**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Name: Urban Indigenous Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday January 21, 2020

Time: 5:30pm- 8:00pm

**Core Voting Constituent’s:**

Present: Natasha Gleeson (SST, TDSB), Bonnie Johnston (Community Liaison, TDSB), Christina Saunders (CAVP, TDSB), Tanya Senk (P/CAP, TDSB), Michael Cheena (Council Fire), Marilyn Hew (TYRMC), Shannon Judge (Parent Council), Neal Judge (Parent), Howard Munroe (OCAD), Ryan Neepin (Teacher), Dr. Bob Phillips (U of T), Monique Diabo (City of Toronto), Olivia Horzempa (TPH), Elaina Evans (Parent Council), Melanie Laking (Parent Council) and Selena Young (City of Toronto). Donald Corbiere (City of Toronto), Cynthia Bell-Clayton (ENAGB Indigenous Youth Agency), Allan Kennedy (Native Child and Family Services of Toronto) and Kelly Hashemi (Our Children’s Medicine).

**TDSB Trustee’s:**

Present: Alexander Brown and Dan MacLean.

**TDSB Staff:**

Present: Jim Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent), Robert Durocher (TDSB, Instructional Leader, TDSB), Lee Sheppard (TDSB, Instructional Leader), Melanie Pearce (TDSB Executive Assistant) and Dan MacLean (TDSB Trustee).

**Guests:** Colleen Valcheff (City of Toronto) Tania Sterling (Ministry of Education).

**Regrets:** Dr. Duke Redbird (Elder), Pauline Shirt (Elder), Mary Doucette (TDSB Office Administrator), Melanie Laking (Parent), Ken Kirkwood (TDSB Teacher) and Mary Doucette (OA, TDSB).

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/**  **ACTION** |
| Call to Order, Traditional Opening, meeting etiquette/ code of conduct/co-chair position update | Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire chaired the meeting.  Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire conducted a traditional opening and spoke to the code of conduct for UICAC members and guests.  Introductions from the membership in attendance.  UICAC Co-chair:   * Bonnie Johnston explained the election process for the co-chair position to members and guests. * Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire was elected by consensus for the co-chair position. |  |
| Approval of Agenda | The agenda of January 21, 2020 was approved by consensus. |  |
| Review and Approval of the minutes of October 15, 2019 | The minutes of November 19, 2019 were approved by consensus. |  |
| Declaration of conflict of interest | None declared. |  |
| UICAC Priorities   1. Facility, 16 Phin – Mobility, Accessibility, Health & Safety, Renovations. 2. Indigenous TDSB Trustee 3. Hiring practices, recruitment, retention and mobility. | UICAC Priorities  Facility, 16 Phin – Mobility, Accessibility, Health & Safety, Renovations.  Shannon Judge:   * Renovations continue on the Auditorium and kitchen. * Have encountered some contract issue glitches. * Require anti-slip strips on the ramp at the cafeteria door. * The job posting for a fundraiser is almost complete.   Indigenous TDSB Student Trustee.  **Bonnie Johnston:**   * The new Indigenous Student Trustee is active in her new role and has been invited to attend the February 18, 2020 UICAC meeting.   Indigenous TDSB Trustee:  The UICAC continued discussions about drafting a motion for TDSB Trustee’s to vote on establishing an Indigenous Trustee at TDSB (e.g., one appointment).  Hiring practices, recruitment, retention and mobility.  **Bonnie Johnston:**   * Bonnie, Pardeep, Kelly and Tessa have been meeting on a regular basis to organize the Indigenous TDSB Opportunity Fair on Saturday February 29, 2020. * Tanya Senk and Christina Saunders to update on section 18 and the wording related to the hiring process. | Indigenous TDSB Trustee:  UIEC staff will consult with the Elders Council to receive direction on how to proceed in a good way.  Section 18 and the wording related to the hiring process:  Ongoing and deferred to the next meeting. |
| **Staff Update:** | **Elders Update – Joanne Dallaire:**   * Duke Redbird and Pauline Shirt send their regrets for tonight’s meeting. * The next Elder’s meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2020.   **Update: Jim Spyropoulos:**   * Discussed the labour updates/closure of schools for the *Walkout’s* and the impacts on students and staff. * Spoke about the new initiative at TDSB regarding the compulsory English course required of secondary students. * 30 principals attended the professional learning in December. * P023 Draft Policy Provisions: Discussion/Survey Questions: It is up to the UICAC on how to proceed with this process.   **Update: Tanya Senk:**   * Tanya is working with Lee and Robert in collaboration with York University/Dr. Susan Dion to develop the new English course. * Ryan Neepin is working in partnership with OISE/University of Toronto on a pilot project/research study to support risk development for K-3 students. * New employment positions at the UIEC- Graduation Coach. Similar to the Graduation Coach model in Dryden, Ontario school board. * Two Graduation coaches will be hired for the remainder of the school year with the possibility of multi-year funding. |  |
| **New and Other Business** | **Re-Naming Lower Coxwell Avenue/City of Toronto:** Donald Corbiere, City of Toronto and Denise McLeod, StreetART Toronto shared information from the City of Toronto Councillor Paula Fletcher. Councillor Fletcher is interested in receiving feedback through consultations regarding the idea of renaming a parkette and lane way at lower Coxwell Avenue. |  |
| Next meeting Date: | The next UICAC will be on Tuesday March 24, 2020 @ 5:30pm. Located in room 123, 16 Phin Ave. |  |
| Traditional Closing: | Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire closed the meeting. |  |