



Community Advisory Committee Report

Community advisory committee: Alternative Schools Advisory Committee

Meeting held on: April 19, 2012

Time: **From:** 7:00 p.m. **To:** 9:00 p.m.

Location: Subway Academy II – 64 Baldwin Street

Chair: Teresa Van Neste (Elementary Parent Co-Chair)

Members present: Teresa Van Neste (Co-Chair, Elementary); Sarah O’Leary (SEED); Amelia Santos (SEED); Sandy Best (Manager, Alt Schools); Liam Rodrigues (SEED); T.J. Goertz (Communications Coordinator); Nancy White (AS East & Year-Round); Mark Fischer (The Student School); Jason Smit (Subway Academy II); Vivian Meyer (Contact AS); Louise Azzarello (Oasis AS); Tricia Green (Da Vinci AS); Steph Carrier (Hawthorne II); David Fletcher (Subway Academy I); Don Hedrick (East York AS); Ryan Duggin (Da Vinci AS); Elizabeth Pasternak (Da Vinci AS); Bonnie Whitehall (Subway Academy I); Grace Valentini (SEED); Joanne Blanchette (Da Vinci AS); Liz Codallo (Da Vinci AS); Dennis de Jonge (Da Vinci AS); Jse-Che Lam (Subway Academy II); Anna Gemmiti (Subway Academy II)

Members not present: Marina Deluca-Howard (Co-Chair, Secondary); Rajiv Sivanesan (Delphi AS); Stephen Cooper (Alpha AS); Ravi Negi (Inglenook CS); Daniel Wesser (Student Co-Chair, Alpha II AS); John Atherton (Alpha II); Jenna Lech (NEYRAC); Andre Lopez (The Student School); Luke Edwards (Inglenook CS); Tane Akamatsu (Inglenook CS); Sylvia Kraus (Inglenook CS)

The committee decided to make the following recommendations:

Topic: Motion Regarding the Staffing Cuts to Alternative Schools

The committee **RECOMMENDS:**

Be it resolved that,

Whereas the TDSB has instituted staffing cuts to alternative schools, and

Whereas cutting one teacher at an alternative school with a team of five teachers amounts to 20% staff cut, and

Whereas alternative schools are often the last resort for students who have been unable to function in mainstream schools, and

Whereas this will seriously impact the ability of the schools to deliver quality programs and will negatively affect student outcomes,

The Alternative School Advisory Committee urges the Toronto District School Board to reconsider any staff reductions in alternative schools and restore the customary staffing as soon as possible.

Moreover, ASAC urges the TDSB to ensure that any such future staffing reductions will engage the affected school(s) and ASAC in a consultation process.

Background or Supporting Information

Report Submitted by: Amanda Tiberio (Committee Assistant, Parent and Community Engagement Office) on behalf of ASAC