



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: March 29, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Chair J’net AyAy Qwa Yak Sheelth; Elder Joanne Dallaire; Elder Duke Redbird; Trustee Jennifer Arp; Landy Anderson (Native Child and Family Services of Toronto); Bob Phillips; Pamela Tylee (Ministry of Education); Susan Dion (York University); Melissa Abotossaway (Council Fire); Marilyn Hew(Métis Nation of Ontario - Toronto & York Region Métis Council); Dawn Maracle (Ryerson); Laurie Okimawinew(Parent);

TDSB staff : Barbara Felschow (Central Coordinating Principal, AEC); Bonnie Johnston (Community Liaison); Tanya Senk (AEC Program Coordinator) Tasha Smith (Teacher & parent); Natasha Gleeson(teacher); Candice O Grady(Communication Officer); Michelle Corneau; Marilyn Maychuk; Hannah Fowlie(Social Worker); Roxanne Chee(Teacher);

Guest: Jessica Cook(UFT); Christine Vautour ; John Scully(Learning through the Arts); Lindsay Monture (Learning through the Arts);

Regrets: Co-Chair Lauren Blu Waters; Superintendent John Chasty; Executive Superintendent Jim Spyropoulos; Trustee Jerry Chadwick; Trustee Chris Glover; Trustee Pamela Gough

Recorder: Latha John (Parent and Community Engagement Office)

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Call to Order	Bonnie Johnston chaired the meeting .Traditional prayer by Elder Joanne Dallaire. Welcome introductions followed. Announcement The last ACAC meeting for the year to be moved to May 24 th meeting.	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda by Elder Joanne Dallaire seconded by	



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	Dawn Maracle. All in Favour. Motion Carried.	
Review and Approval of the Minutes – February 16, 2016	Motion to approve the February 16th minutes by Bob Phillips seconded by Roxanne Chee. All in Favour. Motion carried.	
Follow up /Action Letter Block 10	Deferred.	
Support to Eastview community	Bonnie Johnston, Community Liaison provided updates: At the last ACAC meeting on February 16 th some members of the Eastview community requested more student and parent supports. Bonnie has been actively working with two parents from the Parent Council, Paul Blackwood (TDSB Support Worker), Eastview Admin, NCFST, and the Scarborough Boy's and Girl's Club Support to address the needs of the community, to assist with proposal writing, provide resources and offer ongoing support & capacity building.	
Community Check in	Chair J'net AyAy Qwa Yak Sheelth thanked everyone at ACAC for the support and honouring the memory Kiowa McComb an Intern student at the ROM and had attended the ACAC meeting in January. Announcement Catilyn Judge – a student from the entrepreneurship leadership program at the Native Learning Centre was at the ACAC meeting and showcased some of the beadwork that the students have accomplished. Several pieces were for sale.	
Barb Felschow provided a brief update on behalf of Jim	Director Malloy has been engaging in direct conversations with teaching staff, principals, parents and community on what is	



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<p>Spyropoulos, Superintendent, Equity and Inclusive Schools</p>	<p>imperative and important for student success.</p> <p>Organisational redesign The Board announced that there will be an organisational redesign and as per the process, it was decided Instructional leaders whose contracts are ending this school year will return to schools and especially schools that have been identified for additional support to have direct access to supports.</p> <p>Budget The budget will not affect staffing in AEC or the supports of AEC for the 2016-2017 school year.</p>	
<p>Aboriginal Education Centre- Central Coordinating Principal</p>	<p>AEC Announcements The committee celebrated the following TDSB staff who are moving forward in administration and teaching positions. Tanya Senk Michelle Corneau Marilyn Maychuk to the Ministry of Education Natasha Gleeson ACAC member has secured a teaching position in TDSB.</p> <p>Tanya Senk was acknowledged for participation and involvement on the Truth and Reconciliation panel moderated by Dr. Susan Stewart. Christina Breen TDSB's Instructional leader - To be speaking on Truth and Reconciliation Panel to the Ministry of Education Curriculum Branch.</p>	



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	<p>AEC Professional Learning opportunities Professional learning opportunities for teachers. The courses are advertised in ELearning for TDSB employees, the courses are also available to ACAC Community partners by contacting Michelle Corneau at AEC.</p> <p>Upcoming CONFERENCE: Creating Spaces of Belonging: Aboriginal Perspectives on Mental Health and Well Being Workshops and panelists will include: • Dr. Billie Allan (Anishinaabe) discussing her report First Peoples, Second Class Citizens: The role of racism in the health and well-being of Indigenous peoples in Canada; • Dr. Cyndy Baskin (Mi'kmaw), author of Strong Helper's Teachings; • Dr. Suzanne Stewart (Dene), a psychologist and Associate Professor of Indigenous healing in Counseling Psychology at OISE/U of T and Special Advisor to the Dean on Aboriginal Education; and Elder/Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Cree), counselor and owner of Healing Works, and advisory to the TDSB; and Elder/Dr. Duke Redbird.</p> <p>Authors for Truth and Reconciliation: Professional Learning for Teacher-Librarians The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) has called upon libraries to "fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (#69). These sessions are intended to support teacher-librarians with understanding the implications of the United Nations Declaration and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action on their work, and provide guidance for building Culturally</p>	



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	<p>Relevant and Responsive Collections that incorporate the 4 Rs. Author talks by Wayne K. Spear (Haudenosaunee, co-author with Larry Loyie and Constance Brissendon of Residential Schools: With the Words and Images of Survivors), and Ojibwe playwright Drew Hayden Taylor will speak to his gothic novel The Night Wanderer.</p> <p>Truth and Reconciliation: Implications for the Social Studies Curriculum</p> <p>This half day session will address the shared history in Canada between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, and will explore how treaty and residential school education can be embedded in the curriculum in ways that are age appropriate. Dr. Jean-Paul Restoule will deliver a talk on how reconciliation could look in the context of education.</p> <p>Student Support team at the AEC – Access to Service Form</p> <p>The team is comprised of A social worker, child and youth counsellor and student success teacher.</p> <p>The service to the students and youth has been refined, revised and broadened by student support team. The team has developed better ways of engaging young people and creating spaces of belonging.</p> <p>The service form takes a philosophical shift and focus, encompassing holistic and looking at school climate and environment.</p> <p>The team works with teachers and staff to make schools more positive, inclusive and safe spaces of belonging.</p> <p>The support provided is based on the nature of request. It is a team approach and works towards increasing knowledge and awareness of Indigenous communities among teachers and staff.</p>	



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	<p>March Break Camp This year the AEC March Break camp was a great success, 52 students had registered for the camp. It was well attended and great feedback was received. The theme for the camp was the ‘Sugar Moon’. Maple Syrup processing was accomplished along with other cultural, physical and environmental activities.</p> <p>Parent feedback A lot of learning was done through fun. The kids benefited from the teaching and knowledge sharing at camp.</p> <p>Leadership Camp “Together we are strong” Camp dates -April 26th to 29th for Grades 9-10. The camp is being shared with other school boards. There are 10 spots for TDSB .Applications to be sent to Tessa Sill at AEC.</p> <p>Save the date South East POW WOW June 28th,2016 More information of the POW WOW to follow</p> <p>Myseum of Toronto -Debwewin Exhibit In collaboration with the Myseum of Toronto Debwewin Exhibit and Toronto District School Board Museum and Archives were open to the public during March break.</p>	



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	<p>The exhibition was advertised and well covered by the media.</p> <p>AGO partnership through NAC 10 on March 29th, 2016 Grade 9 visual Arts course as part of AGO learning day</p>	
<p>Urban Indigenous Education Centre of Excellence- Elder Duke Redbird</p>	<p>Duke Redbird shared his vision for the new Urban Indigenous Education Centre. The Board has a development team for the project - Steering council to indicate direct the manner of engagement and all things related to education for Indigenous children. The members of the steering council include Dr. Susan Dion, Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire, Elder Dr. Duke Redbird, Dr. Suzanne Stewart, Elder Vern Harper, Elder Pauline Shirt, Bonnie Johnston and Tanya Senk. Two Rows is the architectural firm to design the next phase of development.</p> <p>The vision and the guiding principles of the Urban Indigenous Education Centre of Excellence.</p> <p>The vision to come from the great teaching of the forefathers which was based on the following seven principals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wisdom • Courage • Respect • Honesty • Truth • Humility • Love 	



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	To further explore and engage conversation two sessions have been arranged for staff, community, parents/guardians and representatives from Aboriginal organizations. People will have an option to either attend the day or evening session on March 31 at Eastern Commerce.	
NAC10	Deferred to April.	
New and Other Business a) Kairos Petition- TRC	Kairos is a non-profit faith based human rights organisation which operates in different countries. The Canada branch of Kairos is sending a petition nationally urging the provincial and territorial governments to implement the curriculum recommendations outlined in the Truth and Reconciliations report. TDSB Board of Trustee has unanimously signed the Kairos petition. The AEC, Trustees and Kairos is working on the communication plan o to send to the Legislative Assembly. The Board, Trustees and AEC are also working on a TDSB letter on the TRC.	
b) Presentation from <i>Learning Through the Arts</i> : Royal Conservatory Dept. Lindsay Monture & John Scully	Presentation (link below) https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1WWq9BqhDLHBbzbLT5q79u1vg0g4I8YCKSTFEmO1IYs/edit#slide=id.g10c1af24cc_2_3 Q& A Q. How are traditional teachings introduced in the program? A. The program will have Elders on board to have the ceremonial traditional ways introduced in the program. Q. Is the program only during art class? A. The program can happen at any class and will be in the discretion	



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	<p>of the teachers. The program is beneficial to the curriculum.</p> <p>Q. How is the funding coming in for the program?</p> <p>A. Private funders who are interested in supporting Indigenous education, the program is being piloted and looking to apply federal funding as well.</p> <p>Q. How is the royal family involved in the program</p> <p>The royal family is not involved in the funding of the <i>Learning Through the Arts:</i> program.</p> <p>The Royal Conservatory Music is an organisation has been around for 140 years and the organisation has had an Aboriginal arts program Canada wide for years.</p>	
<p>Cisco Systems Canada Co. Allison Dunlap</p>	<p>Deferred to April 19th</p>	
<p>Future Topics – a) Invitation to the new TDSB Director of Education TDSB staff</p>	<p>Trustee Gough has invited Director Malloy to attend ACAC meeting and awaiting confirmation.</p>	
<p>TDSB Parent Conference</p>	<p>The conference is on April 16th at the Allstream Centre (105 Princes' Blvd, Toronto, ON M6K 3C3).</p> <p>One of the key note speakers is Dr. Marie Wilson, Commissioner, Truth and Reconciliation. Elder Pauline Shirt will provide a traditional opening and two Aboriginal community members will be facilitating workshops throughout the day.</p>	



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	Everyone is welcome to attend, and registration is online.	
b) Ministry of Education/Q & A – Voluntary Self-Identification for Aboriginal Students	Awaiting confirmation from Ministry of Education.	Bonnie will follow up with Bryon.
Next Meeting Date	Next Meeting date is on April 19th at Islington Junior Middle School 44 Cordova Ave, Etobicoke, ON M9A 2H5	
Adjournment	Traditional closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm	

