



Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: Inner City Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 18 February 2021


A meeting of the Inner-City Community Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, February 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting Co-Chairs Emmy Pantin and Trustee Michelle Aarts presiding.


Present: Trustee Michelle Aarts, Co-Chair; Diane Banks, Toronto Public Library; Sheila Cary-Meagher, Community Member; Rachel Chernos Lin; Trustee Ward 11; Trixie Doyle, Trustee Ward 14; Laurie Green, St. Michael’s Hospital; Michael Kerr, Colour of Poverty Colour of Change; Omar Khan, Parent; Dan MacLean, Trustee Ward 2; Christopher Mammoliti, Trustee Ward 4; Emmy Pantin, Parent; Robert Spencer, Parent; Sejal Patel, Ryerson University; Crystal Stewart, Parent; Aamir Sukhera, The Neighbourhood Organization

Staff: Stephanie Fearon, Model Schools Co-Ordinator; David Forrester, Community Support Worker LC1; Colleen Huggins, Community Support Worker LC2; Steve Salfarlie, Community Support Worker LC3; Shameen Sandhu, System Leader, Mental Health & Professional Support Services; Duane Spencer, Community Support Worker LC4; Sandy Spyropoulos, Executive Superintendent LC4

Regrets: Anna-Kay Brown, Jane Finch Education Action Group; David Clandfield, Community Member; Josette Holness, City of Toronto; Cherie Mordecai Steer, Parent; Ingrid Palmer, Parent

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION / MOTION
Call to Order / Quorum Land Acknowledgement	Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.	
Welcome and Introductions of new and	Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.	

returning members		
Approval of the Agenda	The agenda was approved.	
Review and Approval of the Notes – November 12, 2020	The notes from January 21, 2021 were approved.	
Election of Co-Chair	Emmy Pantin volunteered to be the Co-Chair; all agreed.	
Co-Chairs' Report	<p>Trustee Aarts informed the Committee that the Annual Human Rights Report was received at the Program and School Services Committee (PSSC) February 17, 2021.</p> <p> HRAnnualReport.pdf</p> <p>She also informed the committee that the ICCAC motion regarding early years' staffing supports, also received at PSSC on February 17, 2021, was referred to the Finance, Budget and Enrollment Committee. She indicated that all Trustee Standing Committee meetings are public and the schedule of meetings are available on the TDSB public website: https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom.</p> <p>Clarification was provided that these positions are not exclusive to MSIC schools and there was an emphasis made on the importance of these positions and the benefits to MSIC schools. Further clarification was made that these staffing supports are not school based, therefore not driven by enrollment.</p> <p>Trustee Aarts also mentioned the Policy Review Schedule as it relates to when the LOI Policy will be reviewed next. https://www.tdsb.on.ca//Leadership//Boardroom//AgendaMinutes.aspx?Type=A&Folder=Agenda%2f20210113&Filename=5.pdf</p> <p>It was suggested that a “welcome package” of relevant and useful resource materials and webpage links be created and sent to all new members.</p>	

<p>Presentation: Shameen Sandhu, System Leader, Mental Health and Professional Support Services: <i>Impacts of the Pandemic on Mental Health and Well-Being</i></p>	<p>Shameen Sandhu, System Leader Mental Health and Professional Support Services provided a presentation to the committee on the Mental Health and Well-Being Supports available to families, students and staff of the TDSB.</p>  <p>Inner City Community Advisory</p> <p>Shameen informed the Committee that there are supports such as Social Work available to all Virtual School students. These supports are through the referral process from the student’s home school in order to maintain consistency for when the students return to bricks and mortar.</p> <p>She also informed the Committee that School Mental Health Assist Ontario is looking at mental health and equity and the effect of the pandemic.</p>	
<p>Business Arising from January 21 Meeting Motions/Recommendations</p>	<p>Trustee Aarts updated the Committee that the ICCAC motion regarding early years’ staffing supports was referred to the Finance, Budget and Enrollment Committee.</p>	
<p>CSW Update</p>	<p>Steve Salfarlie, CSW LC3 provide an update on the “Community Hub” website. He informed the Committee that the webpage has now been made into a “.com” and “.ca” web platform for wider public access: www.TDSBhub.com and www.TDSBhub.ca.</p> <p>Colleen Huggins, CSW LC2 provided an update on the Parent Academies that are taking place. She informed the Committee that there a series of Parent Academies anti-Black and anti-Indigenous Racism; there are workshops taking place; and there is digital literacy training taking place. Colleen also informed the Committee that the PRO Grant applications are open and that School Councils can apply to receive up to \$1,500.00 per school.</p> <p>Duane Spencer, CSW LC4 provided an update on the pop-up School Council meetings that are happening. He informed the Committee that these pop-up meetings take place on a bi-weekly basis and provide an opportunity for parents to discuss best practices. Some meetings will have a focus/topic of discussion such as equity. Duane also informed the Committee that he is</p>	

	<p>working with community-based safety networks to address the gun violence that is taking place.</p> <p>David Forrester, CSW LC1 provided an update on the work being done as a CSW collaboration in LC1. All CSWs in the LC work together to help all the families in the LC to obtain food and other needed resources. So far, 100 families have been supported.</p> <p>It was indicated that food security for families is an ongoing issue and that Toronto Foundation for Student Success is distributing more food gift cards to families.</p>	
MSIC Update	<p>Stephanie Fearon, MSIC Coordinator provided a link to the Building Critical Consciousness webpage where there is a podcast series called “TDSB Human Library” comprising a collection of audio episodes on topics related to Equity, Anti-Racism, and Anti-Oppression in education.</p> <p>https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Remote-Learning-Supports-and-Resources-for-Educators/Resources/Building-Critical-Consciousness/Podcast-TDSB-Human-Library</p> <p>She indicated that there are currently two podcasts published out of a series of 12.</p>	
<p>Working Group – Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Membership 	<p>Trustee Aarts informed the Committee that the Communications Working Group has been widely distributing the “Community Hub” website.</p> <p>Trustee Aarts informed the Committee that there are currently two spaces available for Organizational Membership on the Committee. She asked the Committee if there were any suggestions for an organization that should be approached for membership. Suggestions included: Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)/Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS); Macaulay Child Development Centre; and Maytree Foundation.</p>	
Other Business	No other business was brought up.	
Adjournment	<p>At 10:55 a.m. it was moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.</p>	

Next Meeting Date	Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.	