



Community Advisory Committees

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





Meeting Date: 22, March, 2019

A meeting of the Early Years Community Advisory Committee convened on March 22, 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 MacLean, Community Co-Chairs: Jill Oakes, Pam McArthur presiding

Attendance: Trustee Co-Chair: Rachel Chernos Lin, Trustee Co-Chair: Dan MacLean
Community Co-Chair: Pam McArthur, Community Co-Chair: Jill Oakes
EYCAC Members: Patricia Chorney Rubin (George Brown College), Anabela Ferreira (Woodgreen Child Care), Coleen McGrath (Learning Enrichment), Irena Setnik, Donna Spreitzer (Jackman Community Daycare), and Lisa Tjernstrom (Lakeshore Child Care).
Staff: Richard Christie (Senior Manager, Sustainability), Kristen Evers (Green Projects Team Leader, Sustainability), Liz Hoang (Child Care Services Manager), Louise Humphreys (Child Care Services Manager), Nadejda Lekosky (Early Years Coordinator, Child Care Services), Karen Petursson (Program Officer, EarlyON Centres), Anastasia Poulis (Centrally Assigned Principal, Early Years), Colleen Russell-Rawlins (Associate Director, Equity, Well-Being, Early Years, Engagement & School Improvement), Peter Singh (Executive Officer, Information Technology and Information Management), and Lynn Strangway (Superintendent of Education LN27, LC2, Early Years).
Also present was: Jane Mercer (Toronto Coalition for Better Childcare), Linda Naccaratto (Earth Day Canada), Kelly O’Gorman (Toronto Children’s Services), Amy O’Neil (Toronto Coalition for Better Childcare), Jessie Sawyers (Community Co-Chair, Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee -ESCAC), and Brenda Simon (Earth Day Canada).

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: Donna Spreitzer Seconded: Anabela Ferreira 	
Approval of EYCAC Minutes January 11, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Notes were accepted as presented: Moved: Donna Spreitzer Seconded: Jill Oakes 	
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' shared concerns that people are not aware of EYCAC. • Continued discussion is needed. Terms of Reference and representation from all recognized organizations and networks need to be discussed and reviewed. • Community Co-Chairs' are requesting an e-blast to those programs in schools to provide information that 	

	<p>EYCAC meets quarterly and to provide a link to EYCAC minutes. This could bring in new representation.</p>	
<p>Presentation on Play Policy</p>	<p><u>Guest Speakers:</u> Richard Christie, Senior Manager, Sustainability School Operations, Jessie Sawyers, Community Co-Chair, Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee (ESCAC), Linda Naccaratto, Earth Day Canada, and Brenda Simon, Earth Day Canada.</p> <p>The presentation provided an overview on the recommendations for a TDSB Play Policy and was followed by an opportunity to ask questions.</p> <p>The Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee (ESCAC) recommends that the TDSB adopt a policy to support unstructured outdoor play and recognize its connection to healthy child development and the TDSB's Vision for Learning.</p> <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDSB Program and School Services (PSSC) Committee Meeting • TDSB Governance and Policy Committee <p>EYCAC Members discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation on ESCAC. • EYCAC's support of this policy. • Patricia Chorney Rubin and Pam McArthur EYCAC members have offered to volunteer and participate in ESCAC. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYCAC asked if playground inspection guidelines could be in-line and reviewed. • Including Province (Ministry of Education), City of Toronto, and community in discussions. • Communication and engagement of parents/families • Could child care programs use the playground? • The sharing of resources between EYCAC and ESCAC. • Resources can be shared between schools. • Superintendents and Trustees may like to understand and see the program to help them learn. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  ESCAC Recommendations for </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Play Policy - Early Years Advisory Prese </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  OPAL-Schools-Map-N ewest-Boundaries8.5 </div> </div>	
<p>Presentation on Wi-Fi in Child Cares</p>	<p><u>Guest Speaker:</u> Peter Singh, Executive Officer, Information Technology Services</p> <p>EYCAC members would like to understand how Child Care Operators can have Internet and Wi-Fi access in TDSB schools.</p> <p>The presentation provided a detailed overview on how the cost breakdown was determined (Appendix B- Cost Breakdown) and was followed by an opportunity for EYCAC members to ask questions.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  PSSC -September 26 2018.pdf </div> <p>The report is intended to outline only the costs involved if the Board chooses to proceed with this request.</p>	

	<p>EYCAC Members discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why existing child care staff that are in TDSB schools are not able to use the existing Wi-Fi and Internet that is already in the schools? TDSB does not issue ID accounts to non TDSB staff.• Contractors or tenants that are doing work for the Board have access to Wi-Fi. Can child care providers have a guest account for these spaces?• When non staff use the existing service there are hidden costs. TDSB are not funded to service third parties.• The Board would need to approve this decision and change in direction. IT report was developed to highlight the costs.• Some schools don't have hot spots and appropriate hardware. They would need wall to wall service.• 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 in those specific schools. They are also Requesting IT to determine costs per month to help support any back end service costs.• If giving access to ID's to child care staff they need to sign an agreement in order to protect the ID and not share the ID.• Child care operators need to take into consideration that sometimes the service is not available and child care operators need to have a back-up plan. There will be disruption. IT makes changes and updates during windows that are usually after school hours.	
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<p>Reports from EYAC Working Groups</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>Both working groups have not met since the last EYCAC meeting due to staff’s focus on before-and after-school program development for September 2019. 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>A presentation was provided by Peter Singh, Executive Officer, Information Technology Services who shared information on Wi-Fi in Child Cares.</p>	
<p>TDSB Staff Update</p>	<p>Louise Humphreys (Child Care Services Manager)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDSB operates 9 Extended Day Programs for 10 schools. Summer camp programs will be offered at select EDP locations. • TDSB Child Care Services will provide an update on expansion at the next EYCAC meeting. • A formal presentation has been requested by EYCAC members for Child Care Services to discuss information on EDP. Items for discussion may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current EDP site locations ○ How many children is TDSB serving? ○ What have you learned so far? ○ Quality assessment ○ Wi-Fi in EDP sites ○ What have you learned from this experience during this first year? ○ What have been some challenges? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Absenteeism ○ Data on children receiving subsidies <p>Anastasia Poulis, Centrally Assigned Principal, Early Years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years is working with new administrators as well as experienced administrators in understanding their leadership role in shared spaces. Early Years is providing a Principal Development Course through the Ontario Principal's Council focused on Leading the Kindergarten Program. 	
New Business	No items discussed.	
Next Meeting Date	<p>EYCAC Meetings 2018/2019</p> <p>Meeting dates were set based on the CAC 2018/2019 Proposed Meeting Cycles'.</p> <p>Future EYCAC Dates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 10, 2019 <p>All meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.	