

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARY MEETING NOTES

Committee Name: Alternative Schools Advisory Committee (ASAC)

Date: May 15, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Present: Prafulla Prabhu (Parent Co-Chair), Borianna Karan (Equinox), Rebecca Holzman (HPAS), Allan Kosmajac (HPAS)

Teleconference: Kowthar Omar (Elem. Teacher Co-Chair), Chris Patzwald (Mountview), Natalia Cjawadi (Beaches Alternative), Lisa Ball (Beaches Alternative)

TDSB: Liam Rodrigues (Sec. Teacher Co-Chair), Manon Gardner (Executive Superintendent), Grant Fawthrop (Principal, Secondary Alternative Schools West), Denis Lopes (Principal, Secondary Alternative Schools East), Mike Gurgol (VP – Secondary Alternative West), Anna Gemmiti (VP – Secondary Alternative West) Kathy Keroglidis (VP – Secondary Alternative East), Manny Moura (VP – Secondary Alternative East), Clenton Morrison (NWYRAC), Lisa Sanders (Inglenook), Paul Johnson (Parkview), Rachel Rosen (SOLE)

Regrets: Trustee Tiffany Ford, Trustee Ausma Malik, Trustee Jennifer Story, Caillie Feldmann (Student Co-Chair), Emily Wadsworth, Kelly Dymant

Recorder: Dawn Mugford-Guay

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
Welcome & Introductions		
Call to Order/ Confirmation of Quorum	Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm (quorum was achieved).	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve agenda by Liam Rodrigues, seconded by Paul Johnson.	
Approval of Summary Notes – March	Motion to approve summary notes by Prafulla Prabhu, seconded by Liam Rodrigues.	



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Declarations of Possible Conflicts	NIL	
SOE Report: Executive Superintendent Manon Gardner	<p><i>Alternative Schools Review Update:</i> A series of consultations were conducted over the last number of months (student, staff, parent and community). We continue to receive feedback from all stakeholders (deadline to submit is June 30). http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/PublicConsultations/AlternativeSchoolReview.aspx The data is being compiled as it's received and forwarded to Research and Information Services. Rob Brown, Research Coordinator will also include the results from the census in his report. A preview of the report will be shared with ASAC in the Fall followed by the completed report being presented to the Program and School Services Committee (PSSC) in October and then the Board of Trustees</p> <p>SOLE (School of Life Experience) will be moving from Greenwood SS to Monarch Park CI over the summer. Rachel Rosen shared that there is excitement in the air as the school will have a self-contained area of their own. Rachel noted that the school has been working hard to communicate that the school is moving not closing.</p>	Next meeting (June) will provide enrolment and staffing for 2017/18 school year
Alternative School Promotional Event for Spring 2018	<p>ASAC last put together a collective event approximately 3 years ago. The previous event was powerful for students however; it was not the most effective venue. Group discussion re: ideas as to how to approach this event, time of year (Fall vs Spring), who is the target audience, what is the purpose?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leaning towards a Fall event for various reasons (staff involvement, spring testing period) including that the ongoing Alternative Schools review is generating much discussion with a tie in to the Integrated Equity Framework currently underway. - Possibility of two events - elementary (Fall) and secondary (Spring) 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equinox looked at planning such an event. Due to financial costs, they planned to host within the school (noting an outdoor kindergarten program that is unique at Equinox –and would be a focus point). - Important that all Guidance Counsellors & EIC’s are informed of alternative programming. - Survey via Survey Monkey or Google Doc. (important to get feedback from students i.e. what are they looking for? - Important to have feedback available for next ASAC meeting (June 6). - Chris Patzwald offered to assist with Survey Monkey however; there is a cost of approximately \$35 per month. 5 questions would be free however; over 10 participants would generate a cost. - Google Doc platform is free – Rachel Rosen is available to assist with generating the survey. Questions should be forwarded to Rachel ASAP with survey scheduled to close on May 26. - With 42 schools in a large city, we could spread out amongst sites in order to include as many people as possible. - In order to allow for parent participation, the event would have to be held later in the day/evening or on a weekend. - Anna Gemmiti noted that a previous event was held in 4 areas around the city (shopping centres). All schools made displays and staff/ students were available to hand out flyers and talk to potential students/parents. - Denis Lopes advised of an event held at First Nations/Eastern Commerce earlier this year for EIC’s and school admin in an effort to meet our secondary alternative school staff and recognize programming available to students. - Is it feasible to look at an event for Oct/Nov? A day time event for students that blends into evening session for parents? - ASAC participated previously in the PIAC conference and were surprised at how little parents knew of alternative schools (* ASAC should always 	<p>Manon to follow up with Community Engagement office/Board Services as to upcoming scheduled</p>
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	<p>have a presence at this conference).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mailing lists consist of ASAC as well as all alternative school administrators who then share information with staff and parents. 	<p>symposiums and conferences re; possibility of ASAC participating</p>
ASAC Co-Chair Nominations & Elections	<p><i>Elementary Parent Co-Chair</i> - Boriana Karan expressed interest at the last ASAC meeting and was invited to take on this role. Boriana noted that there was a recent change in her circumstances (out of the country Aug – October).</p> <p><i>Secondary Parent Co-Chair</i>– Prafulla Prabhu will continue in this role.</p> <p><i>Elementary Teacher Co-Chair</i> – vacant</p> <p><i>Secondary Teacher Co-Chair</i> - Liam Rodrigues will continue for the time being (Lisa Sanders had considered the role however; she declined)</p>	
Other Business	<p>SOLE Student Art Show to be held on May 25 http://solealternative.ca/</p> <p>All are welcome to attend – please share with your community.</p>	
Next Meeting Date	<p>June 6, 2017 @ 7:00 pm</p> <p>Informal Meeting has been scheduled for May 31@ 6:00 pm (location tbd).</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Adjourned at 8:05 pm</p>	

