



Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: Community Use of Schools Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 11 December 2018

A meeting of the Community Use of Schools Advisory Committee convened on 11 December 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:06 a.m. in Boardroom at 5050 Yonge Street with Co-Chair Judy Gargaro presiding

Attendance: Judy Gargaro, Doug Blair, Susan Fletcher, Sam Glazer, Mohamed Hassan, Alan Hrabinski, Dennis Keshinro, Gerry Lang, Lynn Manning, Heather Mitchell, Sharma Queiser, Patrick Rutledge, Alex Viliansky, Jonathan Wood

Also present were: Michelle Aarts, Shirley Adderley, Ugonma Ekeanyanwu, Kitty Leung, John Long, Dan MacLean, Chris Moise, Louie Papathanasakis, Chris Ricketts, Steve Shaw, Tracy Vallant

The following participated by electronic means: Dennis Keshinro

Regrets: Abdirahim Ali Rage, Dave McNee, Luz Maria Pardo, Zakir Patel

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION / MOTION
Call to Order / Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands / Welcome and Introductions / Approval of Quorum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Judy Gargaro at 8:01 a.m.	

Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Hrabinski moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 	
Approval of Minutes November 13, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Hrabinski moved to approve the November 13, 2018 Minutes as amended, seconded by Patrick Rutledge. Motion carried. 	
Conflict of Interest Declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none 	
Delegations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none 	
Permit Unit Update / Community Use of Schools Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Review of how costing will work for people with disabilities:</i> There were 2 groups in the permit system: Learning Disabilities Association and Special Olympics; the permits submitted were reviewed and they will benefit from the highest rate of subsidy; they charged participants minimal registration fee and have an age limit according to the provincial guidelines of 28 years of age; these examples show how segregated programs are addressed, how would integrated programs be handled? Groups must self-identify when submitting the permit application. <i>How many long-standing groups</i> 	

	<p><i>experienced a change in fees?</i> no number is available without reviewing all permit requests; permit fee category is determined by activity not by group; many permits are before 6:00 p.m.; if groups self-identify then a review can be conducted; permit users must provide accurate information at time of submitting the application. There was a suggestion that staff review the wording on how to complete the permit application and how the pricing works to ensure that it's clear so that permit users will be less likely to be surprised by the fees that they are charged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Discussion:</i> No change in structure of fees for long-standing groups unless the information on the permit application is significantly different; permit unit staff is more diligent in asking questions of permit holders. Questions from Applegrove around their price increase, staff have discussed this matter with Executive Director; Etobicoke Philharmonic has not experienced a cost increase however their rehearsals and concerts are charged differently;	<p>ACTION: Kitty Leung will review communication to ensure clarity of instructions.</p> <p>ACTION: Kitty Leung will review groups and charges periodically and inform permit staff as necessary.</p>
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since there are over 200,000 permits entered in the system would a comparison of revenues from year to year assist – looking at revenue will not show much; Ward 16 had 2 groups who decided to not use the TDSB facility for their activity due to cost-cost has only increased by cost of living since 2014; could a review of the number of activity/group be done? As CUS funds are limited would it is not possible for the Trustees to give more funds towards CUS; the Ministry of Education funds \$4M to support permits; the number of groups that are directed to access these funds have increased over the years however funds have stayed the same.

- CUSAC can only play an advocacy role by asking the TDSB through PSSC to advocate for more funding; in past individual organizations have sent the Ministry of Education correspondence requesting more financial assistance; currently there is an open Education Funding Consultation – Ministry seeking input on funding for the 2019/20 school year - due December 14.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on Youth funds are used to support marginalized groups /areas, currently the funds are on hold and the Ministry has asked for the funds not to be spent at the moment; encourage the Trustees to forge a positive relationship with this government. • Recommendation is for the Co-Chair to speak at PSSC to advocate more CUS funding. • MOTION: Patrick Rutledge moves that CUSAC recommends that the Chair of the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education to advocate for additional funding including but not limited to CUS; seconded by Alan Hrabinski; motion carried. • <i>Community Use of Schools:</i> Sessions on “How to Complete a Permit Application” will be held in the near future. 	
<p>Outstanding Action Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pools Working Group Update:</i> Meeting was booked for 11 December however had to be rescheduled. • Seeking Trustee participation at the 	

	<p>future meeting – Trustee Dan MacLean will be participating.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Baseball Working Group Update:</i> No report provided; still working on scheduling a meeting date that works for the group members.• <i>AGM Debrief / Wrap Up:</i> Thank you to everyone for attending the AGM on 27 November.• The results of the election are as follows: Children – Susanne Burkhardt, Community Advocacy – Susan Fletcher, For-Profit – Patrick Rutledge, Persons with Disabilities – Jonathan Wood, Seniors – Mary Hynes, 2 additional members – Luetasha Watkins and Alex Viliansky; congratulations to all members.• MOTION: Lynn Manning moved that Gerry Lang be made the alternative for the Seniors group; seconded by Patrick Rutledge; motion carried.• The committee would like to thank Co-Chair Judy Gargaro for running such effective/efficient AGM.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Review of Key things to know about permitting TDSB schools:</i> Staff will review further for accuracy and will bring back to the January meeting. 	<p>ACTION: Add Key things to know about permitting TDSB schools to January agenda.</p>
Trustee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Funding Consultation where the Ministry is seeking input on funding for the 2019/20 school year – deadline is December 14; staff have worked very hard to put together a response to support education funding; this notice also went to external groups; link can be found on the People for Education website. • There is an active survey open until December 15th seeking feedback on the Education Curriculum. There are various programming options to discuss, responses are encouraged. There was also discussion about the Parent Student Experience survey, seeking input on student’s state of mind. 	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CUSAC will be seeking a Trustee co-chair at the January meeting • A concern was raised about the amount of 905-residing participants 	<p>ACTION: CUSAC will be seeking a trustee co-chair at the January meeting.</p>

	in permit use particularly at board schools. This highlights the provincial nature of the discussion about CUS funding.	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to adjourn by Susan Fletcher. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.	
Next Meeting Date		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACTION: January 15, 2019 – 5050 Yonge Street, Boardroom