





Community Advisory Committees


Name of Committee: Inner City Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 23 September 2021

A meeting of the Inner-City Community Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, September 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting Co-Chairs Emmy Pantin and Trustee Michelle Aarts presiding.

- Present:** Trustee Michelle Aarts, Co-Chair; Sharon B., Guest; Diane Banks, Toronto Public Library; Krissy Bemister, Ryerson University, Guest; Ashley Berger, City of Toronto, Guest; Ayana Buchanan, Guest; Rachel Chernos Lin; Trustee Ward 11; Shagithya Deivendran, City of Toronto, Guest; Trixie Doyle, Trustee Ward 14; Karen Gray, City of Toronto, Guest; Omar Khan, Parent; Dan MacLean, Trustee Ward 2; Christopher Mammoliti, Trustee Ward 4; Emmy Pantin, Parent Co-Chair; Robert Spencer, Parent; Sejal Patel, Ryerson University; Aamir Sukhera, The Neighbourhood Organization; Caroline Wai, City of Toronto, Guest
- Staff:** David Forrester, Community Support Worker LC1; Cynthia Grundman, Senior Policy Advisor/Manager - Child Care Services; Salima Kassam, Centrally Assigned Principal Equity, MSIC, NTIP, English, Literacy; Hugh Keane, Community Support Worker LC3; Nadejda Lekosky, Manager - Child Care Services; Karen Murray, Centrally Assigned Principal, The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement; Omar Omar, Community Support Worker LC2; Duane Spencer, Community Support Worker LC4; Sandy Spyropoulos, Executive Superintendent LC4
- Regrets:** AnnaKay Brown, Jane Finch Education Action Group; Sheila Cary-Meagher, Community Member; Laurie Green, St. Michael's Hospital; Josette Holness, City of Toronto; Michael Kerr, Colour of Poverty Colour of Change; Ingrid Palmer, Parent; Cherie Mordecai Steer, Parent; Crystal Stewart, Parent

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION / MOTION
Call to Order / Quorum Land Acknowledgement	Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.	
Welcome and Introductions of new and returning members	Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.	
Approval of the Agenda	The agenda was approved.	
Review and Approval of the Notes – June 17, 2021	The notes from June 17, 2021 were approved.	
Presentation: Childcare in the TDSB and Equity Approaches	<p>Cynthia Grundmann, Senior Policy Advisor/Manager - Child Care Services and Karen Gray, Director – Children’s Services, City of Toronto presented on childcare and equity approaches in the TDSB and City of Toronto.</p> <p> ICCAC 2021 - Childcare TDSB & Ci</p> <p>A list of the available TDSB Child Care programs can be found on the TDSB Early Years website.</p> <p>It was noted that the Operational Procedure that outlines the process for the development or expansion of child care and before and after-school programs in schools is PR691 Licensed Child Care and Before – and After-School Programs: New and Expanded Programs in Schools.</p> <p> PR691.pdf</p>	
Co-Chairs’ Report	<p>Trustee Aarts informed the Committee that the Ministry of Education met with Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA) to collect feedback and perspectives on child care needs across the province.</p> <p>She also informed the Committee that the start of school has gone well</p>	

	<p>and that COVID outbreaks are fewer than five across the district. A COVID case count can be found on the TDSB website COVID-19 Advisories.</p> <p>Trustee Aarts also mentioned that the Toronto Public Health pause on extracurricular activities has now been moved to a gradual return of activities. She further mentioned that masking procedures and cohorting practices are status quo.</p> <p>She indicated that partnerships with hospitals such as SickKids and Michael Garron, are in place and that the hospital partners provide Covid testing and vaccinations for school communities, valuable resources, and outreach to schools and school communities.</p> <p>Trustee Aarts informed everyone that last week Community Use of Schools permitting started for permitting of gyms and pools on the weekends and that the next phase of community programming/permitting would begin in October pending TPH advice.</p> <p>She also informed the Committee that the process of classroom reorganization would be taking place in October (later than usual). The classroom reorganization is a process that happens annually due to possible changes in actual enrolment versus projected enrolment. She also mentioned that switching from Virtual Learning to in-person learning is still happening for those who are eligible.</p> <p>Lastly, she mentioned that the Parents as Partners Conference would be happening virtually this year on October 16 and 17. She also mentioned that the PRO Grants were being distributed to School Boards again and that the TDSB would be receiving \$253,000.</p>	
Business Arising from June 17 Meeting	There was no business arising from the June 17, 2021 meeting.	
CSW Update	<p>Omar Omar, Community Support Worker, LC2 provided the CSW update.</p> <p> CSW Slide Sept 23rd 2021 ICCAC.ppt</p>	

MSIC Update	<p>Karen Murray, Centrally Assigned Principal, The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement, provided the MSIC Update. She informed the Committee that schools that are no longer in the top 150 of LOI are retained for one year so that they can transition out of MSIC.</p> <p>She also informed the Committee that CAT4 tests, for literacy and numeracy, have been distributed to schools and that testing will start in November to allow for students to adjust to back to school.</p> <p>She also mentioned that “Beyond 3:30” programs have started again in 18 schools and she expects the number of schools involved to grow.</p> <p>She provided an update on MSIC summer programming indicating that there were 13 programs across the district, in 25 MSIC sites, ranging from pre-Kindergarten; and Africentric with culturally relevant pedagogy, with a great deal of family and community involvement, and 85 students receiving this experiential experience – the summer 2021 programming was a resounding success.</p>	
Working Group Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership • LOI 	<p>Trustee Aarts informed the Committee that there is still an Organization membership vacancy and asked for assistance in trying to secure a Scarborough-based agency/organization to join ICCAC.</p> <p>Omar Khan informed the group that the LOI working group last met in June and is looking to reconvene the working group again.</p>	
Other Business	It was noted that, until further notice, all meetings would be held virtually.	
Adjournment	<p>At 7:55 p.m. it was moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.</p>	
Next Meeting Date	Thursday, October 21 at 9:00 a.m.	