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

**Meeting Date**: **19 October 2023**

Notes

## Attendance (via Zoom):

Trustee Alexis Dawson, Ward 9; Omar Khan, Community Member; Valerie Laurie, Community Member; Crystal Stewart, Community Member; Cherie Mordecai Steer, Community Member; Ingrid Palmer, Community Member; Wendy Hernandez, The Neighbourhood Organization; Laurie Green, St. Michael’s Hospital; Ellen MacLean, Toronto Public Health; Lance Merraro, City of Toronto; Asavari Datar, Catholic Crosscultural Services; Sejal Patel, Toronto Metropolitan University

Also present were: Trustee Dan McLean, Ward 2; Lauren Lipkin, Community Member; Maureen Karkin, Community Member; Valerie Tih, Community Member; Rimsha Ahmad, Toronto Metropolitan University; 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; Jay Williams, Coordinator, Model Schools for Inner Cities / Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression; Jenesse James, Executive Assistant LC 3; Lynn Strangway, Executive Superintendent LC 3; Jack Nigro, Executive Superintendent LC 4

## Regrets:

Trustee Matias De Dovitiis, Ward 4; Robert (Bob) Spencer, Community Member; Ayan Kaillie, Community Member; Vicky Tourkolias, Toronto Public Library; Robin Liu Hopson, People For Education; michael kerr, Colour of Poverty, Colour of Change; Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement; Nura Aman, Community Support Worker LC 4;

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION/ MOTION** |
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| **Call to Order / Quorum** | **Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.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: Trustee Alexis DawsonSeconded: Valerie Laurie |
| MSIC Update | Karen Murray, System Superintendent, Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression and Early Years, and Jay Williams, Coordinator, Model Schools for Inner Cities / Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression, gave a presentation that included a recounting of their recent session on untold stories of black diasporic history in Canada (both in French and English), starting paediatric clinics with the Partnership Office, and answered questions from the Committee Members regarding access to programming for non-Model School schools and other topics. |  |
| Declarations of Possible Conflicts of Interest | No conflicts of interest were declared. |  |
| Review and Approval of the Notes – September 21, 2023 | The notes from September 21, 2023, were approved.  | Moved: Trustee Alexis DawsonSeconded: Valerie Laurie |
| 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 Student Nutrition strategy motion which passed at the September 27 Board meeting. In addition, the Trustee presented on the decisions recently passed at standing committee, one regarding supporting for newcomers, including refugee students and families, and the other, on the social demographics of students enrolled in French Immersion programs across the TDSB.The Parent Co-Chair discussed the Enhancing Equity in Ontario Elementary Education Symposium hosted by Toronto Metropolitan University. Rimsha Ahmed was present to give a synopsis of the topics discussed at the symposium. |  |
| Update on 2022-2023 ICCAC Motions | ICCAC Staff Leads Lynn Strangway, Executive Superintendent LC 3, and Jack Nigro, Executive Superintendent LC 4, gave an update of the 2022-2023 motions that went to Board.Advocacy letters were sent by the Office of The Chair in response to recommendations put forward by the ICCAC.The Learning Opportunities Grant advocacy letter is linked [here](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/home/ctl/Details/mid/43824/itemId/183).The National School Food Program advocacy letter is linked [here](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/home/ctl/Details/mid/43824/itemId/80). |  |
| Presentation Based on Discussion on 2023-2024 Committee Drivers | Committee Members participated in discussions on the following topics:* Enhancing Community Involvement and Partnerships
* Resource Management and Allocation
* Addressing Poverty, Intersections with Other Equity Areas, and Educational Impact
* Understanding and Improving the LOI
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| CSW Update | CSW’s Ricardo Francis (LC1) and Omar Omar (LC2) provided the CSW update, including information around the Parent Grant Application, The Parents as Partners conference, and various programs being supported through the Parent/Caregiver and Community Engagement Office. |  |
| Other Business | There was no other business discussed. |  |
| Next Meeting | Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.  |  |
| **Adjournment** | **Meeting was called adjourned at 10:49 a.m.**  | **Moved:**  **Valerie Laurie****Seconded: Laurie Green** |