



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday October 17, 2017

Time: 5:30pm- 8:00pm

Core Voting Constituent's:

Present: Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), Pauline Shirt (Elder) J'net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth (Co-Chair), Melissa Abotossaway (Council Fire), Shannon Judge (FNST Parent), Randy Pitawanakwat (NCFST), Dr. Susan Dion (York University), Vivian Roy (NCFST) and Marilyn Hew (TYRMC).

TDSB Trustee's:

Present: Jennifer Story and Alexander Brown.

TDSB Staff:

Present: Dr. Duke Redbird (Museum & Archives), Sandy Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent), John Chasty (Superintendent), Tasha Smith (Special Education Teacher), Tanya Senk (Centrally Assigned Principal), Mervi Salo (Centrally Assigned Vice-Principal), Christina Breen (FNST Vice-Principal), Michelle Corneau (Vice-Principal), Natasha Gleeson (Teacher), Bonnie Johnston (Community Liaison), Eleni Sotos (Teacher), Marios Tenentes (Principal at Laurier), Mark Varvas (Vice-Principal at Laurier), Jeffrey McDonald (Teacher), Pardeep S. Nagra (Manager, Employment Equity) and Jarvis Nahdee (Instructional Leader).





Guests: Ryan Neepin, Rebecca Alpine, Chantal McGregor, Summer Catt Manning, Jennifer Gray, Mary Doucette and Barbara-Ann Felschow.

Regrets: Marilyn Maychak, Jimmy Dick, Pamela Gough, Christina Saunders, Mike Izzo, Tsitra McKay, Ken Morden, Ali Hirji and Jonathan Kakegamic.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Traditional Opening • Meeting Etiquette/Code of Conduct for members and guests 	<p>J'net and Bonnie chaired the meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Joanne Dallaire conducted a traditional prayer to open the meeting followed by introductions of membership in attendance.</p> <p>J'net reviewed the ACAC Code of Conduct.</p>	
<p>Approval of Agenda</p>	<p>The agenda of October 17th, 2017 was changed and approved by consensus.</p>	
<p>Approval of September 19, 2017 ACAC Minutes</p>	<p>The minutes of September 19th, 2017 were approved by consensus.</p>	
<p>ACAC Priorities</p> <p>1. Aboriginal Student TDSB Trustee</p>	<p>Aboriginal Student TDSB Trustee: Sandy Spyropoulos: Met with the two current student Trustees to discuss an Indigenous Student Trustee position. They were excited. Motion needs to come from ACAC in order to work towards reaching this goal for May 2018 when the next Student Trustee election takes place. It was also discussed that the Indigenous Student Trustee must self-identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuit.</p>	<p>Motion: The ACAC proposes that a position of Indigenous Student Trustee who is self-identified First Nations, Métis and Inuit be established commencing in the 2018/2019 School year. The ACAC will provide guidance and direction with regard to the election protocol and process of the Indigenous Student Trustee.</p>





<p>2. Hiring Practices, Recruitment, Retention and Mobility.</p> <p>3. Aboriginal TDSB Trustee</p>	<p>Hiring Practices, Recruitment, Retention and Mobility: Pardeep, Manager, Employment Equity: Shared information on the TDSB Work Force Staff Census that includes a demographic and employee wellness survey. The TDSB strives to provide equal opportunity for access. Willing to support staff and Pardeep's office can be used as a resource.</p> <p>Aboriginal TDSB Trustee: Deferred until next meeting.</p>	<p>Approved by: J'Net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth Seconded by: Alexander Brown</p> <p>Aboriginal TDSB Trustee: Deferred until next meeting.</p>
<p>Staff Updates:</p>	<p>Staff Updates - Sandy Spyropoulos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brought wording of motion (i.e., Increasing Aboriginal Educators) that was approved June 18, 2014 and read for ACAC meeting. • Had the honor of being in Winnipeg last week and visiting the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. 	



	<p>Staff Updates – Tanya Senk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave out TRC Calls to Action booklet. • The AEC is working on creating something with this document for students. • Walking with our Sisters – currently at 16 Phin until October 29th 2017. • AEC will continue to deliver knowledge building curriculum. • Thanks to Christina Breen, Michelle Corneau, Marilyn Maychak and Jarvis Nahdee for their work on this. • Acknowledged the current AEC team. • Invites everyone to attend the Imagine NATIVE film festival. • The AEC will be hosting an Inuit conference in November with the Toronto Inuit Association. <p>Staff Updates – Duke Redbird:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial viewing of the film “They called him Chief”. <p>Staff Updates – Jarvis Nahdee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to the number of schools, instructors and students who teach Native Language and Cultures in the TDSB. Ojibwe is currently the only Indigenous language taught. There are a total of 8 schools, 8 instructors and 797 students. There has been a call for Indigenous language instructors. 	
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New and Other Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>First Nations, Métis and Inuit Graduation Ceremony/Celebration</i> deferred to the November ACAC meeting. <p>Summer Catt – The ROM: Distributed flyers for the ROM’s Indigenous student engagement program for students Kindergarten to grade 12.</p>	Deferred.
Next meeting Date:	Next meeting date: Tuesday November 21, 2017 @ 5:30pm. 16 Phin Ave – Room 123 (first floor).	
Traditional Closing:	Elder Joanne Dallaire closed the meeting.	

