

## Early Years Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday October 28, 2016

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Boardroom, 5050 Yonge Street,

### NOTES

**Members Present:** Pam McArthur, Jill Oakes, Jennifer Story, Patrina Stathopoulos, Donna Spreitzer, Sandy Edmonds, Lisa Tjernstorm, Pat Gracey, Patricia Chorney Rubin, Stephanie Nickle, Anabela Ferreira, Susan Kawa, Rashida Wall

**TDSB Staff:** Colleen Russell-Rawlins, Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini, Louise Humphreys, Liz Hoang, Sheryl Barton, Ruth Sischy, Joanne Davis,

**Attendees:** Cindy McCarthy, Monica Gentile, Therese Damaso, Jane Mercer, Colleen Costa

Item	Discussion	Recommendation
	In recognition of Child Care Appreciation Day, a short TDSB video was shown recognizing the role of the Early Childhood Educator. A handout, <i>TDSB Celebrates Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Workers' Day 2016</i> and button were also circulated.	
1.	<b>Approval of Quorum</b> Chair Pam McArthur called the meeting to order. Quorum was achieved.	
2.	<b>Approval of Agenda</b> Motion to approve Agenda by Sandy Edmonds- Seconded Donna Spreitzer	
3.	<b>EYAC Meeting May 9, 2016 - Notes</b> Meeting records will now be referenced as <i>Notes</i> , not Minutes. Attendees reviewed the EYAC Meeting Notes of May 9, 2016 The EYAC Terms of Reference are to be updated as per the May Meeting Notes. The updated Terms of Reference will be available with the Notes from this meeting.  Motion to approve May 9, 2016 Notes as presented - Lisa Tjernstorm - Seconded – Susan Kawa	Action: EYAC Terms of Reference with updates as per May 2016 meeting will be shared with this meeting's Notes.
4.	<b>TDSB Updates</b> <u>Child Care Services</u> New Child Care Services Coordinator, Sheryl Barton, was introduced and welcomed. TDSB has moved into a new Learning Centre (LC) model. With the reorganization Liz Hoang will work with LC's 3 & 4 and Louise Humphreys with LC's 1&2.	

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	<p>To determine where Child Care Centres are located please see the <a href="#">Learning Centres map</a> on the TDSB website.</p> <p>An update on the following topics were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Board closure dates and Permits</li> <li>-Facility Services – Tenant Service Requests</li> <li>-Child Care Resource Manual</li> </ul> <p><u>Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centre Guidelines</u></p> <p>In February, new Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centre Guidelines were released by the Ministry of Education. The Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres will reconcile family support programs across the province under this new policy. Greater clarity about the implications of the new Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres will emerge when the Ministry issues Service and Funding information. Toronto District School Board started Parenting &amp; Family Literacy Centres in Ontario. PFLCs will become OEYCFCs. The plan and number are to be determined.</p> <p>A member raised questions about the implications for Parenting and Family Literacy Centres located in schools because parents and caregivers have come to rely on the type of service delivered through Parenting and Family Literacy Centres. The City of Toronto’s Children’s Services has an Advisory Group which includes representation from across many stakeholders in the early years. Questions about the new Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres can be directed to Toronto Children’s Services.</p> <p><u>Full-Day Kindergarten Program Update</u></p> <p>Staff provided a brief summary of changes in these documents including new terms for reporting in Kindergarten, pedagogical documentation and the role of Designated Early Childhood Educators (DECE) in assessing and documenting learning. <i>The Kindergarten Program (2016)</i> and <i>Growing Success-The Kindergarten Addendum (2016)</i> documents were released in June, and had to be implemented as of September 2016. <i>Growing Success-The Kindergarten Addendum (2016)</i> is the first ever policy document related to assessment, evaluation, and reporting in Kindergarten. Two significant changes going forward are that both JK and SK students will receive a formal Communication of Learning written report <i>three times per year</i>, and that the name of the DECE will now appear on the report, along with the teacher’s.</p>	
5.	<p><b>TDSB Staff Presentation - School –Age Care</b></p> <p>School-Age Regulations were updated as part of the Child Care Early Years Act, Phase 2 Regulations. A brief introduction of the Regulations was provided to the members.</p>	

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	<p><u>Discussion around considerations including:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many different programs currently in place</li> <li>• TDSB has approximately 80% of B&amp;A programs that exist in the City</li> <li>• Possible challenges, lack of new subsidies as programs are cost recovery</li> <li>• Advocating for a staged implementation</li> <li>• Building on partnerships with providers currently offering FDK B&amp;A</li> <li>• Recognizing the challenges with current model</li> </ul> <p><u>Opportunity to provide input</u>  6 questions were posted around the room with time provided for attendees' to provide input.  A Google Doc Survey with the 6 questions will be created and a link sent out to allow for further thinking.  The survey will be posted for one week.</p>	<p>School Age B&amp;A  Questions as posted</p>
6.	<p><b>Trustee Update</b>  Trustee Story shared her motion <i>'Implementation of Full-day Kindergarten and Before-and After-School Care Program Review</i> from the October 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The Motion was passed.  It is Trustee Story's hope that the motion may help to inform implementation of School-Age programs and will start a discussion around what is and isn't possible recognizing limitations, by the province, operators and TDSB.</p> <p>The motion states all stakeholders will be engaged and asks what is needed to inform improvement moving forward. Staff will be hired to facilitate this process.</p>	<p>Action: Next EYAC Agenda to include update on Trustee Story's Motion and the Advisory Committee.</p>
7.	<p><b>Report back:</b>  l) EYAC Member representatives are needed as follows: DCCA (East &amp; North), Ontario Early Years Centre and Mental Health  DCCA Reps to take messaging and bring awareness applicable to school board matters for possible solutions to DCCA</p> <p>Workgroup members meet in an advisory capacity.</p> <p><b>Facilities Workgroup</b>  Facility Workgroup members – Sandy Edmonds and Donna Spreitzer  Work Group meetings will be scheduled once Facility staff are appointed.</p>	<p>Action: Louise Humphreys will take communication with Child Care Centres in schools to System Response Committee</p>

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	<p><b>Best Practices for Sharing of Space, Resources, Curriculum Workgroup</b>            Best Practices/Shared Space members – Patrina Stathpopoulos &amp; Lisa Tjernstorm            Member concerns were shared including communication with school offices.            Operators have been responding to a lot of new Board procedures in a short timeframe.            Best Practices /Shared Use - Workgroup to meet prior to next meeting.</p> <p>EYAC's Co-Chairs will go to DCCA for an additional 3<sup>rd</sup> member for both the Facility and Best Practices Workgroups.</p>	<p>Action Item: Staff from Health and Safety will be invited to hear concerns.</p>
	<p><b>Retirement - Cindy McCarthy</b>            Attendees recognized past EYAC Chair Cindy McCarthy for her contribution and leadership in the sector and within EYAC.</p>	
	<p><b>EYAC Future Meeting Dates 2016- 2017:</b></p> <p>January 13, 2017            10:00 to 11:30            North York Centre – Council Chambers</p> <p>March 10, 2017            10:00 to 11:30            North York Centre – Council Chambers</p> <p>May 12, 2017            10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.            North York Centre – Council Chambers.</p>	
	<p><b>Adjournment</b>            12:10 p.m. Motion to adjourn Donna - Seconded Patricia</p>	