



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

**Meeting Date:** 21 January 2021

A meeting of the Inner-City Community Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, January 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm. Virtual Meeting Co-Chair Trustee Michelle Aarts presiding.

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**Attendance:** Trustee Michelle Aarts, Co-Chair; Sharon B., Guest; Diane Banks, Toronto Public Library; AnnaKay Brown, Jane Finch Education Action Group; Sheila Cary-Meagher, Community Member; Rachel Chernos Lin; Trustee Ward 11; Trixie Doyle, Trustee Ward 14; Laurie Green, St. Michael's Hospital; Josette Holness, City of Toronto; Omar Khan, Parent; Dan MacLean, Trustee Ward 2; Christopher Mammoliti, Trustee Ward 4; Emmy Pantin, Parent; Robert Spencer, Parent; Crystal Stewart, Parent; Aamir Sukhera, The Neighbourhood Organization; Valerie, Guest

Also present were Stephanie Fearon, Model Schools Co-Ordinator; David Forrester, Community Support Worker LC1; Kathleen Garner, Interim Executive Superintendent, LC3; Colleen Huggins, Community Support Worker LC2; Ian MacPherson, Community Support Worker LC4; Lisa Podaras Wong, Executive Assistant, LC2 & 3; Steve Salfarlie, Community Support Worker LC3; Duane Spencer, Community Support Worker LC4

**Regrets:** David Clandfield, Community Member; Michael Kerr, Colour of Poverty Colour of Change; Cherie Mordecai Steer, Parent; Ingrid Palmer, Parent; Sejal Patel, Ryerson University

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### **Part A: Recommendations**

The Inner City Community Advisory Committee recommends that:

The Board of Trustees and the Director of Education commit to returning the Early Years supports to Model Schools, which were re-assigned to classrooms during COVID, once the state of emergency has concluded. Specifically, that the K-12 Learning Coaches, the Early Reading Coaches and the Elementary Itinerant Counsellors return to their coaching/support roles.

### **Part B: For Information Only**

Ingrid Palmer resigned as Parent Co-Chair and will remain as a Parent member.

Aarmir Sukhera, The Neighbourhood Organization, was nominated as an Organization member and confirmed as a new member.

Emmy Pantin, Parent Member, was nominated and confirmed as a new member.

Omar Khan, Parent Member, was nominated and confirmed as a new member.

Community Support Workers from the Learning Centres shared information on the [“Community Support Hub” website](#).

Stephanie Fearon, MSIC Coordinator, shared information on [“Building Critical consciousness: Support for Developing Learning Resources and Well-Being Experiences: Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression” website](#).

The Committee was asked to consider alternate names to replace the current “Parent Academy”, it was felt that the current name was not inclusive of all families.

### **Part C: Ongoing Matters**

The Communications Working Group update was deferred to an upcoming meeting.

It was requested that:

- staff attend an upcoming meeting to provide information on planning for September, addressing possible learning gaps of students and how will these gaps be addressed;
- Shameen Sandhu, System Leader for Mental Health and Professional Support Services attend an upcoming meeting to present on mental health and well-being supports for students and families;
- Toronto Foundation for Student Success be invited to provide information on what is being done to support families who are negatively impacted by the lockdown;
- Angela Nardi-Addesa, System Superintendent, Leadership Learning & School Improvement, Special Education & Inclusion present on Special Education and the work that is being done on the review of IEPs at an upcoming meeting;
- a Working Group be developed to review possible recovery strategies for after COVID was deferred to the next meeting; and
- when the various Community Consultations on Policy reviews happen, the consultation be added to the applicable ICCAC agenda.
- the work that was started last year around refocusing the work of the Committee and renaming the committee resume.

**Report Submitted by:** Kathleen Garner, Interim Executive Superintendent, Learning Centre 3