**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Name: Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee

Date: September 20, 2016

Time: 5:30pm

**Core Voting Constituent’s:**

Present: Rhonda Kakegamic (Community member), Melissa Abotossaway (Toronto Council Fire), Landy Anderson (NCFST), Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), Susan Dion (York University), Marilyn Hew (Métis Nation of Ontario - Toronto & York Region Métis Council ), Bob Phillips (Elder), Joseph Poitras (Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario), Judy Rheaume (Parent) Veronica Johnny (Community member), Shannon Judge (FNST Parent Council), Lorraine McLeod(Community member), Dawn Maracle (University of Toronto), Justin Chiblow (ROM Intern) and Howard Munroe (Community member).

**TDSB Trustee’s:**

Present: Pam Gough (Co-Chair), Jerry Chadwick, Chris Glover, Chris Moise and Alexander Brown.

**TDSB Staff:**

Present: John Chasty (Superintendent), Roxanne Chee (Teacher), Michelle Corneau (Instructional Leader), Bonnie Johnston (Community Liaison), Tessa Sill (Community Liaison), Barbara Felschow (Central Coordinating Principal), Candice O’Grady (Media), Adrienne Plumley (Teacher), Tanya Senk (Central Coordinating Vice-Principal), Marilyn Maychak(On-leave), Janet Csontos (Teacher), Mike Izzo (Instructional Leader), Johnathan Kakegamic (FNST Principal), Hannah Fowlie (Social Worker), Christine Saunders (Instructional Leader), Sandy Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent), Mario Tenentes (Sir Wilfred Laurier Collegiate Principal), Denis Lopes (Secondary Alternative Principal), Jennie Town (Coordinator of the NLC East), Natasha Gleeson (Teacher), Dr. Duke Redbird (Curator/Advisor) and Tasha Smith (Student Success Teacher).

**Regrets:** Blu Waters (Co-Chair), J’net Ay Ay Qwa Yak Sheelth (Co-Chair) and Ken Morden (Eastview School Principal).

**Recorder:** Marlene Tameta (Administrative Assistant).

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION** |
| Call to Order, Traditional Opening | Bonnie Johnston chaired the meeting. Elder Joanne Dallaire conducted a traditional prayer to open the meeting followed by introductions of the membership in attendance. |  |
| Approval of Agenda | The agenda was amended and approved;   * Dawn Maracle representing the University of Toronto added an item under New and Other Business * Staff Updates were moved to agenda item #4 |  |
| Review and Approval of the minutes of May 18, 2016. | The minutes of May 18, 2016 were approved by consensus. |  |
| Staff Updates | **Barbara Felschow:**  Acknowledged the transition from Jim Spyropoulos to Sandy Spyropoulos, Tanya Senk new position- Central Coordinating Vice Principal and all new AEC staff – Mike Izzo, Christina Saunders, Tasha Smith, Jessica Medeiros, Janet Csontos and Bonita Uzoruo.  TDSB celebrates ‘Orange Shirt Day’ on September 30. Orange Shirt Day is about raising awareness of the legacy of Residential Schools and is a commitment to ongoing reconciliation in Canada.  For the 2016-2017 school year Tasha Smith will be leading the FNMI Collaborative Inquiry and will be working with four focus schools.  Christina Breen is coordinating the creation of a K-12 curriculum document on the TRC: Calls to Action. A draft hard copy was circulated at the meeting for ACAC members to review and provide feedback. The new curriculum should be ready for distribution across the TDSB by early October 2016.  Information for *Acknowledging Aboriginal Peoples’ Ancestral Lands* *and Territories* is now available on the TDSB website.  Bonnie Johnston is coordinating the creation of a Protocol of Engagement document.  **Sandy Spyropoulos:**  Acknowledged Barbara Felschow for her coordinating role in the transition to Eastern Commerce and the Steering Committee for the Urban Indigenous Education Centre of Excellence (UIECE).  Pleased that every TDSB school will conduct *Acknowledging Aboriginal Peoples’ Ancestral Lands* *and Territories.* Dr. Duke Redbird was interviewed by CBC news regarding the acknowledgement.  TDSB is currently dealing with issues regarding bussing.  The TDSB appointed John Malloy, as its permanent Director of Education.  The creation of four new ‘learning centres’ is one of the key elements of the strategy to improve the effectiveness of schools, make TDSB more responsive to the needs of communities, and increase student achievement and well-being. |  |
| Follow-up/ Action Items | **Susan Dion: Urban Indigenous Education Centre of Excellence (UIECE)**  The UIECE Steering Committee meetings are ongoing. The committee has been active in the recruitment of an Inuit member. A proposal for funding was submitted to the Ministry of Education in July 2016. TDSB is waiting for a response from the Ministry of Education. The preference of relocation is at the site of 16 Phin Avenue, Eastern Commerce.  The Steering Committee asks the ACAC for a mandate to make decisions with approval of the ACAC regarding the Urban Indigenous Education Centre of Excellence (UIECE). This means to continue to advocate and work on the ACAC’s behalf to bring forward any needs and concerns of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities of Toronto.  **John Chasty: CISCO and Connected North**  June 2016 meeting- Pleased to announce that both FNST and Eastview will be funded for this initiative.  TDSB Aboriginal School Trustee  Motion for *Acknowledging Aboriginal Peoples’ Ancestral Lands* *and Territories* | MOTION: The ACAC recognizes and acknowledges the current situation and location of FNST. The ACAC recommends that FNST move to 16 Phin Avenue for January 2017 (this also includes relocating the existing childcare program and Headstart program currently onsite at FNST). The ACAC also requests that 16 Phin become Indigenized and include student involvement in every aspect of the development of 16 Phin Avenue.  MOTION: The ACAC supports the Steering Committee to continue to advocate and work on the ACAC’s behalf to bring forward any needs and concerns of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities of Toronto.  The Steering Committee will present an updated report and terms of reference at the next ACAC meeting.  Deferred. |
| Community Check-in | **Shannon Judge and Jonathan Kakegamic:**  Last year the FNST parents and students were exciting to move into Eastern Commerce for September 2016. The FNST families do not want to wait one more year to relocate. They want it to happen now. |  |
| New and Other Business | **Dawn Maracle: University of Toronto**  Information was shared regarding Cervical Cancer week mid-October and the University of Toronto Arts Centre/Hart House Exhibit- many of the artists are Indigenous. The Summer Mentorship Program at the University of Toronto is looking to work with the ACAC to recruit more Indigenous students. Dawn will attend the October ACAC meeting with a guest from the University of Toronto to speak more about the Summer Mentorship Program. |  |
| Future Topics | * Dawn Maracle, Summer Mentorship Program at the University of Toronto * Jerry Chadwick, O.P.S.A. |  |
| Next Meeting Date | The next ACAC will be on Tuesday October 11, 2016 and in the library on the second floor. |  |
| Traditional Closing | Elder Joanne Dallaire closed the meeting. |  |