# Name of Committee: Inner City Community Advisory Committee (ICCAC)

**Meeting Date**: **24 March 2022**

Notes

## Attendance: via Zoom:

Trustee Michelle Aarts, Co-Chair; Diane Banks, Toronto Public Library; Rachel Chernos Lin, Trustee Ward 11; Laurie Green, St. Michael’s Hospital; Omar Khan, Parent; Dan MacLean, Trustee Ward 2; Ingrid Palmer, Parent; Robert Spencer, Parent; Crystal Stewart, Parent

Also present were: David Cameron, Senior Manager, Research and Development; Hugh Keane, Community Support Worker LC3; Salima Kassam, Centrally Assigned Principal, Equity, Model Schools for Inner Cities, New Teachers Induction Program, English and Literacy; Rukiya Mohamed, Coordinator, The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement and MSIC; Karen Murray, Centrally Assigned Principal, The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement and MSIC; Isaiah Shafqat, Indigenous Student Trustee; Sandy Spyropoulos, Executive Superintendent LC4

The following participated by electronic means: Trustee Michelle Aarts, Co-Chair; Diane Banks, Toronto Public Library; Rachel Chernos Lin, Trustee Ward 11; Laurie Green, St. Michael’s Hospital; Omar Khan, Parent; Dan MacLean, Trustee Ward 2; Ingrid Palmer, Parent; Robert Spencer, Parent; Crystal Stewart, Parent; David Cameron, Senior Manager, Research and Development; Hugh Keane, Community Support Worker LC3; Salima Kassam, Centrally Assigned Principal, Equity, Model Schools for Inner Cities, New Teachers Induction Program, English and Literacy; Rukiya Mohamed, Coordinator, The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement and MSIC; Karen Murray, Centrally Assigned Principal, The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement and MSIC; Isaiah Shafqat, Indigenous Student Trustee; Sandy Spyropoulos, Executive Superintendent LC4

## Regrets:

Anna Kay Brown, Jane Finch Education Action Group; Trixie Doyle, Trustee Ward 14; Josette Holness, City of Toronto; michael kerr, Colour of Poverty, Colour of Change; Cherie Mordecai Steer, Parent; Emmy Pantin, Parent Co-chair; Sejal Patel, Ryerson University; Aamir Sukhera, The Neighbourhood Organization; Fiona Yang, Catholic Crosscultural Services

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/ MOTION** |
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| Call to Order / Quorum | Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. |  |
| Welcome and Introductions of new and returning members. Setting meeting norms | Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made. |  |
| Approval of Agenda | The agenda was approved. |  |
| Declarations of Possible Conflicts of Interest | No conflicts of interest were declared. |  |
| Review and Approval of the Notes – January 20, 2022 | The notes from February 17, 2022 were approved. |  |
| Co-Chairs’ Report | Trustee Michelle Aarts informed the Committee of the lifting of most COVID-19 restrictions in schools, based on Ministry direction, with some exceptions: masking is being encouraged, screening is still taking place and there is still a requirement for ventilation and HEPA filters. Schools are taking time to re-organize now that cohorting has been eliminated.  Trustee Aarts also informed the Committee of the Combating Hate and Racism: Student Learning Strategy report that was presented at Board on March 10, 2022.  She also mentioned to the Committee that there was a Special Board meeting held on March 23, 2022 to discuss the Update on School Safety: A Toronto Partnership for the Protection and Well-being of Children and Youth and that a [link to the webcast](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Live-Webcast-of-Meetings/Webcast-Archives/ctl/view-meeting/mid/40743?meetingID=290) would be provided. |  |
| Equity Training:  Refresher: Role of Equity and Anti-Oppression in Addressing Poverty | Karen Murray, Karen Murray, Centrally Assigned Principal; David Cameron, Senior Manager; Salima Kassam, Centrally Assigned Principal; and Rukiya Mohammed, Coordinator, facilitated a conversation with the Committee regarding the role of equity and anti-oppression in addressing poverty. The Committee discussed what poverty means, what it looks like and acknowledging the tension that has been created and perpetuated by systemic racism that keeps a deficit lens on people who live in poverty. |  |
| MSIC Update | Rukiya Mohamed provided the MSIC Update. She informed the members of the many programs and professional learning opportunities taking place across the district for all staff and schools. |  |
| CSW Update | Hugh Keane, Community Support Worker LC3, provided the CSW Update. He informed the Committee that the [MSIC Ambassador Program](https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/csws/parentacademy/model-schools-ambassadors?authuser=0) continues to be a resounding success.  Hugh informed the Committee that school councils across the district are using the 2021/2022 PRO Grant by holding workshops and events related to Anti-Oppression, Anti-Racism, Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Indigenous Racism.  Hugh also mentioned that there are still ongoing Parent/Caregiver Academies taking place across the district with workshops such as book reading clubs, self-regulation strategy seminars, “Raise a Reader” groups, and support with income tax preparation and completion.  Hugh informed the Committee of the [Parent and Caregiver Engagement Policy (P023) policy consultation](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations) that is taking place until May 25, 2022. He encouraged members to provide their input. |  |
| Business Arising from February 17 meeting   * Motions/Recommendations | There was no business arising from the February 17, 2022 meeting. |  |
| Working Group Updates   * Membership * LOI * Child Care | Deferred to April 28, 2022 meeting. |  |
| Other Business | There was no other business discussed. |  |
| Next Meeting | Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. |  |
| **Adjournment** | Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 8:10 p.m. |  |