**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Name: Inner City Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2017

5050 Yonge Street, 5th Floor Executive Meeting Room

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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| Present: | Ingrid Palmer (Co-Chair), Sheila Cary-Meagher (Co-Chair), Shaila Krishna, Sejal Patel, Sharma Queiser, Peggy Thomas |
| Staff Present: | Karen Falconer, Aiman Flahat, Helen Fisher, Michael Griesz, Daniel Jeffers, Kurt McIntosh, Omar Omar, Marc Sprack |
| Guests: | Sue Bilar |
| Regrets: | Lee Ford-Jones, Josette Holness, Matthew Judd, Michael Kerr, Kimberley Pividor, Sheryl Robinson-Petrazzini, Alison Rutherford, Nicole Seck, Crystal Stewart, Nadira Yasmin. |
| Recorder: | Maria Valente-De Sa |

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION** |
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| Call to Order/Quorum | * Meeting called to order at 9:50 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves. |  |
| Approval of Agenda | * There was a correction made to the agenda. | Agenda was approved.  Sharma moved to accept the agenda.  Shaila seconded.  All in favour. Carried |
| Approval of Minutes |  | Sharma moved to accept the minutes.  Shaila seconded.  All in favour. Carried |
| Declaration of Conflict of Interest | Nil |  |
| Co-Chair(s) Report | * The Enhanced Equity Task Force Report will be presented at the December 13th Board meeting. |  |
| Learning Centre Update | Learning Centre 1:   * LC1 held 2 parent academies (“21st Century Learning Techniques” and “Parent Learning”); * Schools are reaching out into the community and vice-versa. They are each providing what the needs are; * CSW’s are collecting the feedback from the various schools and reviewing; * CSW’s are reaching out to the parents in the community and holding mini meetings in the apartment buildings where they live, for those that are not able to come out to the schools.   Learning Centre 2:   * An evening event was held with parents and was very well attended re “Equity Awareness through Culture Awareness”; * Parents were very excited and have asked when the next session will be held; * Holding mini presentations for the students and parents on bullying and providing information to principals; * A survey has been sent out to parents to confirm when is a good time to hold parent meetings/sessions; * Beverley Heights held a walk-through last week. There are a number of things that are working and things that are not. There was a request to have the Principal provide an update on their experience of the walk-through; * SmartSAVER has a partnership with the Board. There is no cost for parents to enrol. This partnership allows families to access funds for their child(s) future education. The Board was presented with a cheque last week for $25,400.00.   Learning Centre 3:   * Learning Centre 3 has a pilot re “Food for Thought Program” that is fully funded and supported by Daniel Shapiro and runs until the end of December; * This program provides food for families in the Galloway, Eastview, Willow Park and Alexander Stirling area.   Learning Centre 4:   * Since the last meeting, LC4 has hired 2 Community Support Workers – Ian MacPherson and Laurel Archibald; * Schools are building their partnerships with the communities; * Work is being done with the Pediatric Clinics (Chester PS, George Webster, Sprucecourt, Nelson Mandela & Parkdale); * Working on building communications with the feeder schools who do not have the connections with the clinics; * There was a community walkabout in the Sprucecourt community recently. A lot of great new learning and schools working together with the communities; * Connecting the Community Support Workers to the schools and building capacity.   Model School Funding:   * This week every Superintendent and the Centrally Assigned Principals (CAPs) will be receiving the balance of funds that remain in the Model Schools. * A question was asked on how are the music programs supported in the schools? The CAP’s will report back at the February meeting on the status of the music enrichment programs at the schools. | * A listing of all parent events will be created and shared. * Community Support Workers and Centrally Assigned Principals to provide a Learning Centre update every other meeting – stay tuned for February 2018.      * CAP’s will report back at the February meeting on the status of the music enrichment programs at the schools. |
| DRAFT Enhanced Equity Task Force Report | * Parents are concerned around a number of different items – gifted programs, etc…; * Some parents are keen on teaching the teachers and staff about their community; * Hope that there will be more authentic parent communication; * Hope to improve equity in our schools and community. |  |
| Other Business | Budget:   * Will budget be going to the January Board meeting? Should this committee be looking at transitional funding for the schools? The LOI is done every two years and so LOI status will remain until 2019.   Organizational Board Meeting:   * The Chair of the Board is Robin Pilkey and the Vice-Chair is Jennifer Arp. * There was a request for the listing of the outcomes from the Board meeting to be shared with the ICAC members. * Is there a way for the Board to communicate more promptly and send notification when an Agenda has been posted? Agendas are to be posted every Friday of the week prior to the meetings. * Inner City Advisory Committee reports go to the Programs and Schools Services Committee.   Next Meeting;   * There was a request made to have the January meeting held at Elmbank School since the November meeting was cancelled. Centrally Assigned Principal Aiman Flahat will follow up with the school and confirm if this will be possible. |  |
| Adjournment | * The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am. | Sharma moved to adjourn the meeting.  Peggy seconded.  All in favour. Carried |