



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday May 16th, 2017

Time: 5:30pm

Core Voting Constituent's:

Present: Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), Marilyn Hew (TYRMC), Shannon Judge (FNST Parent), Neal Judge (FNST Parent), Howard Munroe (OCAD/Parent), Randy Pitawanakwat (NCFST), Joseph Poitras (Senator, MNO) and Juan Rodriguez (Rep. Dr. Suzanne Stewart, U of T)

TDSB Trustee's:

Present: Pamela Gough & Jennifer Story

TDSB Staff:

Present: Dr. Duke Redbird (Museum & Archives), Sandy Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent), John Chasty (Superintendent), Tasha Smith (Student Success Teacher), Barbara-Ann Felschow (Central Coordinating Principal), Tanya Senk (Central Coordinating Vice-Principal), Mike Izzo (Instructional Leader), Marianne Groat (Instructional Leader), Christina Breen (Instructional Leader), Marilyn Maychak (On Leave), Malia Mitha (FNST Teacher), Adrienne Plumley (Teacher), Rhonda Kakegamic (Behavioral Resource Counsellor), Jonathan Kakegamic (FNST Principal), Jennie Town (NLC East)





Coordinator), Marios Tenentes (Laurier Collegiate Principal), Roxanne Chee (Teacher), Natasha Gleeson (Teacher), Bonnie Johnston (Community Liaison), Tsitra McKay (Community Liaison) and Mary Doucette (Digital Communication Programmer).

Guests: Eleni Sotas (Riverdale C.I), Sara Monture (TASSC), Andrea Chrisjohn (Council Fire), David Sherri (Council Fire), Theo Nazari (Council Fire) and Zia Choudhary (Toronto/Danforth Provincial riding seeking MPP nomination Candidacy).

Regrets: Alexander Brown (Trustee), J’net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth (ROM), Blu Waters (Elder), Christina Saunders (Instructional Leader) and Mark Varvas (Sir Wilfred Laurier Collegiate Vice Principal).

| ITEM | DISCUSSION | RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ACTION |
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| Call to Order, Traditional Opening | Bonnie Johnston chaired the meeting. Dr. Joanne Dallaire conducted a traditional prayer to open the meeting. | |
| FNST Principal Update | <p>Jonathan Kakegamic: In August, FNST had 96 registered students and in October the number increased to 130. As of now there are 145 students and FNST is looking at 180+ students for next year. The future looks bright. This past week there have been interviews for the high school; there will be a partnership with Subway Academy for the secondary courses. Tough transition from Dundas to Eastern location but is amazed with the heart of the FNST staff. Looking forward to the future.</p> <p>Joanne Dallaire: Thanks to Jonathan for coming in during this year and helping the school transition.</p> | Item moved up as Jonathan needed to speak at another event. |
| Introduction of Membership | Introductions of the membership in attendance. | |





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| <p>Etiquette/Code of Conduct</p> | <p>Joanne Dallaire: Joanne spoke about expectations of ACAC members and guests in how they conduct themselves at ACAC meetings. The meetings should be carried out in accordance with the Seven Sacred Teachings - Love, Respect, Humility, Bravery, Truth, Honesty and Wisdom.</p> <p>Tanya Senk: Suggested the use of the 4 R's as a framework for discussion (i.e., Relationship, Relevance, Reciprocity and Respect).</p> | |
| <p>Approval of Agenda</p> | <p>The agenda was amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>FNST Principal update</i> was moved into item #1 as Jonathan Kakegamic needed to speak at another event occurring at the same time. • Kiowa Wind Memorial Indigenous youth internship at the Rom was added to <i>New & Other Business</i> • Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre-IRSS Legacy: Restoration of Identity was moved before Tasha Smith's Information sharing about a Metis summer employment opportunity. <p>The agenda was approved. Approved by: Joanne Dallaire Seconded by: Randy Pitawanakwat</p> | |





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| <p>Review and Approval of the minutes of</p> | <p>The minutes were approved Approved by: Shannon Judge Seconded by: Joseph Poitras</p> | |
| <p>Community Check in: Review of ACAC Terms of Reference Led by: Bonnie Johnston & Tanya Senk</p> | <p>Bonnie Johnston: The position of an ACAC Co-Chair is currently vacant. Bonnie Johnston, Community Liaison will connect with Blu Waters and J'net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth to determine if they are interested in resuming their positions as Co-Chairs. If they decline, Bonnie will send out a request for a <i>Letter of Interest</i>. Reminder- All ACAC members <u>should RSVP</u> for ACAC meetings in order for TDSB to gage how much food to order, arrange for child minding and set up for the meeting.</p> | |
| <p>FNST Parent Update Led by: Shannon Judge</p> | <p>FNST Parent Update- Shannon Judge: The FNST Parent Council met with Elder Pauline Shirt about changing the name of FNST. Pauline explained her involvement with TDSB and the history behind the name "Wandering Spirit". The Parent Council decided that before any changes are made to the name of FNST, there will be consultation with the children and teachers. There will be a Steering Council and FNST Meet and Greet on Thursday may 18th, 2017 from 5-7pm.</p> | |





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| | <p>Regarding the Facilities-There are funding decisions being made for short and long term planning. There will be a proposal sent to the Ministry of Education. Last year there were concerns about the new location but we're moving forward in a positive way.</p> | |
| <p>Staff Updates: Led by: Sandy Spyropoulos & Barbara-Ann Felschow</p> | <p>Staff Updates - Sandy Spyropoulos: Will speak to the name change and the facility updates about 16 Phin. John Chasty & Sandy will do the administration part of the name change and will take it to the Board of Trustees for approval. There will be a 'naming committee' made up of Trustees/Elders/Parents/etc. Thanks to John for getting the students into the building and for getting it going in regards to the building. Will be able to tap into some funding to help with the facility. We don't want to lose sight of U.I.E.C.E and that the centre realizes who is in this building and where we want to go with this centre. The centre will include FNST, AEC, museum & archives, subway academy, etc. Need to stay true to the vision and dream that is the U.I.E.C.E. Wants to speak to the hiring that went on this week for the centrally assigned principals and vice principals. Looking for people who think and act differently, who demonstrate being equitable while showing their instructional leadership. The general process involved having conversations with 3 or 4 principals/vice</p> | |



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| | <p>principals and 3 or 4 superintendents. Here at the AEC it was done differently with Sandy and John Chasty as well as Duke and Pauline.</p> <p>There has been an approval for a Vice-Principal for the FNST.</p> <p>On May 24, 2017 there will be a meeting for approval of centrally assigned CAP's and CAVP's.</p> <p>TDSB has been hosting Integrated Equity ward forums and would like to thank Barb, Tanya & Duke for attending and presenting at these forums. Would like to recognize Barb for her hard work at the TDSB for the last 34 years, most recently at the AEC.</p> <p>Joanne Dallaire: Barb has a wonderful sense of humour and is the fairest and most honest person she's ever met.</p> <p>Tanya Senk: Barb has been a wonderful mentor and an outstanding Indigenous supporter/leader/ally.</p> <p>Duke Redbird: Out of the Seven Sacred Teachings, Love is what represents Barb. The happiness of staff/students and the TDSB staff has been essential to Barb's happiness.</p> <p>Staff Updates - Barbara-Ann Felschow: Thanks to everyone for this. Has a few announcements; Welcome to Tsitra, the new Community Liaison. Would like to welcome the</p> | |
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| | <p>arrival of Tessa's son, Baby Ryan born on May 7th. Would like to recognize Andrea and Council Fire, as well as Thunder Jack from Council Fire. Have been going to ward forums to inspire educators to teach Aboriginal education and to get them to come to the AEC for PD sessions. Approx. 700 teachers have been in the knowledge building PD. Approx. 250-300 teachers have been a part of the blanket teachings. Would like to acknowledge some team members; Marianne Groat for the learning and teaching of NAC10. Tasha Smith for the collaborative inquiry which will also have a clip sharing today. Christina Breen for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women PD, Beyond beads and paper PD as well as the Walking With Our Sisters Art Installation coming this October. Support staff for the mental health conference as well as Dr. Suzanne Stewart and Dr. Joanne Dallaire for their work at the conference. Would like to inform everyone that Student Success has been disbanded. Would like to thank Duke & Mike for the timeline they're creating and would like for them to share more.</p> | |
| <p>New and Other Business:</p> | <p>Bonnie Johnston: TDSB Aboriginal Trustee – will move forward with this next year. Information sharing: 2017 Aboriginal Youth Leadership and Kiowa Wind Memorial.</p> | |





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| | <p>Sarah Monture: TASSC – Some sessions have been completed, there is an upcoming session on June 19th with FNST and the AEC. Deadline has been extended to end of September.</p> <p>Andrea Chrisjohn: Toronto Council Fire – IRSS Legacy – <i>Restoration of Identity</i> Project PowerPoint presentation. To repair what was damaged, reclaim what was lost and to work towards restitution for future generations. The creation of a structure has been proposed for Nathan Phillips Square and they’re looking into other locations as well.</p> <p>Tasha Smith: MNO summer employment opportunity information sharing. Indigenous Education collaborative inquiry digital learning story video sharing.</p> <p>Juan Rodriguez: Information sharing regarding Indigenous youth contest through Dr. Suzanne Stewart.</p> | |
| <p>Next meeting Date:</p> | <p>Next meeting date: Tuesday September 19, 2017 @ 5:30pm. 16 Phin Ave – Room 123 (first floor)</p> | |
| <p>Traditional Closing:</p> | <p>Elder Joanne Dallaire closed the meeting.</p> | |





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