# Name of Committee: Inner City Community Advisory Committee (ICCAC)

**Meeting Date**: **17 November 2022**

Notes

## Attendance: via Zoom:

Trustee Alexis Dawson, Ward 9; Trustee Matias De Dovitiis, Ward 4; Cherie Mordecai Steer, Community Member; Robert Spencer, Community Member; Crystal Stewart, Community Member; Ingrid Palmer, Parent; Omar Khan, Parent; Wendy Hernandez, The Neighbourhood Organization; Laurie Green, St. Michael’s Hospital; Michael Lacey, Toronto Public Health

Also present were: Ricardo Francis, Community Support Worker LC1; Omar Omar, Community Support Worker LC2; Suzan Joueid, Centrally Assigned Principal; Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement Office; Lynn Strangway, Executive Superintendent LC3; Jack Nigro, Executive Superintendent LC2

The following participated by electronic means: Trustee Alexis Dawson, Ward 9; Trustee Matias De Dovitiis, Ward 4; Cherie Mordecai Steer, Parent; Robert Spencer, Community Member; Crystal Stewart, Parent; Ingrid Palmer, Parent; Omar Khan, Parent; Wendy Hernandez, The Neighbourhood Organization; Laurie Green, St. Michael’s Hospital; Michael Lacey, Toronto Public Health; Ricardo Francis, Community Support Worker LC1; Omar Omar, Community Support Worker LC2; Suzan Joueid, Centrally Assigned Principal; Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement Office; Lynn Strangway, Executive Superintendent LC3; Jack Nigro, Executive Superintendent LC2

## Regrets:

Ayan Kailie, Parent; Michael Kerr, Colour of Poverty, Colour of Change; Anna Kay Brown, Jane Finch Education Action Group; Josette Holness, City of Toronto; Sejal Patel, Toronto Metropolitan University; Vicky Tourkolias, Toronto Public Library; Farhana Jogiat, Catholic Crosscultural Services

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/ MOTION** |
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| Call to Order / Quorum | Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. |  |
| Welcome and Introductions of new and returning members. Setting meeting norms | Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made. |  |
| Approval of Agenda | The agenda was approved. |  |
| Update on Committee Membership | Emmy Patin has resigned from the ICCAC.  Robert Spencer moved that Omar Khan be instated as the new Parent Co-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Ingrid Palmer. The motion passed unanimously. |  |
| Declarations of Possible Conflicts of Interest | No conflicts of interest were declared. |  |
| Review and Approval of the Notes – October 20, 2022 | The notes from November 17, 2002, were approved. |  |
| Co-Chairs’ Report | Trustee Dawson assisted with providing the Co-Chairs report.  The Trustee highlighted points from the December 7 Board Meeting on addressing violence in schools, reiterating that the Board will not be reinstating the SRO program.  The Trustee mentioned that the deadline to complete the Federal Government survey on Food Sovereignty is December 16, 2022. |  |
| CSW Update | Ricardo Francis and Omar Omar, CSW’s for LC1 and LC2, provided the CSW update. |  |
| Presentation on PR-531/PR-532 | Suzan Joueid, Centrally Assigned Principal, ESL, provided an overview of the review that’s underway for Procedure 532 (Handling Concerns About Learning Resources and Controversial Issues) and combining it with Procedure 531 (Selection and Approval of Learning Resources) to request the committee’s feedback by January 13, 2023. |  |
| Presentation on Food Sovereignty | Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement Office, gave a presentation on food sovereignty and how it impacts various communities. |  |
| Business Arising from November 17 meeting   * Motions/Recommendations: National School Food Program motion | Trustee Michelle Aarts outlined the research that went into the creation of the motion. The Trustee noted that the average cost of a meal has risen to $2.00 (from $1.20) in 2022 and according to TFSS the province is only covering $0.25 per meal (grant to TDSB ~$7.6 million). The City of Toronto has renewed calls for an increased Provincial funding and a federally supported National School Food program.  Members agreed to the recommendation to no amendments.  The recommendation with the following amendments was passed:  Whereas in 2020 the Board resolved that ‘the Chair send a letter to the federal government to urge the government to follow through with its intention to invest in a national school food program’ (1), (without response);  Whereas in 2022 the City of Toronto increased its funding for student nutrition programs, and the Board of Health called on the provincial government to increase funding for school nutrition programs and reiterated its call for the Federal government to establish a national school food program (2);  Whereas the pandemic and inflation have deepened economic disparities and food insecurity, significantly increasing reliance on food banks and jeopardizing existing school food programs through significantly increased costs (3); and  Whereas the Federal government is consulting on a possible national school food policy (link) but has not indicated when they might implement a program or when funding might be available, nor indicated how they might address broader issues of food insecurity (4);  Therefore, be it resolved that:   1. The Chair write to the appropriate Ministries within the provincial and federal governments to highlight the immediate need for support for student nutrition and request increased funding, and reiterate calls for a fully funded, national school food program and programs that address food insecurity; 2. The letter in Part (a) be shared with MPs, MPPs, and other relevant organizations. 3. [https://www.tdsb.on.ca//Leadership//Boardroom//AgendaMinutes.aspx?Type=M&Year=2020&Filename=200311.pdf](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes.aspx?Type=M&Year=2020&Filename=200311.pdf) 4. <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-225247.pdf> 5. <https://hungercount.foodbankscanada.ca/assets/docs/FoodBanks_HungerCount_EN_2022.pdf> 6. Federal consultation on a National School Food Policy - <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/school-food/consultation-school-food.html> | Robert Spencer moved the following recommendation, with no amendments, be made, Omar Khan seconded the recommendation, and the Committee confirmed the recommendation:  The Inner City Community Advisory Committee recommends:  Whereas in 2020 the Board resolved that ‘the Chair send a letter to the federal government to urge the government to follow through with its intention to invest in a national school food program’ (1), (without response);  Whereas in 2022 the City of Toronto increased its funding for student nutrition programs, and the Board of Health called on the provincial government to increase funding for school nutrition programs and reiterated its call for the Federal government to establish a national school food program (2);  Whereas the pandemic and inflation have deepened economic disparities and food insecurity, significantly increasing reliance on food banks and jeopardizing existing school food programs through significantly increased costs (3); and  Whereas the Federal government is consulting on a possible national school food policy (link) but has not indicated when they might implement a program or when funding might be available, nor indicated how they might address broader issues of food insecurity (4);  Therefore, be it resolved that:   1. The Chair write to the appropriate Ministries within the provincial and federal governments to highlight the immediate need for support for student nutrition and request increased funding, and reiterate calls for a fully funded, national school food program and programs that address food insecurity; 2. The letter in Part (a) be shared with MPs, MPPs, and other relevant organizations. 3. [https://www.tdsb.on.ca//Leadership//Boardroom//AgendaMinutes.aspx?Type=M&Year=2020&Filename=200311.pdf](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes.aspx?Type=M&Year=2020&Filename=200311.pdf) 4. <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-225247.pdf> 5. <https://hungercount.foodbankscanada.ca/assets/docs/FoodBanks_HungerCount_EN_2022.pdf> 6. Federal consultation on a National School Food Policy - <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/school-food/consultation-school-food.html> |
| Working Group Updates   * Membership * LOI * Child Care | Deferred to January 19, 2023, meeting |  |
| Other Business | There was no other business discussed. |  |
| Next Meeting | Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. |  |
| **Adjournment** | Thursday, December 15, 2022, 11:05 a.m. |  |