



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday March 21, 2017

Time: 5:30pm- 8pm

Core Voting Constituent's:

Present: Shirley Kendall (NCFST), Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), Marilyn Hew (TYRMC), Joseph Poitras (Senator, MNO), Shannon Judge (Parent), Neal Judge (Parent), Randy Pitawanakwat (NCFST), Peta-Gaye Ebanks (Parent), Dr. Susan Dion (York University), Justin Dufour (MNO), Sara Beth Holden (Toronto Inuit Association), Juan Rodriguez (Rep. for Dr. Suzanne Stewart, U of T), Belinda Toulouse (Parent), Josh Stribbell (Toronto Inuit Association), Justin Chiblow (ROM) and Dr. Bob Phillips (Community Member).

TDSB Trustees:

Present: Alexander Brown, Jennifer Story and Pamela Gough.

TDSB Staff:

Present: John Chasty (Superintendent), Barbara-Ann Felschow (Central Coordinating Principal), Jonathan Kakegamic (Principal), Mike Izzo (Instructional Leader), Sandy Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent), Tasha Smith (Student Success Teacher), Natasha Gleeson (Teacher), Christina Saunders (Instructional Leader), Roxanne Chee (Teacher), Adrienne Plumley (Teacher), Dr. Duke Redbird (Curator Advisor), Marilyn Maychak (on-leave, Ministry of Education Student Achievement Officer), Malia Mitha (Teacher), Michelle Corneau (Vice-Principal) and Amber Smith (Education Assistant).



Guests: N/A

Regrets: Blu Waters (Elder), J'net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth (Parent), Tanya Senk (Central Coordinating Vice Principal), Jimmy Dick (Culture & Traditions Instructor) and Christina Breen (Instructional Leader).

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ACTION
Call to Order, Traditional Opening	Bonnie Johnston chaired the meeting. Dr. Joanne Dallaire conducted a traditional prayer to open the meeting followed by introductions of the membership in attendance.	
Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved.	Approved: Dr. Bob Phillips Seconded: Marilyn Hew
Review and Approval of the minutes of January 17, 2017	Corrections were made on page 1 & 7.	Approved: Dr. Joanne Dallaire Seconded: Dr. Bob Phillips
Follow-up/Action Items:	N/A	
Community check in:	Bonnie Johnston: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 3, 2017 Blu Waters submitted her resignation as ACAC Co-Chair due to other obligations. • Blu Waters will remain as a voting member and will reconsider returning as Co-Chair in the fall of 2017. • The ACAC membership agreed that Bonnie Johnston, 	



	<p>AEC Community Liaison will chair the last two meetings for the remaining school year.</p>	
<p><u>Staff Update:</u></p>	<p>Sandy Spyropoulos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing-March 8th-approved the teacher staffing for 2017-18. Staffing for AEC is status quo. Not decreasing any staff in the centre although there will be some changes with the administration. The CCP term is up at the end of August which will require a job posting for the position at the beginning of April. • There will be a change in the centrally assigned Principal. • The CCP will be the same-12 month position. The CVP will be a 10 month and two weeks and the job will be posted at the beginning of April. • TDSB <i>Parents as Partners Conference</i> on April 1st - Dr. Duke Redbird will open the conference and this year, there are two Indigenous community members who will be providing workshops. • <i>Student and Parent Census</i> -3rd census that TDSB will have completed. • Parents can opt their children out of the participation of the census if they choose. • The ACAC membership had questions about the Census and raised some concern with the wording of the questions for Indigenous students. • The ACAC membership indicated that next time they would like to have some input into the questions- what 	



	<p>is asked and be able to provide input into how the data is analysed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the TDSB research team consulted with Tanya and members of the AEC team prior to publication. • Dr. Susan Dion would like to schedule a meeting with TDSB Research department to discuss Indigenous input regarding the <i>Student and Parent Census</i>. <p>Barbara-Ann Felschow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina Breen is now on the Vice-Principal list and Tanya Senk is now on the Principal list. This does not mean they have positions for September, but they are able to apply for positions. • Tessa is absent. Is resting and anticipating the arrival of the new baby. • Acknowledging Trustee Story- for making Indigenous Education a Ward forum. • Professional Learning-Kairos Blanket teaching and the Knowledge Building Session-Around 1000 teachers will attend and receive a new curriculum resource and learn how to implement the lessons in the classroom. • Conversations about '<i>Beyond 150</i>' • Mike Izzo, Dr. Duke Redbird, Tanya Senk in partnership with Byron Stevenson will be facilitating a two day professional learning opportunity on 	
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	<p>Indigenous Knowledge and leadership.</p> <p>Bonnie Johnston:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonnie Johnston, AEC Community Liaison presented a draft copy of the revised ACAC Terms of Reference. ACAC members will review the draft copy and send input to Bonnie. • The revised ACAC Terms of Reference will be on the agenda at the April ACAC meeting for consideration and approval by the voting membership. 	
<p>New and Other Business:</p>	<p>Dr. Bob Phillips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ACAC had a discussion regarding the importance of an Aboriginal Trustee for TDSB. • Information was shared about the criteria and appointment process for the current vacancy in Ward 21. <p>Justin Chiblow, ROM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin provided a presentation and handout on the Royal Ontario Museum <i>Summer Club</i>. • The ROM is offering an activity-based program inspired by the collections and research of a world-class museum. • Classes are limited to 20 children. • Subsidies are available. 	



	<p>Trustee Jennifer Story:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustee Jennifer Story invited everyone to attend a <i>Ward 15 Indigenous Education Forum</i> on Monday March 27 at 7pm, First Nations School of Toronto- 16 Phin Avenue. <p>An opportunity to learn more about how the board is approaching Indigenous education and working with Indigenous communities, families and students in Toronto.</p> <p>A poster was distributed to all those in attendance.</p> <p>Marilyn Hew: TYRMC inquiry regarding Louis Riel Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On behalf of the TYRMC, Marilyn Hew asked that Louis Riel Day, November 16th, be recognized by TDSB as a day of observance for all staff and students. The Executive Superintendent Sandy Spyropoulos will take this inquiry back to the PSSC meeting for consideration. 	
Future Topics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a 	
Next meeting Date:	The next ACAC will be on Tuesday April 18, 2017 @ 5:30pm. Located in the Library on the second floor.	
Traditional Closing:	Dr. Joanne Dallaire closed the meeting at 8:00pm.	

