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

**Meeting Date**: **16 November 2023**

Notes

## Attendance (via Zoom):

Trustee Alexis Dawson, Ward 9; Omar Khan, Community Member; Valerie Laurie, Community Member; Cherie Mordecai Steer, Community Member; Robert (Bob) Spencer, Community Member; Wendy Hernandez, The Neighbourhood Organization; Laurie Green, St. Michael’s Hospital; Ellen MacLean, Toronto Public Health; Lance Merraro, City of Toronto; Nathalie Campbell, Catholic Crosscultural Services.

Also present were: Trustee Michelle Aarts, Ward 16; Valerie Tih, Community Member; Latoya Aldridge, Community Member; Ricardo Francis, Community Support Worker LC 1; David Forrester, Community Support Worker LC 1; Omar Omar, Community Support Worker LC 2; Karen Murray, System Superintendent, Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression and Early Years; Karlo Cabrera, Centrally Assigned Principal, Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression; Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement; Lynn Strangway, Executive Superintendent LC 3; Jenesse James, Executive Assistant LC 3.

## Regrets:

Trustee Matias De Dovitiis, Ward 4; Ayan Kaillie, Community Member; Crystal Stewart, Community Member; Ingrid Palmer, Community Member; Sejal Patel, Toronto Metropolitan University; Vicky Tourkolias, Toronto Public Library; Robin Liu Hopson, People For Education; michael kerr, Colour of Poverty, Colour of Change; Jay Williams, Coordinator, Model Schools for Inner Cities / Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression; Nura Aman, Community Support Worker LC 4; Jack Nigro, Executive Superintendent LC 4.

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/ MOTION** |
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| **Call to Order / Quorum** | **Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.** |  |
| Land Acknowledgement | The traditional lands were acknowledged. |  |
| 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. | Moved: Valerie Laurie  Seconded: Bob Spencer |
| Declarations of Possible Conflicts of Interest | No conflicts of interest were declared. |  |
| Review and Approval of the Notes – October 19, 2023 | The notes from October 19, 2023, were approved. | Moved: Valerie Laurie  Seconded: Wendy Hernandez |
| Co-Chairs’ Report | Trustee Alexis Dawson and Omar Khan presented the Co-Chairs report.  Trustee Dawson presented a report which informed the committee of the Trustee’s reappointment to the ICCAC at the TDSB’s Organizational Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. In addition, the Trustee presented an update from the recent Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) meeting which focused on inclusion.  The Parent Co-Chair brought updates to the committee from the Phase Two discussions around the Leaning Opportunities Index (LOI) Policy review, Dr. Green’s efforts to secure a speaker to address the intersectionality between ICCAC and Special Education Community Advisory Committee (SEAC) and commented on the recent student protests and how the war has addressed Palestinian-identifying students around the city. |  |
| MSIC Update | Karen Murray, System Superintendent, Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression and Early Years, and Karlo Cabrera, Centrally Assigned Principal, Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression, gave a presentation that included an update on the MSIC partnership with York University and the Pathways program. They informed the committee of the upcoming November 30, 2023, film screening of *Steadfast: The Jean Augustine Story* being presented at Central Technical School for which the Honourable Jean Augustine would be in attendance. Also included was an update on the launch of Black Student Success on December 5, 2023, and the health clinics being offered currently, prompting numerous questions from committee members about access to these clinics. |  |
| Presentation on the Role of the Community Support Worker (CSW) | Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement, gave a presentation on the current and evolving role of the CSW. The presentation included a team overview, the 2023-24 priorities, service expectations, and data from surveys sent to school administrators. The presentation highlighted the goal of demonstrating how parent community engagement can directly impact student wellbeing and success. |  |
| CSW Update | CSW’s Ricardo Francis (LC1) and Omar Omar (LC2) provided the CSW update, including information around current workshops being offered (More Joy, Raise A Reader, STEM-focused sessions, online digital safety classes, etc.) At cluster schools, read-alouds, breakfast clubs, and high school-student led STEM workshops are being presented. The CSW’s also noted that applications for the School Innovation Grant have now closed for 2023-24. |  |
| Other Business | There was no other business discussed. |  |
| Next Meeting | Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. |  |
| **Adjournment** | **Meeting was called adjourned at 7:57 p.m.** | **Moved: Laurie Green**  **Seconded: Lance Merraro** |