



Community Advisory Committees

**Inner City Community
Advisory Committee (ICCAC)
2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT**





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Co-Chair Message

The ICCAC has slowed down in its activities leading up to 2019 and so this year set out to examine membership and quorum issues, re-establish working groups, renew its Terms of Reference, and reaffirm the committee's connection to its Community Support Workers and their excellent initiatives. Committee members feel it is still important to hold meetings on-site at our model schools, however these alternate locations have proved challenging for reaching quorum. This past year the ICCAC:

- Added new community members and continues to seek parent members
- Redeveloped the Terms of Reference to clarify membership to allow approved member organizations to designate alternate representatives and promote quorum at meetings
- Re-established a Budget Working group to review and report on the TDSB's annual budget
- Established a Communications Working Group to develop new communications materials for ICCAC to promote outreach and knowledge sharing and to develop file sharing resources for members and supporting staff

The ICCAC looks forward to a productive 2019-2020 school year where we will set new outreach goals and work more closely with committee staff and CSWs to support their initiatives.





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CAC Mandate/ Purpose

The Inner City Advisory Committee's (ICAC) mandate is to close the opportunity gap and raise achievement for all students facing barriers within the TDSB.

ICAC advocates for appropriate community investments using an equity focus, and draws on the rich expertise and support of academic, institutional and community partnerships.

Members of ICAC are invested in common goals of equity, opportunity, and poverty reduction.





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CAC Activities

Meetings

October 25, 2018

December 13, 2018 – meeting cancelled

January 31, 2019

February 21, 2019 – meeting cancelled

March 28, 2019

April 30, 2019

May 23, 2019

Special Event(s)

- 2019/20 Budget Discussion with Craig Snider
- ICCAC Members attended the Parents as Partners Conference
- Special Presentation of the TDSB Census Data focusing on poverty, race, and equity with Maria Yau and John Chasty

Board Directed Events/Consultations

Expansion of TDSB Elementary Summer School for 2019 – There are now 44 summer school sites, with 8 schools offering a pre-kindergarten program (children 3 years old) that includes an Africentric or Culturally Responsive and Relevant Programing; 4 schools offered a full-day pilot program (1 per Learning Centre).





Community Advisory Committees

Committee Members

Trustee Michelle Aarts (Co-Chair)
Ingrid Palmer (Co-Chair – Parent)
Trustee Parthi Kandavel
Trustee Chris Tonks
Cherie Mordecai Steer (Parent)
Robert Spencer (Parent)
Crystal Stewart (Parent)
Sheila Cary-Meagher (Community Member)
David Clandfield (Community Member)
Kirby Davidson (Right to Play)
Laurie Green (St. Michael's Hospital)
Josette Holness (City of Toronto)
Michael Kerr (Colour of Poverty-Colour of Change)
Shaila Krishna (Toronto Public Health, City of Toronto)
Sejal Patel (Ryerson University – School of Early Childhood Studies, Faculty of Community Services)
Sharma Queiser (Social Planning Toronto)
Saeed Selvam (Laidlaw Foundation)
Peggy Thomas (Toronto Public Library)
Tim Whalley (Prologue)



CAC Self-Evaluation 2018/2019

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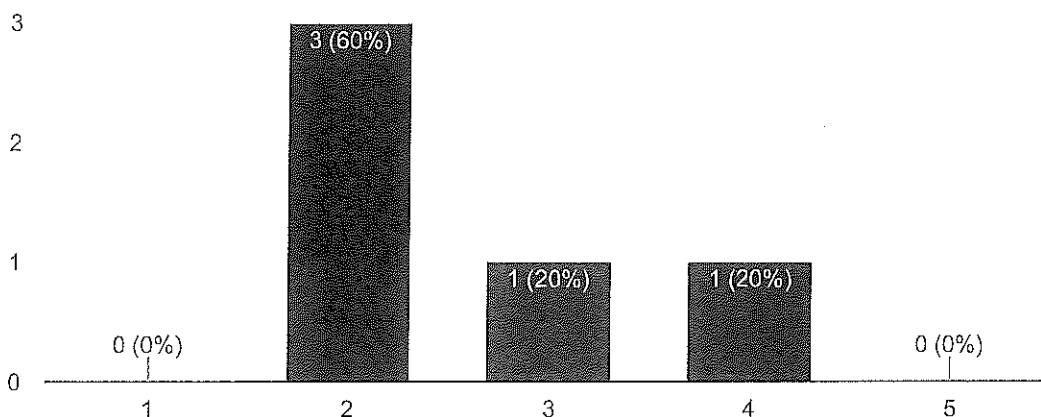
Goals or Purpose of Committee

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STRONGLY AGREE

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STRONGLY DISAGREE

1. All committee members understand the goals and purpose of our committee

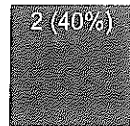
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2. The committee members agree on the goals and purpose of the committee.

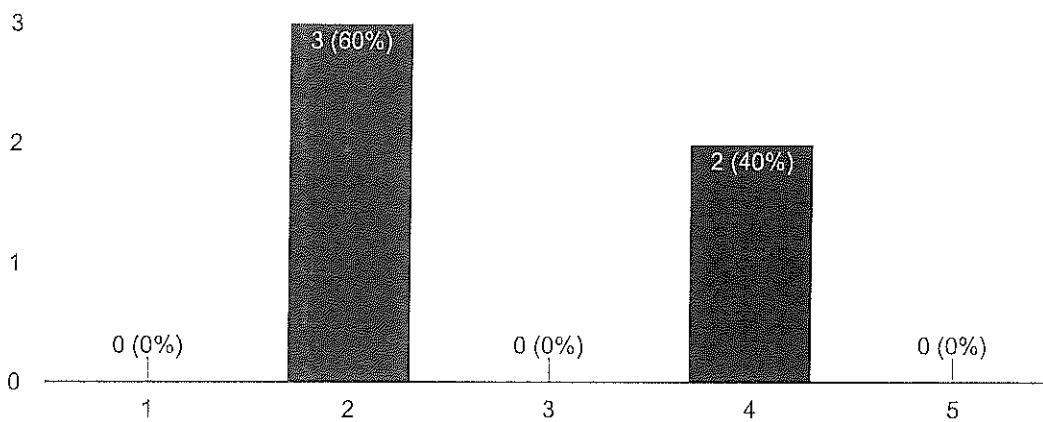
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3. There is alignment between our goals and purpose and the actions taken and/or the decisions made by the committee.

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Support for the Committee

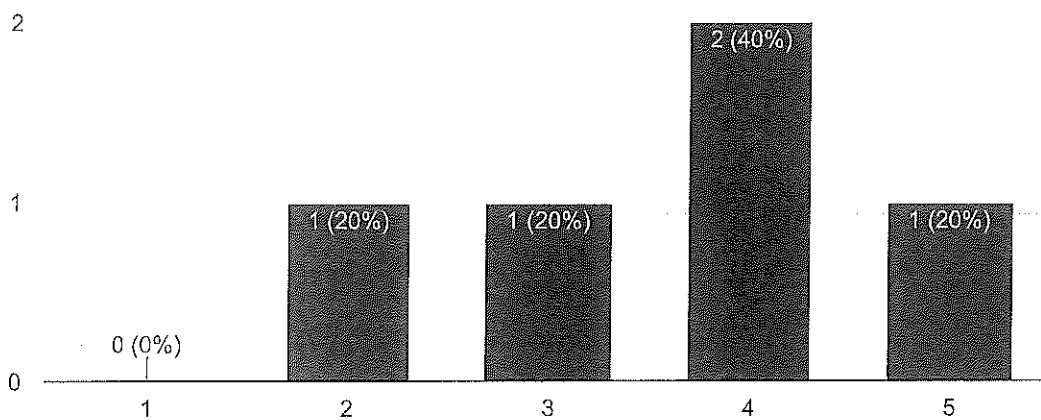
4. Our committee has adequate resources (for example, budget, people) to support its function.

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5. Our committee has the respect and support of key stakeholders within our organization.

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Time and location of meetings

6. Our meetings are held regularly and with appropriate frequency.

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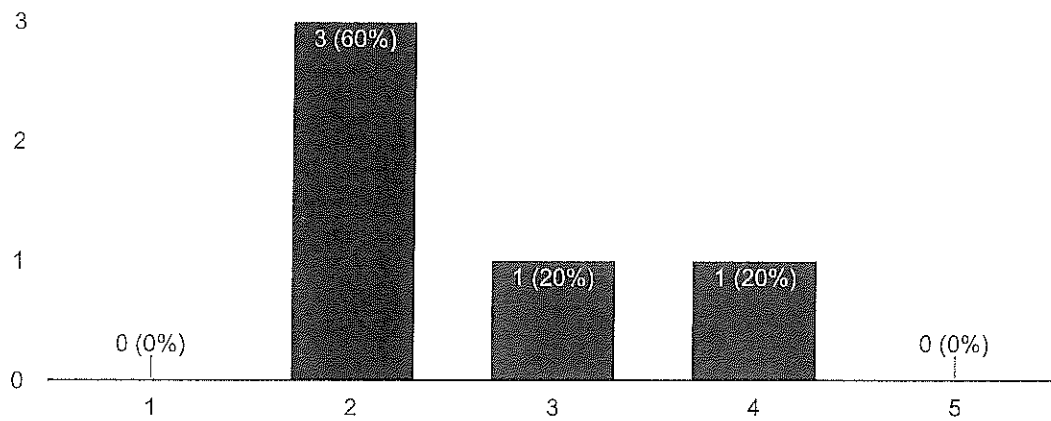
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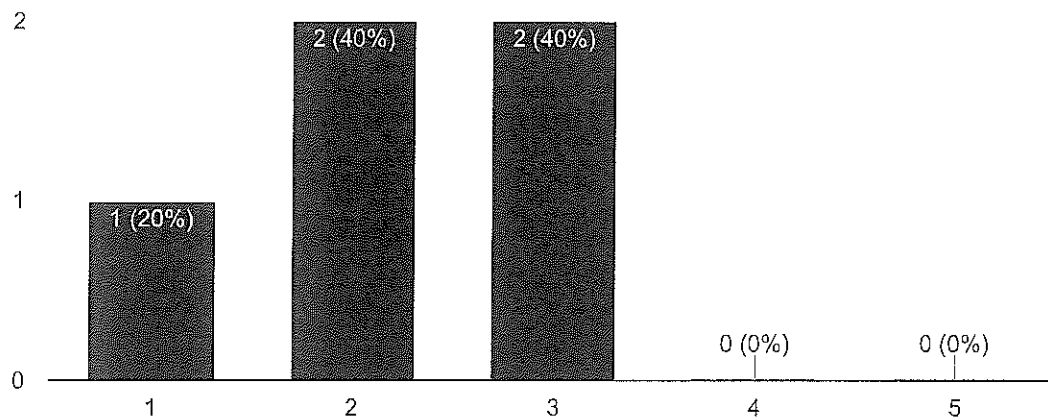
7. Our meetings begin and end as scheduled.

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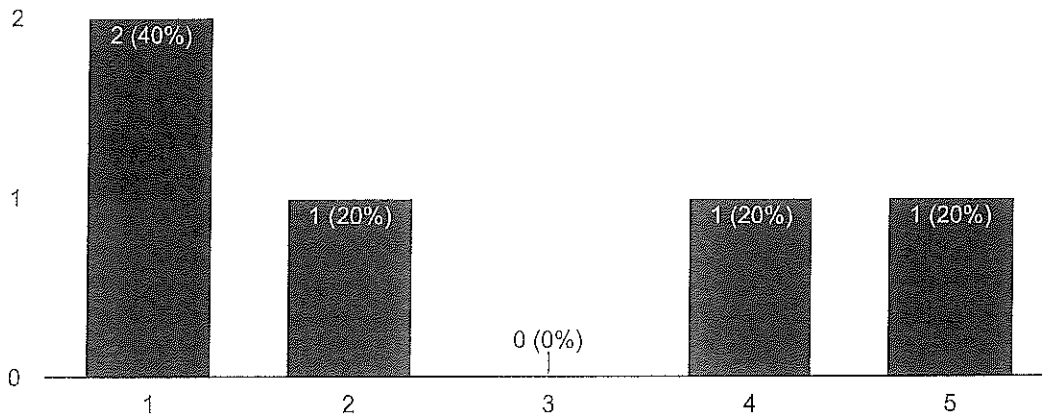
8. The length of our meetings is appropriate and respectful of the agenda.

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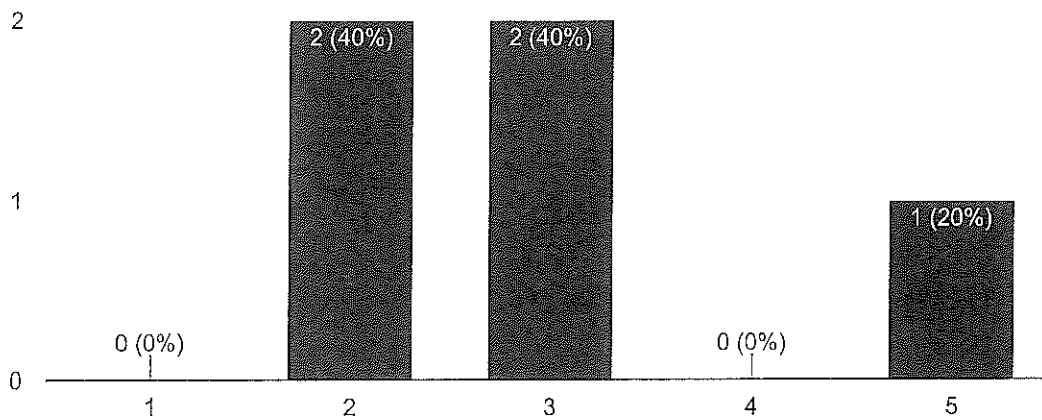
9. We receive the meeting agenda and materials in advance of the meeting to allow for appropriate review and preparation.

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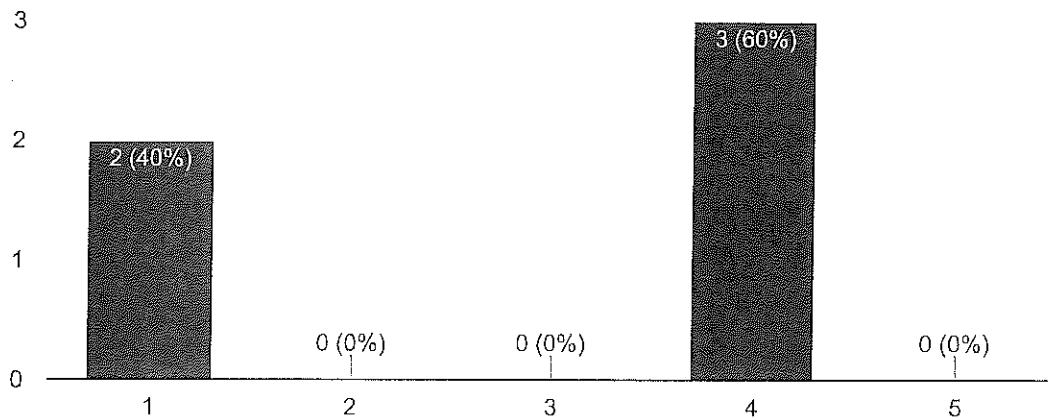
10. We consistently use our meeting time well. Issues get the time and attention proportionate to their importance.

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11. The location where our meetings are held is conducive to positive group interaction and discussion.

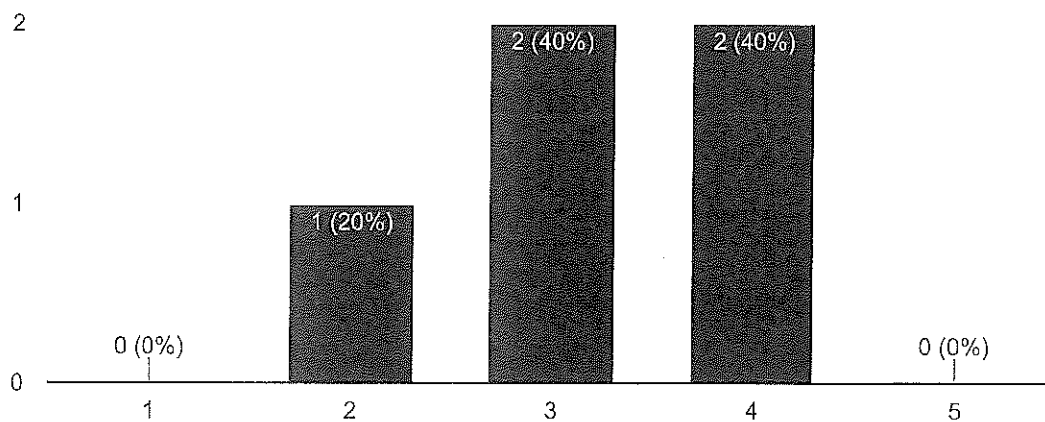
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Attendance

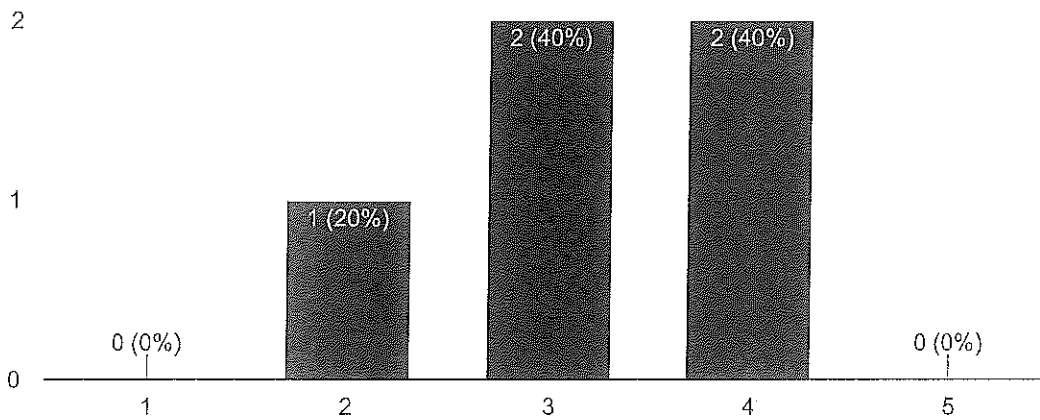
12. Attendance at our meetings is consistent and members arrive on time.

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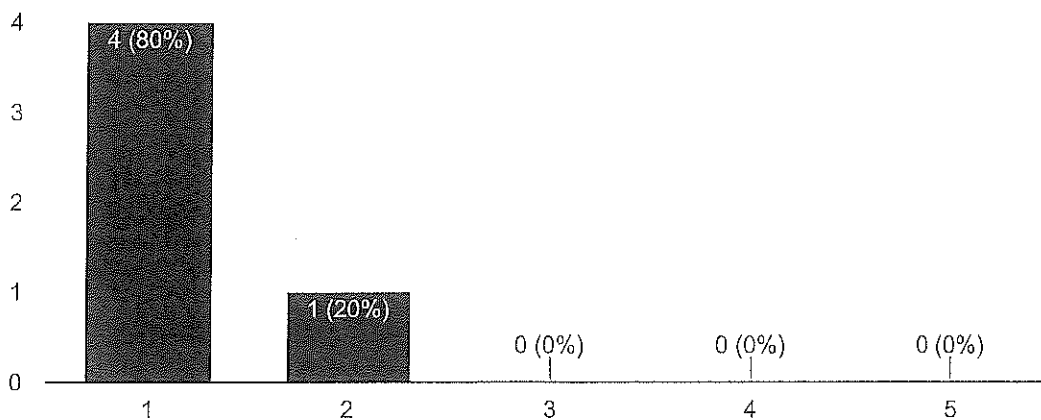
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Recording Minutes

14 The minutes of our meetings are accurate and reflect the discussion, next steps and/or action items articulated by the members.

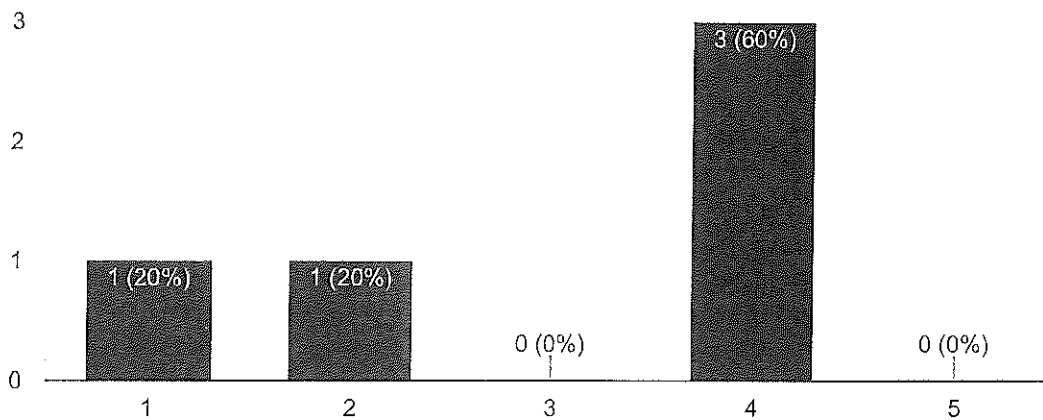
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Membership

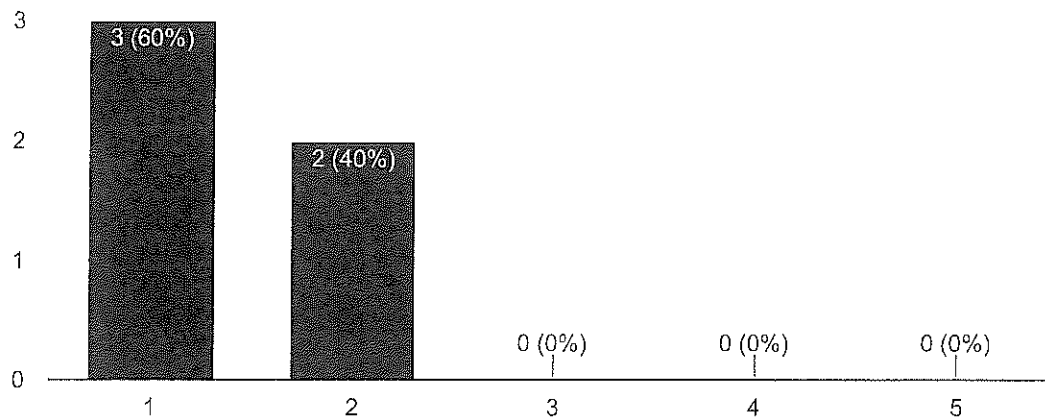
15. Our membership represents the talent and skill set required to fulfill the goals and purpose of the committee.

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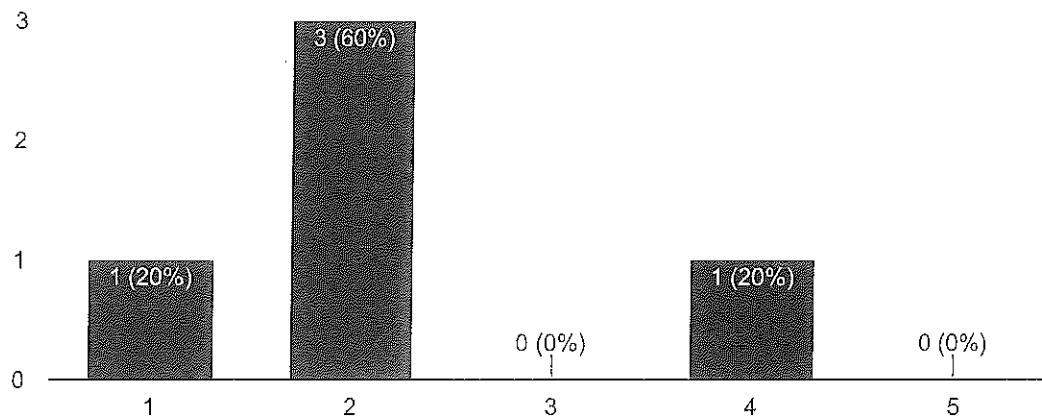
16 Our members treat each other with respect and courtesy.

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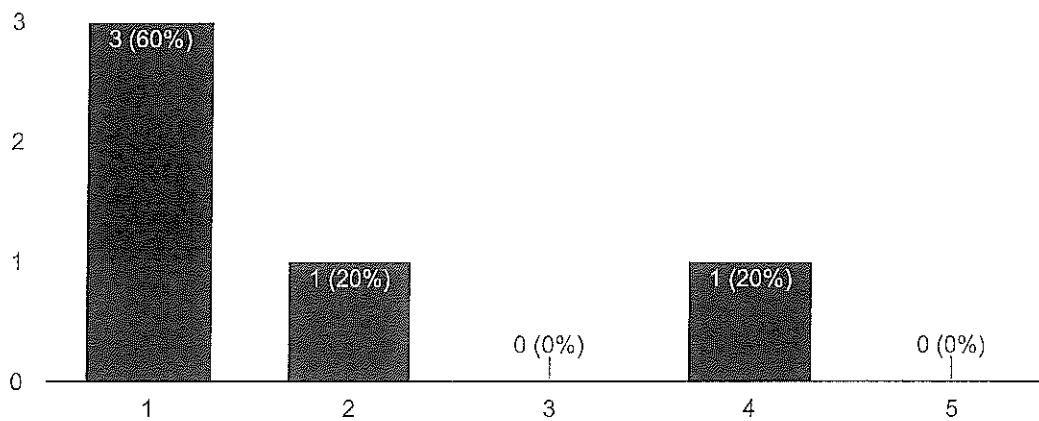
17. Our members come to meetings prepared and ready to contribute.

5 responses



18. As a general rule, when I speak I feel listened to and that my comments are valued.

5 responses



General Comments

19. What I like the most about our meetings?

5 responses

The knowledge I walk away with

Common goal of supporting our system's highest needs

members are very passionate and committed to equity issues

Opportunity to question and the staff

The wealth of knowledge and commitment in the room. The people are the driving force behind this committee. ICCAC also has a very unique and important mandate.

20. What I would like to see improve at our meetings?

5 responses

Prioritize hearing from the CSWs and more meetings in schools

Better adherence to timelines.

have a clear goal and action plan for each year

More time to question, less presentation time and direct responses

More action. I would like to see a proactive action plan driving the committee. For example one goal that we work towards every year. I'd also like to see further collaboration with our CACs.

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