



Name of Committee: Community Use of Schools Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 8 February 2021

A meeting of the Community Use of Schools Community Advisory Committee convened on 8 February 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. via Zoom with Co-Chairs Michelle Aarts and Judy Gargaro presiding.

Attendance via Zoom: **Michelle Aarts** (Trustee), **Judy Gargaro** (Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra), **Dan MacLean** (Trustee), **Lynn Manning** (Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council), **Heather Mitchell** (Toronto Sports Council), **Patrick Rutledge** (Big League Book Club), **Susan Fletcher** (SPACE), **Alan Hrabinski** (Toronto Basketball Association), **Sara Somerset** (Jack of Sports), **Gerry Lang** (Citizens For Life Long Learning), **Graham Welsh** (Toronto Sports Social Club), **Dave McNee** (Quantum Sports and Learning Association).

Also present were TDSB Staff: **Maia Puccetti** (Executive Officer, Facilities & Planning), **Ugonma Ekeanyanwu** (Acting Facility Permitting Team Leader), **Ndaba Njobo** (Facility Permitting Coordinator), **Tina Androutsos** (Executive Assistant), **Shirley Adderley** (Manager, Facilities Issues & System Liaison), **Jonathan Grove** (Interim Senior Manager, Plant Operations).

Guests: **Elizabeth Lukie** (Hutt Piano Class), **Beje Melamed-Turkish** (North Toronto Soccer Club), **Sharon Beason** (Canadian Parents For French), **Doug Blair** (North Toronto Soccer Club).

Regrets: **Jonathan Wood** (Toronto Accessible Sports Council), **Alex Viliansky** (Felix Swim School), **Dennis Keshinro** (Belka Enrichment Centre), **Sam Glazer** (Congregation Beth Haminyan), **Narni Santos** (The Learning Enrichment Foundation), **Ralph Nigro** (TSAA).

Part A: Recommendations

None

Part B: For Information Only

Status of Community Use of School Permits

Reviewed the provincial public health and Toronto Public Health directives - all community use permits continue to be suspended, including City of Toronto programs. A communication update was sent to all permit holders, advising that permits will continue to be suspended pending direction from Toronto Public Health and the Board.

Staff presented a phased re-opening plan for community use of schools – starting with weekend permits and gradually adding weekdays, and starting with limiting the number of groups that can use the space within the day – with breaks between permits users to allow for sufficient time for the enhanced cleaning. In addition to cleaning between permit groups, there needs to be an allocation of sufficient time for caretaking staff to clean between school use and permit use and *vice versa*. Staff will seek guidance from Toronto Public Health and bring this information to the CUS Community Advisory Committee as it becomes available. TDSB staff will also review the City's Park, Forestry and Recreation safety protocols and seek information from the Ontario School Board Community Use of Schools advisory group.

Local Neighbourhood Support Program

The committee requested an update on the Local Neighbourhood Support Program (LNSP) at the next meeting, to help assess the impact of the pandemic on that program. Staff provided an update that LNSP has opened applications for March Break – subject to direction from Toronto Public Health for the resumption of group activities.

Other Safety Protocols

Committee also requested clarification regarding COVID screening and contact tracing for permit groups and whether the TDSB had thought about allowing permit groups to use the Board's online screening app? Staff confirmed that permit holders will be responsible for their own screening and contact tracing of participants, and that due to privacy the TDSB is not allowed to collect participant names.

Terms of Reference Update

The committee was updated that the final Terms of Reference were approved at the last Program and School Services Committee (PSSC) of January 13th, 2021. Committee members were asked to review the CUSCAC website and forward any suggestions for changes to the Co-chairs before the next meeting.

Deferral of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Committee was further updated that the deferral of the AGM to November 2021 (was also approved at the January 13, 2021 PSSC meeting.

Review of two Procedures

Both PR523, *Access to School Premises* (revised) and PR 731, *Virtual Consultations Procedure* (new) were sent by email to the committee one week prior to the CUSCA meeting. The procedures are going to Governance and Policy Committee meeting on February 10, 2021. Although procedures are developed by staff, with Trustee input, feedback from the various committees is valued.

Trustee Update:

- Trustee Aarts updated the Committee regarding the return to school plans for students, scheduled for February 16, 2021.
- The Committee was informed that the search for the TDSB Director has reopened. and that it is hoped that a new Director will start July 1st, 2021.
- Trustee Aarts also informed the Committee that going forward, the Chair of the Board's Governance and Policy Committee will highlight any policies or procedures of interest to Advisory Committees, and will send notices to the Committee Leads to share discussion on draft policies and procedures with their members prior to being finalized by staff. In the past it was up to staff/trustees to share draft policies/procedures; it is hoped this revised process will be a more efficient way to facilitate discussion by committees and obtain feedback.
- The committee was informed that staff have begun to plan the budget for 2021/2022, taking into account the recent budget drivers and their impact on the current financial situation.
- In response to a question from the committee, Trustee Aarts confirmed that the Ministry is allowing flexibility this year, to reallocate any unused Community Use of Schools funds to cover costs in other programmes rather than return these funds.
- Trustee Aarts also mentioned that the revised PR523, *Access to School Premises* gives Principals more authority to issue trespass of property letters to dog owners when on school property.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

Staff will continue to develop the plan to support a phased resumption of Community Use of Schools and share this with the committee.

Report Submitted by: Maia Puccetti