**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Name: Urban Indigenous Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday March 19th, 2019

Time: 5:30pm- 8:30pm

**Core Voting Constituent’s:**

Present: Michael Cheena (Council Fire), Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), Elder Pauline Shirt (Elder), Renee Dixon (Parent), Marilyn Hew (MNO/TYRMC), Shannon Judge (FNST/WS Parent), Neal Judge (FNST/WS Parent), Sandra LaFleur (TPH) and Monique Diabo (City of Toronto), Mary Doucette (Office Administrator), Natasha Gleeson (SST), Bonnie Johnston (Community Liaison), Jarvis Nahdee (CAVP), Adrienne Plumley (Teacher), Melaine Laking (Parent), Christina Saunders (Instructional Leader), Tanya Senk (P, CAP), Tasha Smith (Teacher) and Alicia Coady (Teacher).

**TDSB Trustee’s:**

Present: Jennifer Story and Yalini Rajakulasingam.

**TDSB Staff:**

Present: Barb Felschow (Retired Principal), Antonino Giambrone (CAVP), Jim Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent) and Jim Clarke (Principal).

**Guests:** Elaina Evans, Olivia Horzempa and Monique Daibo (City of Toronto)

**Regrets**: J’net Ayayqwayaksheelth (Co Chair), Dr. Susan Dion (York U), Elder Pauline Shirt, Dr. Duke Redbird (Museum and Achieves), Mervi Salo (TDSB Principal) and Lena Recollet (Cultures and Languages Instructor).

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/**  **ACTION** |
| Call to Order, Traditional Opening, meeting etiquette/ code of conduct/co-chair position update | Bonnie Johnston chaired the meeting.  Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire conducted a traditional opening.  Elder Joanne Dallaire spoke to the code of conduct for UICAC members and guests.  Introductions from the membership in attendance.  Bonnie Johnston:  J’net Ayayqwayaksheelth resigned as UICAC Co-Chair as of March 5, 2019 but will remain as a member of the UICAC. The UICAC accepts the resignation with regret. Thanks to J’Net for her commitment to this committee. Call out for a letter of interest for the position of co-chair for the remainder of the school year. | **Action:**  TDSB is currently seeking to fill the vacant position of UICAC Co-Chair.  For more information about this role and its responsibilities, please contact Bonnie Johnston.  In accordance with the UICAC Terms of Reference, a *Letter of Interest* should be submitted by those interested in fulfilling the position of Co-Chair. |
| Approval of Agenda | The agenda of March 19th, 2019 was approved by consensus. | Approved by:   1. Sandra LaFleur 2. Neal Judge |
| Review and Approval of the minutes of May 15th, 2018 | The minutes of February 19th, 2019 were amended and approved by consensus. | Approved by:   1. Marilyn Hew 2. Shannon Judge |
| Declaration of conflict of interest | No declaration of conflict of interest was made. |  |
| 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 will speak to this topic in item #8.   Indigenous TDSB Student Trustee.  **Jim Spyropoulos:**   * Student Trustees are outlined in the Education Act. There are currently 2 student trustees within the TDSB. * Will speak to the legal department in regards to the possibility of a 3rd student trustee.   **Tanya Senk:**   * There are a few school boards in Ontario that already have an Indigenous student Trustee.   **Marilyn Hew:**   * In February 2018, Pamela Gough was in an article where she said that the reason we cannot have an Indigenous student Trustee is because we do not have a reserve within our boundaries to have a partnership with.   Hiring practices, recruitment, retention and mobility.   * Deferred until next meeting. | Motion: The UICAC requests a Motion be put forward to the TDSB to develop a process of investigation that the UICAC recommends that a position of student trustee be put into place for the 2019-2020 school years. Also, that a staff report be prepared outlining how an Indigenous student trustee position is created at TDSB. Superintendent Jim Spyropoulos accepted this task and will have a report prepared for the April 16, 2019 UICAC meeting.  1. Neal Judge 2. Shannon Judge |
| **Staff Update:** | **Elders Update – Pauline Shirt:**   * The Elders Council includes Duke Redbird, Joanne Dallaire, Clayton Shirt and Pauline Shirt. * The Elders attend meetings, give advice from traditional teachings and support the wellbeing of staff and students. * The reclaiming of the name was well attended and was a very emotional occasion that will always be remembered. * Duke had his 80th birthday this weekend.   **Joanne Dallaire:**   * The reclaiming of the name was making history.   **Update: Jim Spyropoulos:**   * The TDSB is in process of receiving information from the government regarding the 2019-2020 budgets. * The TDSB has strategic directions which will drive where resources are allocated, these strategic directions are: Professional Development, staff allocation, early years, student success, different approaches to serve our students, parent engagement and student voice, modernize and accessibility as well as Indigenous Education. * Secondary class sizes will affect approx. 800 TDSB teachers. * The TDSB has extraordinary leaders and educators.   In regards to construction; Jim spoke to the renovating of 16 Phin Ave, the design team will meet every 2 weeks again. Work will begin as soon as possible.  **Sandra LaFleur:**   * Where does Indigenous Curriculum stand?   **Tanya Senk:**   * First phase of the curriculum in response to Calls to Action, specifically #62 & #63 already happened for grades 4-10. * 11-12 and K-3 was stopped and has not continued at this point in time. * Curriculum resources that speak to the revised curriculum were prepared by the UIEC. * A website will be made available soon to all educators across the TDSB which was made by the UIEC in partnership with other departments. * FNMI curriculum will be released in May.   **Update: Tanya Senk**   * Duke sends his regrets tonight. He celebrated his 80th birthday this weekend. * The reclaiming of the name Wandering Spirit School was a memorable night. * The AERA is happening April 5th and 6th. * Melanie Laking, the co-chair of Wandering Spirit Parent Council and Tsitra McKay (TDSB Social Worker) will be presenting at the PIAC conference on March 30th. * Waaban program will be joining us next month. * Wandering Spirit high school along with NLC and NLC –E will have an Indigenous student led Decolonizing conference * Aanse’s 17 schools continue their professional learning.   **Bonnie Johnston:**   * Wednesday June 26th is the South East Scarborough Pow Wow. * April 17th is the Screening of Indian Horse. * April 25th is the Eastview Community Drum Social. * April 30th is the Wandering Sprit Parent Council Drum Making Workshop   **Jim Clarke:**   * Excited for the opportunity to participate and host the South East Scarborough Pow Wow at Eastview P.S. |  |
| **New and Other Business** | **Update: 16 Phin – Shannon Judge:**   * It was decided to move forward with the renovations at 16 Phin. * Parent Council to meet with Jim Spyropoulos and Steve Shaw for status of grants. * Action Plan Implementation Committee meets soon.   **Melanie Laking (Wandering Spirit Parent Council Chair):**  Brought forward concerns about the barriers to education at Wandering Spirit School for Indigenous families with students with severe disabilities. The Wandering Spirit Parent Council Chair will compose a list of specific barriers for the TDSB to review and continue dialogue.  **Early ON update – Monique Diabo:**   * Feb 14th – went live with accepting applications * March 15th – closes * Looking forward to connecting with Susan Dion * Hoping to have the program up and running for June 2019. |  |
| Next meeting Date: | The next ACAC will be on Tuesday April 16th, 2019 @ 5:30pm. Located in room 123, 16 Phin Ave. |  |
| Traditional Closing: | Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire closed the meeting. |  |