



Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: Early Years Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 12, October, 2018

A meeting of the Early Years Community Advisory Committee convened on October 12, 2018 from 10:00am to 12:00pm in TDSB Administration Centre, Committee Room A, 5050 Yonge Street, with Trustee Co-Chair: Jennifer Story, Community Co-Chairs: Jill Oakes, Co-Chair Pam McArthur presiding

Attendance: Trustee Co-Chair: Jennifer Story, Community Co-Chairs: Pam McArthur, Co-Chair Jill Oakes and Members: Patty Domski, Sandy Edmonds, Anabela Ferreira, Stephanie Nickle, Irena Setnik, Irene Sheridan, Donna Spreitzer and Lisa Tjernstrom.

Also present were: Joanne Davis, Cynthia Grundmann, Karen Guthrie, Liz Hoang, Nadejda Lekosky, Charlotte Mould, Anastasia Poulis, Kim Smith and Lynn Strangway.

Regrets: Patricia Chorney Rubin, Therese Damaso, Nathalie Gruzalc, Nancy Hendy, Coleen McGrath, Kim Rogers, Colleen Russell-Rawlins, Patrina Stathopoulos and Rashida Wall.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION / MOTION
Call to Order / Quorum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quorum confirmed 	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agenda was passed. Moved: Irene Sheridan Seconded: Sandy Edmonds 	

<p>Approval of EYAC Notes May 11, 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Notes were accepted as presented: Moved: Irene Sheridan Seconded: Sandy Edmonds 	
<p>Declarations of possible Conflict of Interests</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed – No Conflicts 	
<p>Co-Chairs' Report</p>	<p><u>EYAC Annual Report 2017- 2018</u></p> <p>The Co-Chairs provided an overview of the EYAC Annual Report.</p> <p>The report includes and outlines the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years Advisory Committee Co-Chairs' Message • EYAC Committee Mandate • EYAC Meeting Dates • EYAC Working groups • Motions and Recommendations put forward by the Committee • EYAC Committee Membership <p><u>EYAC Terms of Reference and Membership Review</u></p> <p>Membership- Silver Creek Pre-school representative replacement Motion (Donna Spreitzer): appoint Irena Setnik to replace Susan Kawa All agree to appoint Irena Setnik as the representative from Silver Creek Pre-School</p> <p>Members discussed EYAC membership given the changes in the City's District Child Care Advisory (DCCA) meeting structure and geographical representation. It was agreed that Voting Members</p>	

	<p>will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at the representation of all groups including those from child care, special needs, authorized recreation providers, mental health, and other early years partners. • Look at revising some of the language of EYAC Terms of Reference-Membership • Have a discussion of regarding representatives <p>The Co-Chairs and Donna Spreitzer will begin discussions about a revised Terms of Reference specifically EYAC membership for further discussion in January.</p> <p><u>Self-Evaluation Survey Results:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those in child care felt that guests speakers were repetitive • Standard template and questions was provided • We read all the completed surveys 	
<p>Presentation- Supporting Indigenous Cultural competency in TDSB Jim Spyropoulos</p>	<p>Presentation will be rescheduled</p> <p>Group Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair Jill Oakes invited Jim Spyropoulos to start the conversation and look at shared resources to support Indigenous Cultural Competency. Members discussed what the needs are across the Board? • Examples of opportunities to engage in Indigenous cultural experiences were shared between members • Professional Development - Humber College- 	

	<p>Blanket Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 150 educators took part in this blanket ceremony and discussed what they learn in someone else's lens and point of view. How to make it meaningful in our Centres? To have guests and more information in future meetings as this would be important for our Centres. People's level of knowledge will increase after the ceremony. <p>AEC – TDSB Aboriginal Education Centre offers a variety of services with the goal of closing the opportunity gap for Aboriginal students.</p> <p>http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Aboriginal-Education</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i></p> <p>EYAC brought forward a recommendation to explore training and resources that support the development of Indigenous Cultural Competency among our early years school-based stakeholders.</p> <p>Motion Passed Moved- Jennifer Story In Favour: All</p>	<p>Motion: "EYAC recommends be it resolved that the feasibility of offering training and resources to support the development of Indigenous Cultural Competency among our early years school-based stakeholders be explored. "</p>
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<p>Reports from EYAC Working Groups</p>	<p><u>Best Practices in Shared Space Work Group:</u> (Liz Hoang, Anastasia Poulis, Karen Guthrie, Lisa Tjernstrom, Irene Sheridan, and Patrina Stathopoulos)</p> <p>The Best Practices in Shared Space Work Group has not met since the last EYAC meeting but staff has been continuing to include the recommendations in their work plans.</p> <p>Staff are in the process of developing a session for new Principals about leading in shared space and work collaboratively with child care operators.</p> <p>Staff are in the process of updating the child care section of the public website. This will include a section for Families and another section for Operators that will be the primary location for information about child care for both board staff and child care operators.</p>	
	<p><u>Facilities Work Group:</u> (Donna Spreitzer, Sandy Edmonds, Nadejda Lekosky and Louise Humphreys)</p> <p>At the last meeting the work group put forward a motion that TDSB provide Internet and Wi-Fi access for child care operators with lease agreements in TDSB schools in order to support quality programming, safety, efficiencies and communications with families as set out by the Ministry of Education and the City of Toronto.</p>	

	<p>The motion was brought forward to PSSC on September 6th and the report was received. The Report is tracking to October's Board Meeting.</p> <p>Two main issues were raised through this motion - security and improved communication.</p> <p>IT will come back to update the committee on the report.</p>	
TDSB Staff Update	<p>Lynn Strangway, Superintendent of Education-Early Years shared some staffing updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colleen Russell-Rawlins has now been appointed the Associate Director of Equity, Well-Being, Early Years, Engagement & School Improvement. Through her leadership and dedication, Colleen has supported the vision and work of EYAC over the past few years. We are very grateful for her contributions and although she will not be working directly with this group, she will continue to support Early Years programming in her new role. Colleen is absent today but she will attend a future EYAC Meeting.• Lynn Strangway, is the new Early Years Superintendent of Education. In this role Lynn will provide leadership for all Early Years programming in TDSB.• We are also happy to share that our Child Care Services team has grown to support our work with Child Care programs and our Extended Day Programs. We have recently welcomed two new Early Years Coordinators to the team, Karen Guthrie and Roy Bailey. In our new structure Leslie Murray and Roy Bailey will be supporting	

EDP alongside Louise Humphreys, and Nadejda Lekosky and Karen Guthrie will be supporting child care and third-party before-and after-school programs alongside Liz Hoang.

Cynthia Grundmann, Senior Policy Advisor and Manager.

Early Years and Child Care Services provided the following update to members:

- Through our new and expanded before-and after-school programs operated by our third-party child care partners, this September over 1500 new spaces were created in our schools to support greater access for students in K-Grade 6. In addition to the our third-party before-and after-school programs, this September we launched our board operated TDSB Extended Day Programs (EDP) at 9 (or 10 depending on how you count Avondale & Avondale Alternative) schools, providing an additional 405 spaces.
- This is a an accomplishment to be celebrated and we would like to acknowledge the dedication and collective efforts of our school board team, child care partners, and colleagues at the City and Ministry.
- A complete list of schools with before-and after-school programs can be found on the early years section of the TDSB website.

Over the next school year our team will be working on a number of exciting projects to support child care and before-and after-school programming. This will include:

- Building our processes to reflect our

	<p>commitments through P.022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working with our schools and child care partners to support collaborative practices ○ Launching a new Early Years website that is more user friendly for families, staff and child care partners ○ Growing our BASP and EDP systems to respond to the needs of families 	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Staff shared a video to mark the 18th Annual Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day.</p> <p>On October 16th, 2018 the Toronto District School Board will once again celebrate the commitment, hard work and professionalism of Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Workers who work with young children. Staff expressed their sincere gratitude for the dedication, skills and commitment of our Early Childhood Educators and Child Care partners.</p> <p>The Video can be accessed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRx-pcCYatU</p>	
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>EYAC Meetings 2018/2019</p> <p>Meeting dates were set based on the CAC 2018/2019 Proposed Meeting Cycles’.</p> <p>Future EYAC Dates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January 11, 2019, (Next Meeting) ● March 22, 2019 and ● May 10, 2019 	

	All meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.	