

# AEC 2013-2014

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014



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January 27<sup>th</sup>

Elder Pauline Shirt

Elder Joanne Dallaire

Fraser Mustard Early Learning Academy – Dr. Duke Redbird – Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>

Future Leaders Forum, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> – Student Achievement and Well-Being –  
Emerging Leaders

District Reviews – Tanya Senk

AEC/Council Fire – Big Drum Social Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

Elder's Council – Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>

SE Community/Eastview P. S. – Big Drum Social Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 9:00

## Teachers Learning and Leading - Exploration Classrooms/Beginning Teachers

This exploration is part of a Module of Learning that T & L will be facilitating in partnership with the Aboriginal Education Centre. The exploration classroom experience is designed to support the professional learning of new teachers that focuses on developing classroom spaces that have a clear focus on Aboriginal Education.

Teachers will be committing to a professional learning session with the Aboriginal Education Centre, OT costs will be provided to the school for this participation. The teacher is also committing to opening his/her classroom space to both new teachers and some experienced teachers to model and share effective pedagogy on embedding Aboriginal perspectives.



## Three Elements

1. Urban Aboriginal
2. Four Directions
3. Earth and Water



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B

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## Elder's Gathering February 14, 2014 (Feedback notes regarding sample AEC logos)

- Consider including the clan system- turtle, eagle, hawk
- Don't want to see "too much traffic"; "keep it simple"
- Like the four colours
- The feather does not look like an eagle feather
- Like the idea of an eagle feather wrapping around the circle, as though it embraces the logo
- Some do not like the CN Tower in the picture- it does not represent anything Indigenous
- The logo is missing "Toronto District School Board"
- The Elder's would like to see the name of the AEC changed—to the word "Indigenous"
- "Indigenous" is more inclusive
- The eagle feather and water are important as they reflect mother earth
- Move away from a digital logo otherwise it is viewed as "made in china"?
- Go back to our roots
- Toronto is a Wyandot word; it has two meanings..."where the trees come out of the water"  
and the "meeting place"
- Our youth in Toronto are multicultural; let youth put a face to this...ask the children to develop a logo
- The logo should be spiritual and traditional
- Include the environment, the world and mother earth
- Let the children/young people be the artist of the logo

## NLC East - Relocation

In September 2012 the TDSB and NCFST established a second location for an NLC East in partnership with Sir Robert L. Borden BTI located within NCFS Scarborough Child and Family Life Centre. In the Fall of 2013 TDSB received a request from NCFS to relocate the NLC East program as the space was required. Subsequently consultative conversations took place with students (NLC Downtown and East locations), staff and the community, a student survey was conducted with those enrolled in the program, and meetings with NLC East students, staff and Trustee Chadwick with SO Stadnyk took place. Identified program needs include a self contained "safe" environment which has a defined alternate entrance, the ability to engage in traditional ceremony (venting for smudging), windows, lighting and space consideration, counselling area, classroom space with hospitality and nutrition component, culture and language instruction, IT access, visual and media arts opportunities, Indigenous focused curriculum, student lounge area, and options for extra curricular experiences. The criteria for location as expressed by those directly involved with the program appeared to parallel the secondary urban indigenous "hub" school being created through curriculum expansion at Sir Wilfred Laurier C.I. The school is the second secondary school in TDSB to embed an Ojibwe language program (Riverdale CI the other) beginning in Feb. 2014, embraced the NAC 10 course (offering 5 sections to approx. 150 students) 2013-2014, received the Martin Aboriginal Initiative (with a Business specialty option), and would have a .5 Culture Instructor to expand knowledge for all. The outcome to the alignment of defined NLC (East) program needs and defined comparable location attributes at Sir Wilfred Laurier warranted relocation of the program to that site.



Native Language Teacher - Ojibwe

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## In the Future.....

SE – Big Drum Social – Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>

AEC/Council Fire – Big Drum Social – Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>

AEC – Spring Feast – April 8<sup>th</sup>

AEC – BBQ – June 17<sup>th</sup>