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ICAC Meeting Minutes  
Thursday November 8, 2012  
6:30-8:30PM  
Kingsview Village Junior School

**In attendance-** Aim Mujib, Sheila Cary-Meaghar, Howard Kaplan, Robert Spencer, Lesley Johnston, Lauri Green, Sejal Patel, Alejandra Bravo, Laurie Green, Jann Houston ,

**Regrets-**Manon Gardner, Donna Quan

**Staff-** Vicky Branco, Emilee Holt-Staffel, Janice Gillespie, Kofi Sankofa, Michael Papathanasaris, Hugh Hurd , Shauna MacKendrick, Sabri Essa, Maria Ginis, Carl Riley

**Guests-** Debbi Smart ,Juleith Gomez, Nimcoa Adem, Nocole Telesford, Gautam Dey, Kahaelra Hussein, Garfield Rhooms , Gladys Gomez , Abdershed Mohamed Yusuf , Mahena Saleh , Heather Vickers ,Christine Linder, Macy Porter, Moschgan Masoomi ,Said Subhan, Claudia Santos,Marsan Hussein, Juliet Grant-Dixon,Karen Pender, Jasmine Trites, Laila Obobleh, Idil Obobleh, Emily Schoom, Norm Perry, Mirian Turcios, Shareen Charles, Nasro Mohamed, Fatuma Mohamed, Saddio Dini, Jenny Arggris, Hersi Ali, Brent Harper, Barbara Campray, Nancy Wright, Andelea Samuels, Kristen McKinnon, Natalie Molina, Namita Aggarwal, Sharon Richards, Esther Coroce, Karen Gunter, Tressa Thornton-Crowe, Cheravnise Tanery, Thiphida Philadelphia, Lambert Philadelphia, Saima Ashraf, Denise Davis Zauditu Johnson-Young, Janeise Edwards, Joy Bello, Nelly Mesa, John Trafanko, Zafreen Prebatani, Jennifer Jegedi, Nasra Awal, Saha Abzul, Lul Abukar, Our Jegede, Khadro Moor , Nahya Hamran , Louiza Korichi , Agnes Suleiman, Peggy Mundy, Ifrah Ahmed , Maryam Masood, Brittiny Campbell , Anna Ofori,

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Thank the principal of Kingsview for working hard and getting all of this organized and all the CSW's and the Leads for getting the food, the child minders and everything set up!

**Announcements-**

**Q:** Are there any announcements or upcoming events or anything to share with the committee?

**A:** Norm Perry -"In case you haven't noticed there are posters NOVEMBER 17th. There are a lot of different workshops going on. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Parent Involvement Makes a Difference Conference. Go onto the website [www.torontopiac.com](http://www.torontopiac.com)

- 2. Draft Agenda approval** — moved by H. Kaplan seconded by Laurie Green – approved unanimously.

### **3. Previous Meeting Minutes approval- October 11, 2012**

#### **Discussion:**

**Q:** What is OFIP?

**A:** ‘Ontario Focus Intervention Program –is a key strategy intended to support all schools to improve student achievement.

**Q:** # 5 Page 4/. **Q.** What was the name of the program?

**A:** Name is “International Languages Elementary Program”.

Motion to adopt amendment and minutes by Trustee Kaplan. seconded by Jann Houston – approved unanimously. Agenda approved.

### **4. ICAC Coordinator Report & Update on Action Items**

#### **Action Item Update:**

ICAC members interested in working together to formulate a “draft” ICAC response to the Youth Action Plan- Chris was absent no report.

#### **Action Item Update:**

Chris Penrose to draft a letter and send to ICAC members for edits and approval- Chris was absent no report.

#### **Action Item Update:**

Communication between MSIC and City of Toronto Ombudsman’s office- meeting was deferred, new meeting to be set up.

#### **Action Item Update:**

Suggestion that a TDSB Human Rights Officer also attend CPAC meetings –staff met with Patricia Hayes, she is willing to present in the new year- date TBD.

#### **Action Item Update:**

Social Determinants of Health ( SDoH) update- all links are being reviewed and approved. Once approved will be launched via MSIC website.

#### **Action Item Update:**

Emilee will compose an invitation in consultation with B. Spencer- invitation sent and meeting scheduled. Emilee along with Robert Spencer and Trustee Shelia Cary-Meagher composed a letter to OISE Dean Julia O’Sullivan to invite Dr. James Cummins to participate on Heritage and International Languages Committee. The letter was completed and Dr. Cummins has met with Trustee Cary-Meagher, Mr. Spencer and Emilee.

**Action Item Update:**

Manon Gardner to request update from Karen Falconer for the following areas for next ICAC meeting- see attached answers to questions- see attachment for report- report shared.

**Action Item Update:**

ICAC will have to put in a request for deputation– Leslie Johnson will follow up. ICAC has a 5 minute presentation at PSSC. Motion was deferred to November 27<sup>th</sup>, Leslie Johnson has requested deputations for ICAC members. A friendly amendment to the motion was put forward- see attachment for amended motion.

**Action Item Update:**

Craig Snider has promised to have materials from meeting (finance) in 3 weeks. Manon Gardner to request an update from Craig Snider re: LOS criteria and the 5 categories. The request has been made and he will present on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Action Item Update:**

Request Maria Yau to do a presentation at an ICAC meeting on results of CAT4 and Resiliency data and impact on MSIC Schools. Maria Yau will present at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**5. Model Schools for Inner Cities Update (MSIC Resource Team)**

Powerpoint Presentations was shared- see attachment

MSIC Resource Team spoke about Equity and the Program's structure, as well as the Five Essential Components and initiatives that fall within each component.

**6. Model Schools for Inner Cities Parent Academy Update- see PowerPoint attached**

- Parent Cluster Parent Academy Committee reps from Clusters F6, E7 and D5 highlighted their successful initiatives within the past two years:
  - Cluster F6: shared their successfully organized 1.Safe Food Handling Certification 2.Community Fun Fair, 3. Education in the Park and 4. Parent Conferences
  - Cluster E7: shared their successfully organized 1. Parent Conference and 2. CPR/First Aid Training
  - Cluster D5: shared their successfully organized 1. Parent Academy Newsletter and 2. Parent Conferences
- Parents described the impact on Student Success and the benefits to being involved in Cluster Parent Academy Committees:
  - Networking and sharing with diverse parents
  - Navigating the school system and becoming a partner in the decision making
  - Building confidence and independence
  - Becoming more involved in child's learning
  - Developing presentation skills, public speaking and social skills
  - Workforce development and opening up career opportunities

## **7. PRESENTATION from ROBERT SPENCER**

- Integrated/extended language programs were running in TDSB since 1986
- Bilingual education is important for brain development and skills can be transferrable to the English language
- R. Spencer is advocating for 40 minutes of language classes to be integrated into the curriculum to support cross-cultural learning within the MSIC schools
- We are forming a Task Force and would like Principals to join
- Participants reviewed the handout, “ICAC Meeting Request – International Languages – Elementary Integrated Day” and wanted to know specifically which languages are being taught in each school (refer to action item attachment)
- Participants were encouraged to go to the TDSB Website, click on Continuing Education from the pull-down menu and then select International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Programs from the grey sidebar on the left to show where programs are at each school
- Classes are free, \$20 is paid for resources

**ACTION ITEM:** Susuki video Bob Spencer- will forward link

## **8. Trustee Update- no Trustee report at this time**

## **9. Business Arising**

- Parent Education Network – all schools in the NW get 2 FREE parenting workshops
  - Contact Barbara Frimpong on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Elmbank at 416 394 7560, ext. 20008

**Meeting adjourned**

**Next ICAC Meeting**

**Thursday January 10, 2013**

**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**George Webster Elementary School  
2 Cedarcrest Boulevard  
East York, Ontario  
M4B 2N9**