



Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: Early Years Community Advisory Committee (EYCAC)

Meeting Date: 10, May, 2019

A meeting of the Early Years Community Advisory Committee convened on May 10, 2019 from 10:00am to 12:00pm in TDSB Administration Centre, Committee Room A, 5050 Yonge Street, with Trustee Co-Chairs: Rachel Chernos Lin, Dan McLean, Jennifer Story, Community Co-Chairs: Jill Oakes, Pam McArthur presiding

Attendance: Trustee Co-Chair: Rachel Chernos Lin, Trustee Co-Chair Dan McLean, Trustee Co-Chair Jennifer Story
Community Co-Chair: Pam McArthur, Community Co-Chair: Jill Oakes

EYCAC Members: Patricia Chorney Rubin (George Brown College), Therese Damaso (Toronto Children's Services), Anabela Ferreira (Woodgreen Child Care), Stephanie Nickle (Woodgreen Child Care), Donna Spreitzer (Jackman Community Daycare), Irene Sheridan (Cliffcrest Child Care), Patrina Stathopoulos (Dandyllion Daycare) and Lisa Tjernstrom (Lakeshore Child Care).

Staff: Joanne Davis (Manager and Policy Advisor, EarlyON Centres), Cynthia Grundmann (Senior Policy Advisor/Manager Early Years and Child Care Services), (Liz Hoang (Child Care Services Manager), Louise Humphreys (Child Care Services Manager), Karen Guthrie (Early Years Coordinator, Child Care Services), Nadejda Lekosky (Early Years Coordinator, Child Care Services), Anastasia Poulis (Centrally Assigned Principal, Early Years), and Lynn Strangway (Superintendent of Education LN27, LC2, Early Years).

Also present was: Jane Mercer (Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care) and Tina Shabot (Lakeshore Child Care).

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION / MOTION
Land Acknowledgement	<i>"We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognise the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples."</i>	
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: Trustee Jennifer Story 	
Approval of EYCAC Minutes January 11, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Notes were accepted as presented: Moved: Donna Spreitzer Seconded: Patricia Chorney Rubin 	
Declarations of possible Conflict of Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed – No Conflicts were declared 	
Co-Chairs' Report	<p>Communication items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Co-Chairs' are requesting an e-blast to those programs in schools to provide information and communication. Lynn, Cynthia and Anastasia will discuss and update. • Donna Spreitzer stated that there are specific questions from Child Care Centres that need to be addressed. • Child care issues should be forwarded to the TDSB Child Care Services team (Liz Hoang, Nadejda Lekosky, and Karen Guthrie). 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EYCAC members request to have Permits and Facilities to attend the next meeting to discuss issues and address questions brought by Child Care Centres. Some issues include:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There is not enough caretaking staff at some centres.2. Child Care Centres - playground use until 6:00pm to meet licensing requirements3. Who supplies cleaning/ toiletry items for Child Care Centres?4. Child Care Centres use of space over external requests. Child Care Centres need to meet their legislative requirements and require use of space. Child Care needs to have priority over community permit requests.5. Security access issues have been identified while child care is taking place by those who have permitted space. Doors are left open so anyone can walk into space. Not secured.• CAC's are now required to conduct a Self-Evaluation annually. Time was provided to EYCAC members to complete the Self Evaluation Tool. Completed evaluations were collected at the end of the meeting. <p>Member Retirement Notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jill and Pam formally recognized Lisa Tjernstrom retirement from Lakeshore Child Care. Lisa contributed to EYCAC and to the broader child care community for many years. We thank Lisa and wish her all the best in her retirement.• Patricia Chorney Rubin and Pam McArthur EYCAC members attended and participated in the Environmental	
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	Sustainability Community Advisory Committee (ESCAC) meeting. Ongoing dialogue will continue.	
Presentation on TDSB Extended Day Program (EDP)	<p><u>Guest Speaker:</u> Cynthia Grundmann, Senior Policy Advisor and Manager, Early Years and Child Care Services</p> <p>The presentation provided an overview on TDSB Extended Day Program (EDP) and was followed by an opportunity for EYCAC members to ask questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Role for School Boards • Quick EDP Stats • 2019-20 EDP Locations • 2019-20 EDP Summer Camps (Children who do not participate in the summer camp are still able to resume in September). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Avondale PS ○ Bowmore Road PS ○ Brookmill Boulevard Jr PS ○ Willow Park Jr PS ○ Ellesmere-Statton PS ○ Grey Owl JPS ○ Market Lane Jr & Sr PS • Learnings to Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creative approaches to Professional Learning (to participate in PD and work within their schedule). ○ Relationships are critical at all levels within the shared space (members of EDP team, principals, educators, schools, parents, guardians, teachers and children). ○ Children love directing their own explorations ○ Educators enjoy and really embrace the leadership opportunities within EDP. 	

- Shift options work well for most educators, but some shifts are more challenging for absence coverage. Some shifts are very difficult to cover. Working very closely with staffing and recruitment departments to deal with absentee challenges.
- Anticipated sectoral changes are happening resulting in rapid mobilization for transitions
- Positioned to open up 16 new sites.
- Information can be found at www.tdsb.on.ca/EDP
- Please contact the EDP Team if you have any questions at 416-394-2072 or EDP@tdsb.on.ca.





EYAC Presentation
on EDP May 2019 for

EYCAC Members discussed the following:

- All of TDSB EDP programs have access to WIFI (all children are able to use iPads with the educators).
- Educators proposed and started a twitter account following the proper processes.
- EDP Organizational Structure- Cynthia Grundmann, Systems Lead EDP Leader, Louise Humphreys, Direct EDP Manager, Leslie Murray, Early Years Coordinator, EDP and Sharon Hack, Early Years Coordinator, EDP – Leslie and Sharon act as supervisors where they both visit and support schools.
- The DECEs report to Principals of schools; however, during the summer DECEs report to Louise.
- All administration and registration of EDP is central.
- EDP is not a licensed program.
- We do not participate in the Assessment Quality Improvement Program.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the school we have lots of pedagogical supports. • How do we make sure that EDP and Child Care programs are following best practices? • Research based practices is one of the tools. • Best practices for school aged children. • Therese Damaso, Toronto Children’s Services will bring back information on Middle Childhood Strategy • Homework help- a designated space for those who need help. Each program will handle this differently. This is not mandatory. • Relationships are essential as well as learning together. 	
<p>Reports from EYCAC Working Groups</p>	<p>Both working groups have not met.</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>Staff will be in touch with members about reconvening their work.</p> <p><u>Facilities Work Group:</u> (Donna Spreitzer, Nadejda Lekosky and Louise Humphreys)</p> <p>Facilities Work Group would like Peter Singh, Executive Officer, Information Technology Services to come to the next meeting with a report on what was discussed at the March 22, 2019 EYCAC meeting.</p> <p><i>EYCAC is requesting: new prices without hardware charges for only those schools that have wall to wall service, not those without hot spots; to provide 3 ID’s/access per child care centre who want Internet/Wi-Fi</i></p>	

	<p><i>in those specific schools. They are also Requesting IT to determine costs per month to help support any back end service costs.</i></p> <p>Lynn will follow up and update.</p>	
<p>TDSB Staff Update</p>	<p>Liz Hoang, Child Care Services Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided the updated Child Care Operational Procedure PR691 that outlines the process for the development or expansion of child care and before- and after-school programs in schools, including approval of space and the selection of program operators. <p> PR691.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for your support during the devastating fire that took place this week at York Memorial CI/2 Trethewey. We appreciate your kind words. 	
<p>New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixteenth Annual Summer Institute on Early Childhood Development will take place on June 17th, 2019. <p> 2019_Summer_Brochure.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mothercraft is now accepting nominations for the 2019 <i>Bill Bosworth Memorial Award</i>. This award recognizes outstanding contributions, leadership and innovation in the provision or development of services to families with young children in the City of Toronto. For more information, please visit www.mothercraft.ca. • Jane Mercer Toronto Community for Better Child Care (TCBCC) has provided EYCAC members a petition to 	

	<p>sign to provide support to the child care community. Child Care cuts will have a huge impact on staff, families and our communities. This petition is also available online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lynn Strangway, Superintendent of Education LN27, LC2, Early Years thanked the Co-Chairs, EYCAC members and team for sharing their insights. 	
Next Meeting Date	<p>EYCAC Meetings 2018/2019</p> <p>Meeting dates were set based on the CAC 2019/2020 Proposed Meeting Cycles’.</p> <p>Future Tentative EYCAC Dates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 18, 2019, January 10, 2020, March 6, 2020, May 22, 2020 <p>All meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.	