



## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Time: 5:30pm- 8pm

### Core Voting Constituent's:

Present: Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), Constance Simmonds (MNO Senator), Renee Dixon (Eastview Parent), Marilyn Hew (TYRMC/MNO), Shannon Judge (FNST Parent), Bear (Council Fire), Mike Auksi (U of T), Ryan Neepin (OISE) and Rebecca MacAlphine (OISE).

### TDSB Trustee's:

Present: Jerry Chadwick and Pamela Gough.

### TDSB Staff:

Present: Christina Breen (FNST VP), Mary Doucette (Acting Community Liaison), Natasha Gleeson (Student Success Teacher), Dr. Duke Redbird (Artist in Residence), Mervi Salo (Centrally Assigned Vice Principal), Tanya Senk (Centrally Assigned Principal), Sandy Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent), Adrienne Plumley (Teacher), Lena Recollet (Native Language), Mike Carlson (ISEI), Keira Loukes (FNST Teacher) and Meaghan Salisbury (FNST Teacher).

**Guests:** Kirk Mackenzie, Chantal Maru, Tim Ross.

**Regrets:** J'net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth\*, Dr. Susan Dion\*, Mike Izzo, Roxanne Chee, Chantel McGregor\*, Nick Bertrand, Mark Varvas, Pauline Shirt\* and Bonnie Johnston.



ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ MOTION/ACTION
Call to Order, Traditional Opening, meeting etiquette/ code of conduct	Trustee Jerry Chadwick chaired the meeting. Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire conducted a traditional prayer to open the meeting followed by the membership in attendance.	
Approval of Agenda	The agenda of April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 was amended approved by consensus.	
Review and Approval of the minutes of January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	The minutes of March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 were amended and approved by consensus.	
ACAC Priorities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aboriginal TDSB Trustee</li> <li>2. Aboriginal Student TDSB trustee</li> <li>3. Hiring practices, recruitment, retention and mobility</li> </ol>	<p><b>Aboriginal TDSB Trustee</b> is deferred until next meeting.</p> <p><b>Aboriginal Student TDSB Trustee</b> is deferred until next meeting.</p> <p><b>Hiring practices, recruitment, retention and mobility:</b> is deferred until next meeting.</p>	
<b><u>Staff Update:</u></b>	<p><b>Sandy Spyropoulos - Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In regards to Pardeep Nagra, he was unable to come to tonight's meeting but will bring information to the next meeting. Had a conversation regarding ACAC's 3<sup>rd</sup> priority (Hiring practices, recruitment, retention and mobility). Wants to hear from Pardeep some of the barriers that ACAC members have in regards to the</li> </ul>	



	<p>hiring of Indigenous staff. Would like to hear the results of the staff census. It is important to gather data and hear the voices of what we need to do differently to attract people to working within the TDSB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The highlight of March was the presentation of the Aboriginal Education update report. On March 28, 2018 it was received and approved. It will be going to the board tomorrow.</li> <li>• The work at the AEC has been outstanding under the leadership of Tanya Senk and Mervi Salo. We need to continue to collect data to make sure we can see how we are making a difference.</li> <li>• Sandy shared information about consultations in regards to governance. April 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline for the input.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tanya Senk- Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AEC now offers 3 different Language Nests- Mohawk, Ojibway and Cree.</li> <li>• Looking into starting a Michif Language Nest. If anyone knows a speaker, please let Tanya know.</li> <li>• The Language Nests are in response to the TRC Calls to Action, language revitalization.</li> <li>• Thanks to Jarvis Nahdee and Mervi Salo for working on this project.</li> <li>• Welcome to our newest staff member, Mike Carlson.</li> <li>• June 1<sup>st</sup> we will be having an Indigenous Youth Gala at "WE".</li> <li>• There are two upcoming Pow Wow's:</li> </ul>	
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<p><b><u>Elders Update</u></b></p>	<p><u>Dr. Joanne Dallaire: -update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duke, Sandy and Joanne had a recent meeting to make sure that protocols about Indigenous Peoples are followed.</li> <li>• “Not about us, or without us”</li> <li>• Make sure Artists/Speakers are vetted through the AEC if you’re bringing someone into the classroom.</li> <li>• Language is an important way to acknowledge our past/ancestors/etc. We need to remember there are more than just “Anishinaabe” people. There are thousands of people from all over the country and we cannot become exclusive when it comes to language.</li> </ul> <p><u>Dr. Duke Redbird: -update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main focus has been the <i>Truth</i> in Truth &amp; Reconciliation.</li> <li>• See the film “Indian Horse” which really represents our past. Hopes every non-Indigenous person sees it.</li> <li>• In terms of the present, the most important part is the Indigenous Language Nests. Our children need the Indigenous language and knowledge to keep it alive.</li> <li>• Need to advocate for an Indigenous Superintendent of Indigenous Education to work under Sandy who can give guidance for the 37000 staff.</li> <li>• We don’t just live on reserves, we live all over Canada and we need to reclaim the land in an urban context.</li> <li>• Committed to positively affecting the next 7 generations</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shout out to Sandy, Tanya, Mervi and everyone involved at the AEC for their great work.</li> </ul>	
<b><u>UIECE Update</u></b>	<p><u>Shannon Judge: -Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Language Nests are so important. Shannon's children learned descriptors and how to create sentences. It changed and solidified her worldviews that don't fit into a European construct.</li> <li>• In regards to the UIECE, plans are becoming solidified. Further conversations are extending. Looking into more funding to work on the rest of the building.</li> </ul>	
<b><u>New and Other Business</u></b>	<p><u>Mike Auksi:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U of T in the Health Science Building will have its final drum social of the year.</li> </ul> <p><u>Bear – Council Fire:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Fire Dance Crew along with First Fire Juniors will have their 5<sup>th</sup> annual dance showcase on Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at the Daniels Spectrum.</li> <li>• Youth Pow Wow will be Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> at Regent Park.</li> </ul>	
Next meeting Date:	The next ACAC will be on Tuesday May 15 <sup>th</sup> 2018 @ 5:30pm. Located in room 123, 16 Phin Ave.	
Traditional Closing:	Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire closed the meeting.	

