



EARLY YEARS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EYAC) Meeting
 Friday October 13, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 TDSB Administration Centre, Committee Room A, 5050 Yonge St

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Members: Trustee Co-Chairs: Jennifer Story, Trustee Marit Stiles, Community Co-Chairs: Jill Oakes, Co-Chair Pam McArthur and Members: Patrina Stathopoulos, Lisa Tjernstrom, Kim Rogers, Susan Kawa, Anabela Ferreira, Patty Domski, and Colleen McGrath

Regrets: Donna Spreitzer, Therese Damasco, and Patricia Chorney-Rubin

Absent: Irene Sheridan, Nathalie Gruzalc, Rashida Wall, Sandy Edmonds, David Smith (Trustee Ward 19)

Guests: Dolores Cascone, and Dr. Joel A. Lopata

Attendees: Colleen Russell-Rawlins, Cynthia Grundmann, Liz Hoang, Louise Humphreys, Leslie Murray, Nadejda Lekosky, Anastasia Poulis, Joanne Davis, Sheila Cary-Meagher and Jane Mercer

	Item	Discussion	Recommendation
1.	Call to Order/ Confirmation of Quorum	Quorum confirmed	
2.	Approval of Agenda	The Agenda was passed.	
3.	Approval of EYAC Notes May 12, 2017	The Notes were accepted as presented: Moved: Anabela Ferreira Seconded: Jill Oakes	
4.	Declarations of possible Conflict of Interests	Completed – No Conflicts	
5.	Co-Chairs' Report	<u>EYAC Annual Report 2017</u> The Co-Chairs provided an overview of the EYAC Annual Report. The report includes and outlines the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Membership, • Meeting Dates and Agendas, • EYAC Working groups, 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motions and Recommendations put forward by the Committee. <p><u>2017/2018 Meeting Dates</u> Staff were asked to look into possibly changing the March 9th date as it is prior to March Break. The week before or after this date were suggested.</p> <p>Notes from meetings will be distributed as soon as possible after meetings and will include the date of the next meeting.</p>	
6.	Reports from EYAC Working Groups	<p>Precarious Work/Split Shifts Work Group <u>Survey Update</u> - A draft survey was shared. Suggested changes were put forward by attendees. The community co-chairs will work with staff to distribute the survey to all operators of Before -and After- school programs that split shifts may be impacting.</p> <p>Best Practices in Shared Space Work Group <u>Child Care Resource Manual</u>- The work group is providing suggestions for the manual's revision. <u>Capacity Building</u>- The work group is developing resource materials that illustrate common goals and practices to support collaborative practices.</p> <p>Facilities Work Group <u>Classroom keys</u>- There does not appear to be a consistent process in place to provide Child Care staff with keys for the classrooms used for childcare before-and-after school operators. Keys are necessary to fulfill the requirements for Lock Down Procedures to ensure safety of the children and adults working in these programs.</p> <p>EYAC recommends a review of the Key & Access Control Operational Procedure PR663 for classroom key distribution for Child Care staff for the purpose of safety & security especially outside of school hours and instructional days. Motion Passed.</p>	<p>Staff acknowledged that these suggested recommendations are already part of the plan moving forward.</p> <p>EYAC recommends a review of PR663 Key & Access Control for classroom key distribution to Child Care staff for the purpose of safety & security especially outside of school hours and instructional days.</p>

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7.	Presentation – Ontario’s Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework (2017)	<p><u>Ontario’s Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework -2017</u> <u>Guest Speaker-</u> Dolores Cascone, Education Officer, Early Years & Child Care Programs & Service Integration Branch Program Development & Partnerships Unit, Ministry of Education, Toronto and Area Region Office</p> <p>The presentation provided a high level overview of the Renewed Policy Framework and was followed by an opportunity to ask questions.</p>	
8.	TDSB Staff Update	<p><u>Consultation on Findings from the Research on Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) Before-and-After School Programs</u></p> <p><u>Guest Speaker- Dr. Joel A. Lopata – Joel Lopata Consulting</u></p> <p>The presentation was provided to share findings from the research associated with the motion for the purpose of seeking input on a number of questions.</p> <p>Dr. Lopata presented an overview of research, its findings including areas of strength and areas for improvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative data collection and Quantitative data analysis • Gathered data • 677+ participants • 3792 ideas • 56 unique strengths • 64 unique areas for improvements. <p>Attendees were invited to move into small groups and offer responses to the following four questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How should we communicate these research findings? 2. Does your experience, knowledge and understanding of the current system align with these research findings? Does anything surprise you? 	

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		<p>3. What are the BIG IDEAS that stick out that we should prioritize for policy development?</p> <p>4. What are some initial ideas you can share to help guide our initial policy work?</p>	
9.	New Business	<p>Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Workers Day! Trustee Stiles – Acknowledged on behalf of the Trustees.</p> <p>Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Workers Day is occurring on October 25 this year. This day is in recognition of and to show appreciation for the important leadership role these educators play in the growth and development of young children in many different early years contexts. Celebratory buttons and a special letter have been forwarded for distribution to all schools for ECE's, Child Care and PFLC staff.</p>	
10.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.	
11.	Next Meeting	<p>EYAC Meetings 2017/2018 Meetings dates were set based on the 'CAC 2017-2018 Proposed Meeting Cycles'. Future EYAC Dates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 12, 2018, (Next Meeting) • March 9, 2018 * this date may change due to March Break • May 11, 2018. <p>All meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</p>	