



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: September 15, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Present: Trustee Alexander Brown, Trustee Pamela Gough; Rob Lackie(Co- Chair); Karoline Jonsson(Parent); Rochelle Allan (University of Toronto); Mae Maracle (City of Toronto);

TDSB: Barbara-Ann Felschow (Central Coordinating Principal); Bonnie Johnston(Community Liaison); Tessa Sill (Community Liaison); Tanya Senk (Program Coordinator); Michelle Corneau(Instruction Leader); Marilyn Maychak(Student Success Teacher); Jim Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent); Tasha Smith (Parent & Teacher);

Regrets: J’net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth (Co-Chair); Marilyn Hew (Community Representative, Métis Nation of Ontario)

Guests: Elder Joanne Dallaire ; Natasha Gleeson(Student/ Teacher); Andrea Olson (Community member); Janet Csontas (Teacher); Bernadine Baskin(Native Child and family Services); EJ Kwandibens (Parent)

Recorder: Latha John (Parent and Community Engagement Office)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION
Call to Order	Chair Rob Lackie called the meeting to order at 6:10pm, welcome introductions followed.	
Traditional Opening	Elder Joanne Dallaire started the meeting with a traditional opening.	



Approval of Agenda	<p>Agenda to be amended with the following: New and other business Agenda Item-TRC Calls to Action and Student Trustee Transition of leadership position for ACAC Transitioning Chair to be voted-in in October. Under Agenda item ACAC TERMS of Reference. Promotional materials under Item 4 c Agenda approved as amended</p>	
Approval of Minutes	<p>Approval of April 21st, 2015 Minutes Correction on Page 4 to \$ 2.2 to \$2.2 Million Minutes approved as amended. All in favour.</p>	
ACAC Member announcements	<p>Karolyn Jonsson is on leave of Absence from Council Fire and Denise Toulouse is the new contact for Council Fire. Karolyn Jonson acknowledged the work of AEC and commitment in helping students in the board Rob Lackie is now employed with the North American Indigenous games and will be updating ACAC on upcoming events of the games in Toronto.</p>	
TDSB Motion to Acknowledge Territories	<p>Trustee Gough- For the first time in history the Chair of the Board at the June Board began the meeting with the recognition and acknowledgement to the land and traditional territories of First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples.</p>	
ACAC Terms of Reference	<p>Terms of Reference to be reviewed by the members and email the changes /suggestions before next ACAC meeting. Transition of leadership position for ACAC to be voted-in in October. Co- chairs to be voted in the next ACAC Meeting</p>	<p>Action: TOR Review to be in the October Agenda.</p>



Promotional Materials	ACAC brochure cards and brochure stand were presented to the committee. The materials are available to ACAC members for use at events and programs.	
Staff Updates	<p>Barbara-Ann Felschow</p> <p>Funding to AEC Funds derived from two sources. Base allocation and a grant structured system from Ministry of Education funding formulae. Last year's funding allocation was \$97461. Ministry reported in 2012 reported the number Self-Id'd students were 191 and for 2014 the number was 1661.</p> <p>The ministry funding for specific initiatives was \$121500. Any funding which comes to AEC has been used for a range of different initiatives for the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching and Learning team • Community Liaison team • Involvement • Student Support team <p>The Framework of AEC is based on the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation: Calls to Action. Students support team AEC has access to service forum to provide students with supports required. Engage and listening to the community and looking at the practices.</p> <p>Discussions Gaps in staffing, challenges in staffing system in the TDSB. Posting are internal, conversations on Collective Agreements Employee Services to have simultaneous posting of the Job</p>	



	<p>internally and externally. Letter of Permission is provided to teachers from the board that don't have the specific teaching qualification in Ojibwe Language programming and are in the process of getting the qualification. There is expectation of language certification.</p> <p>Feedback Adjustment and concession in the practise of hiring of traditional people who are language carriers who have no formal education to teach but have the language and the knowledge. Payment & remuneration to the elders and teachers who come to schools should be paid on time and not wait for weeks for payment.</p>	<p>Action: Trustee Gough & Trustee Brown to consult Employee Services on the payment to Elders/ Teachers.</p>
New IT Department	The co-chairs of ACAC to meet outside ACAC meeting to discuss access with IT person	Tanya Senk to coordinate this.
Truth to Reconciliation – Calls to Action	AEC to follow the framework of the recommendations of TRC, reconciliation through education. Professional learning in different spaces in the board building awareness and importance of TRC within TDSB.	
Student Trustee – Trustee Brown	<p>The board can have a 3rd Student Trustee. It was proposed that the third student trustee to be an Aboriginal Student.</p> <p>Discussion Student Super council and the AEC need to be involved in the process to have an Aboriginal student as the student trustee. Student trustees are elected through super councils and the network of Super council is large network to which the elected Student Trustees are accountable to.</p> <p>Feedback A super council for one student without a connecting urban</p>	



	<p>Aboriginal group might be isolating. A network should be established first and from that group a super council representative selected.</p>	
<p>Staff Update- Executive Superintendent Jim Spyropoulos</p>	<p>Acknowledgment of the land Recognise and acknowledge the land before each and every board meeting.</p> <p>First Nations School of Toronto The Program Area Review Team around First Nations school of Toronto and creation of Centre of Excellence for Urban Aboriginal education. The Trustees had received a report from the Program Area review team with the motion that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged work of the Aboriginal communities that has contributed to the report • First Nations School of Toronto to be expanded to serve JK- 12 • First Nations school of Toronto relocated to Eastern Commerce Collegiate Institute as early as September 2016 pending securing funding sources to Indigenize and refurbish the site. <p>Preliminary planning document from Planning Design and construction team along with phase one report with budget numbers from the architect firm -Two Row Architect to be submitted to the Ministry of Education to move the process. The Program Area Review for 10 other schools including Eastern Commerce Collegiate is ongoing. The program area review committee includes Community Elder, Dr. Susan Dion, voting member from the ACAC and First Nations school parent representative.</p>	



	<p>Review on the tragic death of Katelynn Sampson - The review to involve lot of institutions, child protection agencies, staff of the school and AEC. The Aboriginal community can be involved through AEC and advise the review committee in the process.</p> <p>Three year plan ACAC needs to work with the board to set goals together and to work through the plan with some insight into the future.</p> <p>Discussion September 2016 is too soon for the school opening -is it being done in stages? Response In September 2016 the school will open from JK- Grade 8 and Grade 9 to start in 2017. Grade 9 is open to all students. ACAC Rep is no longer the ACAC Rep to the Program Area Review. What is the communication from the Government's side? The communication started with the government from 2008 and the report for the plan to be submitted to the government to speed up the process. Family of Schools (FOS) Every single FOS committed to the project in writing to infuse the Aboriginal education into their FOS plan.</p>	<p>Action: The PARC Report to be attached to the minutes.</p>
<p>Co-Chair Nominations</p>	<p>Nominations are invited by email with a resume attached to AEC Staff.</p>	
<p>Adjournment & Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm with traditional closing. Next ACAC meeting date October 20, 2015.</p>	

