**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Name: Urban Indigenous Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday February 18, 2020

Time: 5:30pm- 7:30pm

**Core Voting Constituent’s:**

Present: Natasha Gleeson (SST, TDSB), Tanya Senk (P/CAP, TDSB), Marilyn Hew (TYRMC), Ryan Neepin (Teacher, TDSB), Melanie Laking (Parent Council) and Mary Doucette (OA, TDSB).

**TDSB Trustee’s:**

Present: Alexander Brown and Dan MacLean.

**TDSB Staff:**

Present: Jim Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent), Michael Griesz (CAVP), Barb Felschow (Retired Principal) Robert Durocher (Instructional Leader), Melissa Mohammed (OA).

**Guests:**

Colleen Valcheff (Toronto Public Health), Joe Rock (Toronto Children’s Services) and Siobhan McCarthy (NCFST).

**Regrets:**

Dr. Joanne Dallaire (Elder), Dr. Duke Redbird (Elder), Pauline Shirt (Elder), Bonnie Johnston (TDSB Community Liaison), Michael Cheena (Toronto Council Fire), Shannon Judge (Parent) and Ken Kirkwood (TDSB Teacher).

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/**  **ACTION** |
| Call to Order, Traditional Opening, meeting etiquette/ code of conduct/co-chair position update | Alexander Brown chaired the meeting.  Tanya Senk opened the meeting and spoke to the code of conduct for UICAC members and guests.  Introductions from the membership in attendance. |  |
| Approval of Agenda | The agenda of February 18, 2020 was approved by consensus. |  |
| Review and Approval of the minutes of January 21, 2020 | The minutes of January 21, 2020 were approved by consensus. |  |
| Declaration of conflict of interest | None declared. |  |
| UICAC Priorities   1. Facility, 16 Phin – Mobility, Accessibility, Health & Safety, Renovations. 2. Indigenous TDSB Trustee 3. Hiring practices, recruitment, retention and mobility. | UICAC Priorities  Facility, 16 Phin – Mobility, Accessibility, Health & Safety, Renovations.  **Jim Spyropoulos:**   * Two main construction projects ongoing at school- the auditorium and cafeteria. * Cafeteria – estimated completion date is March. * After last UICAC Meeting construction team worked quickly to add anti-slip strips on the ramp at cafeteria entrance.   **Tanya Senk:**   * Michael Griesz overseeing construction of the building.   Indigenous TDSB Student Trustee.  **Alexander Brown:**   * Clarity Smoke attended and spoke at the board meeting on Feb 5th. * Clarity Smoke receiving on-going support from Bonnie Johnston and Mike Carlson.   Indigenous TDSB Trustee:  **Tanya Senk:**   * Conversations still taking place at Elders Council (deferred to next meeting). * Process to be determined for appointing an Indigenous Trustee.   Hiring practices, recruitment, retention and mobility.  **Tanya Senk:**   * On Saturday Feb 29th Opportunity Fair taking place at 16 Phin Ave, 11:00am to 3:00pm, in Room 123. * Opportunity Fair in collaboration with Our Children’s Medicine, TDSB Employment Equity, and the UIEC. * Not only jobs associated with TDSB but the City of Toronto and other sectors will be present. * Clause: certain positions are open to self- identified First Nations, Métis and Inuit as per HRC Section 18 |  |
| **Staff Update:** | **Elders Update :**   * Elder Pauline Shirt, Elder Dr. Duke Redbird, and Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire send their regrets.   **Update: Jim Spyropoulos:**   * Difficult labour situation is having a direct impact on students and staff. * Recent issue is with respect to Elementary School Report Cards – parents expect progress reports at this point in the school year. * 3 hour blocks scheduled during labour actions for Superintendents to come together and answer questions from staff, parents and community. * Transportation concerns continue to be addressed. * Assessment tool being formulated for Community Advisory Committees - UICAC will not participate as part of this structure. * UICAC will carry out own assessment led by Co-Chair, Elder Dr. Joanne Dallaire.   **Update: Tanya Senk:**   * Focus of work on the AANSE project which started last year to support Indigenous students across TDSB. * Started with 17 schools across TDSB. * Eastview P.S. has 33% self-identified Indigenous students. * Working in schools that have the highest identification. * Instructional Leaders visit AANSE schools to support teachers. * Teleconference meeting with Education Officer at Ontario Ministry of Education, Tania sterling regarding BAP funding (Board Action Plan). * Funding will be used for resources and consultations (textbooks, technology and Human Resource). * Hiring two Grad Coaches, funded through TPA (Transfer Payment Agreement budget). * Will announce successful candidates at next meeting. * Grad Coaches responsibilities include offering tools to help students transition from: * Gr.7/8 to Gr. 9 * Transitions between grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 * Gr.12 to pathways following High School (College, University, and career). * Continuing to work collaboratively with Native Learning Centre Downtown and Native Learning Centre East.   \*\*\* Pamphlet handed out \*\*\* - *York University, Wϋléelham: Indigenous-Focused Courses, Cohorts, and Programs.*   * Youth Solidarities Participatory Action Research Project (YPAR) combined credit not in place this year but will be next year.   **Ryan Neepin:**   * Spoke to the OISE practicum students who will be working in TDSB classrooms (Wandering Spirit School included) for their 4 week practicum.   **Colleen Valcheff:**   * Collen Valcheff is the Public Health nurse attached to Wandering Spirit School. * Any health related initiatives the school is doing and/or needs help with she can support. * Mental health support initiatives. |  |
| **New and Other Business** | * Urban Indigenous Education Centre of Excellence – deferred. |  |
| Future Topics: |  |  |
| Next meeting Date: | The next UICAC will be on Tuesday March 24, 2020 @ 5:30pm. Located in room 123, 16 Phin Ave. |  |
| Traditional Closing: | Tanya Senk closed the meeting. |  |