

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

Meeting Date: January 26th, 2024

Notes:

Attendance: via Zoom:

Patricia Chorney Rubin (Community Co-Chair/ George Brown College), Michelle Dutra (Woodgreen Child Care), Nicola Maguire (LEF), Pam McArthur (Runnymede Adventure Club), Kim Rogers (Sunshine Child Care), Patrina Stathopoulos (Dandyllion Daycare), Rosemary Stiglic (PLASP Child Care Services), Donna Spreitzer, (Executive Director, Toronto Community for Better Child Care), and Amy Van Camp (Toronto Children's Services).

Also present were: Trustee Deborah Williams (Trustee Co-Chair, Ward 10), Audley Salmon (Associate Director, Learning Transformation and Equity), Cynthia Grundmann, (Senior Policy Advisor/Manager Early Years and Child Care Services), Liz Hoang (Child Care Services Manager), and Ronnie Lebi (Senior Manager, IT Operations).

Regrets:


Jill Oakes (Community Co-Chair/ YMCA Child Care), Lynn Strangway, (Executive Superintendent, Learning Centre 3), Anabela Ferreira (Woodgreen Child Care), Nadejda Lekosky (Early Years Coordinator, Child Care Services), Irena Setnik (Silver Creek Pre-School), and Lisa Teodosio, (Centrally Assigned Principal, Early Years & K-12 English/Literacy).

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ MOTION
Welcome/Introductions/ Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands		
Call to Order / Quorum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quorum confirmed. 	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda was approved. • Moved: Rosemary Stiglic • Seconded: Patrina Stathopoulos 	
Approval of Minutes- October 13, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes were approved. • Moved: Pam McArthur • Seconded: Patrina Stathopoulos 	
Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed - No Conflicts were declared 	
Co-Chair Report	<p>Communication items (Co-Chair- Patricia Chorney Rubin):</p> <p>Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Co-chair Procedure – The Co-Chair provided an update on the CAC review, following a meeting for Co-Chairs on January 15th. The CAC Procedures were tabled at the Governance and Planning Committee meeting on January 17, 2024. This report is now tracking to the January 31, 2024, Board meeting. The meeting report and draft CAC Procedures can be found under Governance and Policy Committee: https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes</p> <p>Patricia welcomed and introduced Trustee Deborah Williams, Ward 10 as Trustee Co-Chair as EYCAC representative.</p>	

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Trustee Co-Chair Report Update	<p>Trustee Co-Chair Deborah Williams, Ward 10 shared the following updates:</p> <p>Multi Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)</p> <p>The TDSB is currently in the process for renewing its Multi-year Strategic Plan (MYSP). The Community Advisory Committees provided feedback and ideas to support the planning process. Input was also provided by internal and external stakeholders. The final renewed MYSP will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval in 2024. MYSP Information can be found on the web page, https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Multi-Year-Strategic-Plan/MYSP-Renewal</p> <p>Action: Trustee Co-Chair and TDSB staff will provide an update at the next EYCAC meeting on March 22nd.</p> <p>April PA Day – Solar Eclipse</p> <p>It was shared that the TDSB is considering changing the April PA date due to the Solar Eclipse. This would be in line with other GTA boards. At this time the TDSB has not rescheduled any PA Day due to the solar eclipse. More information/ communication will be provided when a decision is made.</p>	
TDSB Staff Updates (Senior Resource Person)	<p>Audley Salmon, Associate Director, Learning Transformation and Equity shared the following update:</p> <p>English and French Kindergarten Registrations</p> <p>Continued conversations are taking place on how to better align the English and French kindergarten program registration dates. More information will be provided.</p>	

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	<p>Cynthia Grundmann, Senior Policy Advisor/Manager Early Years and Child Care Services shared the following updates:</p> <p>January Principal Session</p> <p>Early Years staff hosted a session on January 19th for Principal’s of schools with child care and BASP to reinforce the importance of strengthening communication and relationships between Principals and Supervisors/child care staff. Over 130 principals attended this session. The theme was <i>Rethinking School Community</i>, with key messages grounded in TDSB/EDU policy/directives. The idea of regular community cafes with Principals to provide an informal opportunity to come together and share experiences, problem-solve, gain new perspectives, and foster support from a broader network of Early Years leaders in our system is being explored.</p> <p>EYCAC members shared that they would like to be included and join the community cafe meetings with Principals to participate in the conversations.</p> <p>Status of Child Care Report</p> <p>On Jan 22, 2024, the Child Care report went to the Planning and Priorities Committee. The Board report summarizes the status of child care programs in TDSB, and illustrates the breadth of the existing system, as well as opportunities for system enhancement in TDSB schools. It reviews the status of the 17 capital projects that have received media attention, that have approvals to proceed (ATP) but have been stalled because of funding shortfalls. The report has been deferred to PPC meeting on February 28th.</p>	

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	<p>EarlyON Innovation Grant Update</p> <p>Funding for the Innovation Grant EarlyON program aimed at better engaging Black families has been extended until December 2024 at the two current locations: Glen Ravine Junior Public School, and Oakridge Junior Public School. The focus for this year will include more intentional outreach to the communities and opportunities for families to connect with each other, community partners, and other Black-mandated services and supports.</p> <p>Liz Hoang, Manager, Child Care Services shared the following updates:</p> <p>BASP Request for Service Qualification (RFSQ) TDSB is looking to add to approved vendors of record for the provision of BASP and has launched a new RFSQ process. Information was posted on the public website.</p> <p>BASP Expansion In February, Child Care Services team will be connecting with child care partners about their interest in expansions to their existing BASP programs. Child Care Services team are also working with Toronto Children’s Services (TCS) to see how expansions can be managed for those who are part of the CWELCC system.</p> <p>Leases & Umbrella Agreements</p> <p>Toronto Land Corporation (TLC) who manages the child care leases on behalf of the TDSB shared that TCS continues to pay rent on behalf of programs under the Umbrella Agreement. This will remain in place until August 31, 2024. Given the need to get these child care programs on a new</p>	

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	<p>lease, TDSB will develop a single direct lease agreement that will consolidate all existing leases. This consolidated lease will reflect different rent rates based on the types of agreements.</p>	
<p>Wi-Fi Update</p>	<p>Ronnie Lebi, Senior Manager, IT Operations shared the following Wi-Fi presentation and update:</p> <p> EYCAC-ITS Wi-Fi Options for Day Car</p> <p>Action: Claudette will schedule a meeting with Ronnie, Cynthia, and Liz to discuss logistics, contractual details, and next steps.</p>	
<p>Other Business:</p>	<p>Shared Space Working Group – Update Rosemary, Nicola, Leslie met before the winter break.</p> <p>The group are discussing a resource tool video. It will demonstrate partnerships, successes, and children at the forefront. Members shared advice on video testimonies.</p> <p>Priorities for remainder of 2024 to January 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockdown/Emergency Procedures - communication sharing between Principals and child care partners. Members suggested Jim Spyropoulos, Executive Superintendent, Caring and Safe Schools, Re: Lockdown/ Emergency Procedures, Tony Santeramo, Police Constable, Re: Lockdown/ Emergency Procedures, and Patrick Mohammed, Senior Manager, Occupational Health and Safety, Re: Health and Safety. <p>Action: Claudette to set up meeting with Audley, Cynthia, and Jim.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten Curriculum – members would like an update on the changes in learning in reading, writing and math. • Multi Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) – members would like an update. • Conversations/information on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EDI 2. Anti-racism 3. Indigenous • TCS shared that a Town Hall meeting will be on February 7th at 1:30pm. <p>General Staff update: EYCAC formally recognizes Karen Petursson, Program Officer, EarlyON Centres who will be retiring on January 31st, 2024. Karen has been with TDSB since 1997 and has contributed many years of support and leadership over the years. EYCAC wishes her a fulfilling retirement. Thank you, Karen, for your dedicated service to children and families.</p>	
<p>TDBS Community Advisory Committees Web page:</p> <p>EYCAC Web page:</p>	<p>https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Community-Advisory-Committees</p> <p>https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Community-Advisory-Committees/Early-Years-Community-Advisory-Committee</p>	
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>March 22, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>January 26th, 2024, at 11:50 a.m. Moved by Patricia Chorney Rubin</p>	

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