



Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: Inner City Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 21 January 2021

A meeting of the Inner-City Community Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, January 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm. Virtual Meeting Co-Chair Trustee Michelle Aarts presiding.

Present: Trustee Michelle Aarts, Co-Chair; Sharon B., Guest; Diane Banks, Toronto Public Library; AnnaKay Brown, Jane Finch Education Action Group; Sheila Cary-Meagher, Community Member; Rachel Chernos Lin; Trustee Ward 11; Trixie Doyle, Trustee Ward 14; Laurie Green, St. Michael's Hospital; Josette Holness, City of Toronto; Omar Khan, Parent; Dan MacLean, Trustee Ward 2; Christopher Mammoliti, Trustee Ward 4; Emmy Pantin, Parent; Robert Spencer, Parent; Crystal Stewart, Parent; Aamir Sukhera, The Neighbourhood Organization; Valerie, Guest

Staff: Stephanie Fearon, Model Schools Co-Ordinator; David Forrester, Community Support Worker LC1; Kathleen Garner, Interim Executive Superintendent, LC3; Colleen Huggins, Community Support Worker LC2; Ian MacPherson, Community Support Worker LC4; Lisa Podaras Wong, Executive Assistant, LC2 & 3; Steve Salfarlie, Community Support Worker LC3; Duane Spencer, Community Support Worker LC4

Regrets: David Clandfield, Community Member; Michael Kerr, Colour of Poverty Colour of Change; Cherie Mordecai Steer, Parent; Ingrid Palmer, Parent; Sejal Patel, Ryerson University

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION / MOTION
Call to Order / Quorum Land Acknowledgement	Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.	

Welcome and Introductions of new and returning members.	Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.	
Approval of the Agenda	<p>The agenda was approved with the following change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 8: Working Group Update on Membership was moved up to Item 4. 	
Review and Approval of the Notes – November 12, 2020	The minutes from November 12, 2020 were approved.	
Membership	<p>Michelle Aarts, Trustee Co-Chair informed the Committee that Ingrid Palmer resigned as Co-Chair and will continue as parent member.</p> <p>It was decided that there would be an interim Co-Chair for the meeting and a vote to fill the Community Co-Chair vacancy would take place at the February 18 meeting.</p> <p>Sheila Cary-Meagher volunteered to be interim Co-Chair for the meeting.</p> <p>Nominations of new members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aamir Sukhera was nominated by Trustee Chernos Lin, Trustee Doyle seconded the nomination. Aamir accepted the nomination. • Emmy Pantin was nominated by Laurie Green, Trustee Chernos Lin seconded the nomination. Emmy accepted the nomination. • Omar Khan was nominated by Trustee Aarts, Trustee Doyle seconded the nomination. Omar accepted the nomination. 	

<p>Business Arising from November 12 Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motions/Recommendations 	<p>Trustee Aarts encouraged Committee members to complete the Motion Template ahead of each meeting in order to expedite the writing and passing of motions.</p> <p>Items from the November 12 meeting were reviewed for possible motions going forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we best support families who are experiencing grief, trauma and/or loss; and • How do we support and/or create “Affinity Spaces” for parents/guardians and/or children of colour to speak freely and share their experiences. 	<p>Trustee Aarts moved that the following recommendation be made, Robert Spencer seconded the recommendation and the Committee confirmed the recommendation:</p> <p>It is recommended that the Board of Trustees and the Director of Education commit to returning the Early Years supports to Model Schools, which were re-assigned to classrooms during COVID, once the state of emergency has concluded. Specifically, that the K-12 Learning Coaches, the Early Reading Coaches and the Elementary Itinerant Counsellors return to their coaching/support roles.</p>
<p>Co-Chairs’ Report</p>	<p>Trustee Aarts, reminded the Committee to complete the Community Advisory Committee ThoughtExchange Survey by January 24.</p> <p>She noted that the TDSB has entered the 2021/2022 budget cycle which started with the review of the funding priorities that will inform staff on how to set the budget.</p> <p>Trustee Aarts informed the Committee that the Director’s Search is on hold and will resume in February.</p> <p>It was also mentioned that every other Tuesday there is a Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC) meeting where Trustees are provided updates and information related to COVID and its impact on the system; at the next PPC meeting, Trustees will be informed of possible options for students switching between Virtual School and Bricks & Mortar and system planning for next year.</p>	

<p>CSW Update Supporting families and schools during the pandemic</p>	<p>The Community Support Workers provided a virtual tour of the “Community Support Hub” website that was developed to assist parents/guardians, students and staff navigate the TDSB system, provide valuable resources and connect to various community agencies and organizations through 211. A link to the website: https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/cswws/home</p>	
<p>MSIC Update</p>	<p>Stephanie Fearon, MSIC Coordinator, provided a link to the website “Building Critical consciousness: Support for Developing Learning Resources and Well-Being Experiences: Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression” that was created to provide various resources and toolkits for educators, such as equitable and culturally pedagogically sound resources; remote setting resources; math; ELL and FSL. A link to the website: https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Remote-Learning-Supports-and-Resources-for-Educators/Resources/Building-Critical-Consciousness</p>	
<p>Working Group – Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications 	<p>Update deferred until the Communications Working Group has an opportunity to meet.</p>	
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>The Committee requested that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staff attend an upcoming meeting to provide information on planning for September, addressing possible learning gaps of students and how will these gaps be addressed; • Shameen Sandhu, System Leader for Mental Health and Professional Support Services attend an upcoming meeting to present on mental health and well-being supports for students and families; • Toronto Foundation for Student Success be invited to provide information on what is being done to support families who are negatively impacted by the lockdown; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Nardi-Addesa, System Superintendent, Leadership Learning & School Improvement, Special Education & Inclusion present on Special Education and the work that is being done on the review of IEPs at an upcoming meeting; • a Working Group be developed to review possible recovery strategies for after COVID was deferred to the next meeting; and • when the various Community Consultations on Policy reviews happen, the consultation be added to the applicable ICCAC agenda. • the work that was started last year around refocusing the work of the Committee and renaming the committee resume. <p>Trustee Aarts asked the Committee to consider alternate names to replace the current “Parent Academy”, it was felt that the current name was not inclusive of all families.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>At 8:00 p.m. it was moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.</p> <p>At 8:15 p.m. it was moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.</p>	
Next Meeting Date	Thursday, February 18, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	