (Centre for E.C.E); Joanna Mazurek (Macaulay Child Development); Elaine Levy (Woodgreen Community Services)

TDSB: Colleen Russell-Rawlins (Executive Superintendent Early Years Learning & Care); Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini (Central Coordinating Principal Early Years Learning & Care); Louise Humphreys (Manager - Child Care Services)



Regrets: Jane Mercer (Coalition for Better Child Care); Elisa Wilmot (Alderwood Action Afterschool, Inc.); Donna Spreitzer (Jackman Community Daycare); Lorraine McLeod (Toronto Children’s Services)

Guests: Sean Cribbon (Unicorn Daycare)

Recorder: Latha John (Parent and Community Engagement Office)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION
Call to Order/Quorum	Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jill Oakes at 10:24 a.m. Welcome and introductions followed. Cindy McCarthy- EYAC members should be notified that if there is no quorum the meeting needs to be cancelled. This issue	



	<p>needs to be addressed and monitored with vigilance in the coming year to highlight the importance of EYAC as an advisory committee to the board. Minutes were approved.</p>	
<p>TDSB Early Years Learning & Care (EYLC) Staff Updates</p>	<p>Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini (Central Coordinating Principal)</p> <p>Mathematics- The Early Years Learning & Care Department has collaborated with a researcher from the University of Western Ontario to deliver a series of professional learning sessions to Kindergarten teachers and early childhood educators (ECEs) about math instruction in the early years. This pilot project (<i>Math Counts in Kindergarten</i>) is providing educators with intervention strategies to use with our youngest learners. As well, the department’s Instructional Leaders have facilitated professional learning focused on math in Family of Schools groupings. These sessions have helped Kindergarten to Gr. 2 teachers and ECEs to improve their practice, especially in regards to teaching numeracy skills (such as the counting principles). Communication about the programs has been shared in two EYLC newsletters: Early Years Learning & Care Spring Issue, and Early Years Learning & Care Updates for Child Care Operators (sent to child care Supervisors).</p> <p>Professional Development Day for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) The Early Years Department (EYLC) has organized a series of Professional Development workshops for TDSB ECEs on June 5, 2015. We will be offering 10 different workshops that</p>	<p>Action: Send newsletters to EYAC committee members via email.</p> <p> Early Years Issue 2 Spring 2015.pdf</p> <p> Early Years May 2015.pdf</p>



<p>Professional Development Day for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs)</p>	<p>can accommodate up to 300 ECEs. Colleen Russell-Rawlins (Executive Superintendent)</p> <p>We would welcome any one from the EYAC to present or co-present with TDSB staff or another community agency at the Professional Development Day for early childhood educators. The workshops will be facilitated at various schools in the TDSB, and we will also be hosting workshops offsite at George Brown College and Humber College. The goal of this day and these sessions will be to build the capacity of early childhood educators.</p> <p>Pre-K Summer Learning Program The EYLC will be operating the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Summer Learning Program in 7 different locations across all areas of the school board. These half-day programs will run from June 29 to July 24, 2015.</p> <p>Pam McArthur The information for the requested partnership for the workshops is going out to the larger group. EYAC members can help with the communication by spreading the word.</p>	
<p>Work To Rule</p>	<p>Trustee Gerri Gershon Will work to rule affect any of the initiatives? Some programs have been cancelled or postponed. In the situation of a full strike at TDSB schools, the appropriate communication will need to be sent to community schools. What information of the picket line goes out -as people need</p>	



<p>Work To Rule</p> <p>Ministry of Education Capital Funding</p>	<p>the information? Colleen Russell- Rawlins (Executive Superintendent) – Information will be provided to parents/guardians and child care operators, if an escalation in the job action is imminent. In regards any centre that requires the information, we would provide on an individual basis.</p> <p>Cindy McCarthy Can we assume that if there is an issue in September, that there is a plan of action in place?</p> <p>Colleen Russell- Rawlins Yes.</p> <p>Capital Funding For Child Care The Ministry of Education has put out Memos B11 &12 to regarding available capital for child care expansion. A group will need to meet to maximize the available funding for the expansion of childcare in Toronto based on specific criteria.</p>	<p>Action: The Memo or summary of the B11 & B12 Memos to be sent with the Minutes. Presentation of the understanding the funding memo as an Agenda Item in the next EYAC meeting.</p>
<p>New Tenant Request Form</p>	<p>New Tenant Request Form Elaine Levy-There are concerns about the new form regarding the process that was used to create it and the content of the form.</p> <p>Concerns about the process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The information was not circulated to Child Care operators 	



<p>New Tenant Request Form</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The new form was not brought to EYAC for input or advice <p>Concerns about the content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The funding requirement outlined on the new form is not feasible for operators as there is a significant process involved to get the funding · The new process does not make any reference to the process involved for requests involving school playgrounds or about getting approval of the plan from the Ministry of Education · There is no specific mention of air conditioning units for FDK Programs that run all year <p>Discussion</p> <p>Louise Humphreys-The concerns will be shared with the committee who monitors the implementations and development of the form.</p> <p>Colleen Russell-Rawlins- Staff need to hear directly from the operators so that specific challenges are understood and addressed. We will convene a meeting with meet Richard Christie (Senior Manager, Sustainability) who can identify possible solutions to address those concerns expressed by the group. Let Louise know if you would be interested in attending the meeting.</p> <p>Cindy McCarthy – EYAC needs to be more proactive and the discussion should take place before the documents are finalised.</p>	<p>Action: June meeting with Richard Christie (Senior Manager, Sustainability) and EYAC to be convened by Louise Humphreys (TDSB Child Care Services Manager).</p>
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<p>New Tenant Request Form</p>	<p>Jill Oakes – This form is new and not everyone has received it. TDSB should honour the old form until the discussion on the feedback of the limitations of the form is done. Colleen Russell- Rawlins –I am optimistic that the concerns raised by EYAC can be addressed moving forward. It is a single form and the form is intended not only for child care operators but also for other types of tenants in the board.</p> <p>EYAC has previously discussed establishing a working group to collaborate on issues pertinent to child care operations or TDSB staff (from Real-estate, Facility Services, and Design & Construction).</p>	
<p>Permits & Summer Caretaking</p>	<p>Steve Shaw in Facilities Services has had conversations with caretakers about summer cleaning for child care centres. He welcomes child care operators’ feedback on any issues pertaining to care taking service in the summer or any requirements of Child Care Operators.</p>	
<p>Other Updates or Information Sharing</p>	<p>Community Update</p> <p>Jane Mercer—School age expansion Acknowledgment that child care needs the support of the school board and the city to make more child care services available for families.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.</p>	

