



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: April 19, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Chair J’net AyAy Qwa Yak Sheelth; Co-Chair Lauren Blu Waters; Elder Joanne Dallaire; Elder Duke Redbird; Trustee Pamela Gough; Landy Anderson (Native Child and Family Services of Toronto); Bob Phillips; Mae Maracle (City of Toronto) Senator Joseph Poitras (Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario); Jimmy Dick(Miziwebiik)

TDSB staff : Executive Superintendent Jim Spyropoulos, Barbara Felschow (Central Coordinating Principal, AEC); Superintendent John Chasty ;Tessa Sill (Community Liaison); Tanya Senk (AEC Program Coordinator) Tasha Smith (Teacher & parent); Roxanne Chee(Teacher); Rocco Coluccio(Principal Islington)

Guest: Jennifer Corriero (Taking IT Global); Allison Dunlap (CISCO);

Regrets: Trustee Jerry Chadwick; Trustee Chris Glover; Marilyn Hew (Métis Nation of Ontario - Toronto & York Region Métis Council); Dawn Maracle (Ryerson); Laurie Okimawinew(Parent);Bonnie Johnston(Community Liaison)


Recorder: Latha John (Parent and Community Engagement Office)

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Call to Order	Chair J’net AyAy Qwa Yak Sheelth chaired the meeting .Traditional prayer by Elder Joanne Dallaire. Welcome introductions followed.	
Approval of Agenda	Block 10 agenda item to be deferred.	Action: May agenda item to discuss



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	<p>To move agenda item #7 :(b)Cisco Systems Canada Co up after approval of minutes. Motion to approve the agenda by Bob Phillips seconded by Trustee Alexander Brown. All in Favour. Motion Carried.</p>	<p>the Daniel’s decision by the Supreme Court of Canada. How the decision will impact the work of ACAC and TDSB.</p> <p>Action: May agenda item for ACAC to put forth a motion for the acknowledgement of the ancestral land in schools with Oh Canada every day.</p>
<p>Review and Approval of the Minutes – March 29, 2016</p>	<p>Motion to approve the March 29th minutes by Elder Joanne Dallaire seconded by Roxanne Chee. All in Favour. Motion carried.</p>	
<p>Follow up /Action Letter Block 10</p>	<p>Deferred to May</p>	
<p>Community Check-In</p>	<p>AEC Updates Drum Social Spring Feast April 26 South East Scarborough Pow Wow on June 28 at Eastview School The Director will be attending the Pow Wow for the Grand Entry.</p>	
<p>Staff Updates: Jim Spyropoulos, Superintendent, Equity and Inclusive Schools</p>	<p>First Nation’s School of Toronto The current principal of First Nation’s School of Toronto will be moving on after this school year. The Board is looking for a replacement and the position to be posted with ACAC consultation. The First Nation’s School of Toronto community feedback to be gathered and brought forward to ACAC.</p>	<p>Action: May agenda Item Principal posting for the First Nation’s School of Toronto.</p>



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	<p>An Indigenous Elder from TDSB to be part of the selection process for the principal</p> <p>Q &A</p> <p>Q. Will the posting be posted externally?</p> <p>A. The Board is considering posting the position across Canada.</p>	
<p>Aboriginal Education Centre- Central Coordinating Principal</p>	<p>Deferred</p>	
<p>NAC10</p>	<p>Deferred</p>	
<p>Kairos Petition- TRC</p>	<p>Deferred</p>	
<p>Cisco Systems Canada Connected North and TakingIT Global</p>	<p>The presentation is attached.</p> <p>Connected North fosters student engagement and enhanced education outcomes in Canada's remote communities through immersive and interactive virtual learning. The program leverages the latest Cisco collaboration technology to bring unique experiences, experts and opportunities for real-world problem solving into classrooms, while building educator capacity and developing cross-cultural understanding through two-way connections between remote and partner schools.</p> <p>Connected North in TDSB</p> <p>On April 8th TDSB students from North Bendale Junior Public School</p>	 <p>Connected North -TDSB April 19.pdf</p> <p>www.ConnectedNorth.org</p>



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	<p>linked live with Indigenous students from Mine Center school in Rainy River District School Board. The response was very positive. TDSB is considered as a priority partner in a southern location for the program.</p> <p>A unit is available for donation to a TDSB school and Connected North is looking to ACAC for advice on the potential TDSB school that can receive the unit.</p> <p>Committee feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations School could be a potential school. • The upcoming Urban Indigenous Education Center of Excellence at Eastern Commerce could have the state of the art technology built specifically for the unit. <p>The ACAC committee to consider a TDSB school for the unit.</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Q. The unit should be donated to the community in Attawapiskat in Northern Ontario due to the crisis.</p> <p>A. There are plans for expansion in Northern Ontario; the units are underway. It is an interactive exchange; the offer to the TDSB does not exclude Northern Ontario.</p> <p>Q & A</p> <p>Q. How much does the CISCO Unit cost?</p> <p>A. The unit cost about \$30,000, CISCO provides a 5 year service contract and the technology is donated by CISCO to TakingIT Global.</p>	



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	<p>Q. What happens after the 5 year service warranty ends? Will CISCO train people to maintain the program?</p> <p>A. CISCO has network academic training into the communities where the program is provided; engineers who go to schools do mentoring sessions with the IT leads of the school, training to student are all measures taken for sustainability. CISCO is trying to build capacity by making it sustainable for extended periods of time. This is an ongoing process.</p> <p>The committee needs more information;</p> <p>Q. How is CISCO to sustain the program network? What about sustainability for electricity in remote places? How beneficial is it going to be for the community? Who has the most to gain? The committee needs more information.</p> <p>Q. Where does CISCO see things going in 5 yrs.?</p> <p>A. Video conferencing is huge revolution in technology. The technology will be more flexible in future and promote self-sufficiency and will help break many barriers.</p> <p>Committee Feedback CISCO or any big business should have social and financial responsibilities to the communities they serve with a solid program and there cannot be a five year plug out.</p> <p>Staff Feedback Educators can see this technology as a vehicle to engage with the</p>	<p>Action: ACAC to defer major decisions to the next meeting on the donation unit from Connected North program.</p>



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	community, an opportunity for intergenerational connections, parents and partnerships.	
Future Topics – a) Invitation to the new TDSB Director of Education		The Director is unable to attend in May. The ACAC will invite the Director to an ACAC meeting in September or October.
b) Ministry of Education/Q & A – Voluntary Self-Identification for Aboriginal Students	<p>Deferred.</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Q. What is the purpose of Self identifying? Q. Is there a general letter on self-identification sent to all students?</p> <p>Staff feedback Promotional material about self-identification and the ACAC advisory component has been produced through AEC for schools. Professional development for 2500 educators was provided last year addressing the knowledge gap, cultivating safe places and developing relationships.</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Q. How is the data collected in transitory schools where the numbers are always changing? A. Data is collected through the Board’s census done every five year and at student registration or upon request- updating of registration throughout the every year.</p>	<p>Action: AEC staff to follow up with the representation of Ministry of Education for the agenda item on voluntary self-identification</p>



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	<p>Committee Feedback The committee put together a list of some questions for the Ministry of Education on self-identification; Q. How does the Ministry reference the data collected on Indigenous learners from the TDSB database? Q. Why do they request self-identification? Q. Who is benefiting from self-identification?</p>	<p>Action: The Committee to discuss and gather questions on self-identification.</p>
Announcement	Aboriginal day celebration at ROM- information to follow.	
Next Meeting Date	Next meeting date is on May 24 th , 2016 at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate, Scarborough.	
Adjournment	Traditional closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm	

