



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 27, 2019

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 5:35 pm in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Anthony Santelices, Interim Co-Chair
Edward Wong, Interim Co-Chair
Aleks Besan
Clark Childerhose
Jane Childerhose
Janice Douglas
Joseph Dunn
Rylan Huckabone
Attila Kovacs-Mendes
Mab Oloman
Angie Osachoff
Simrit Sandhu
Priya Singh

ABSENT: Ashini Dissanayake (Leave of Absence)
Tyler Doucet (Leave of Absence)
Maeve Downing
May Fan (Leave of Absence)
Eesir King (Leave of Absence)
David Zhang

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Jennifer Reddy, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Vancouver Public Library Staff
Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk
Tamarra Wong, Meeting Coordinator

Welcome and Roundtable Introductions

The Committee Clerk welcomed members and acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Wauthuth Nations.

The meeting began with an icebreaker roundtable with members introducing themselves.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Mab Oloman
SECONDED by Janice Douglas

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Ashini Dissanayake, Tyler Doucet, May Fan, and Eesir King for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (2019)

The Committee agreed to appoint Anthony Santelices and Edward Wong as Interim Co-Chairs until the elections for Chair and Vice-Chair can be done at a future regular meeting.

2. Committee Orientation

The Committee Clerk distributed the Guidelines for Advisory Bodies, Code of Conduct, and Terms of Reference, and answered questions in regards to meeting procedures.

3. 2019 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Angie Osachoff
SECONDED by Mab Oloman

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the 2019 meetings schedule as below:

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Room
June	27	5:30 pm	Regular	Committee Room 1
July	25	5:30 pm	Working Session	Committee Room 1
September	26	5:30 pm	Regular	Committee Room 1
October	17	5:30 pm	Working Session	Town Hall 110
November	28	5:30 pm	Regular	Committee Room 1
December	12	5:30 pm	Working Session	Committee Room 1

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Liaison Updates

Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Vancouver Public Library, Staff Liaison, provided updates on the following Summer Reading Programs:

- [Take the Teen Summer Challenge](#)
- [Play Book bingo!](#)

- [Writing & Book Camp](#)

Trustee Jennifer Reddy, School Board Liaison, provided an update on the installation of three reconciliation poles in local neighborhoods; and also provided information on the Ordinarily Residents Policy.

5. New Business

(a) Request for FOI Presentation

Committee members requested the City's Freedom of Information Manager attend a future meeting in order to provide a presentation on email privacy and information sharing.

(b) Review of Committee Documents

Anthony Santelices, Interim Co-Chair, asked Committee members to review in more detail the Advisory Bodies Guidelines, Code of Conduct, Corporate Policy, and Terms of Reference; and compile any questions and send them to the Co-Chairs, who will submit them to the City Clerk's Office for response.

Anthony Santelices, Interim Co-Chair, encouraged Committee members to review the Committee's past work via Google Docs. Mab Oloman volunteered to provide a summary of pertinent information at the next working session.

(c) Committee's Priorities

Committee members highlighted the following priorities made informally in the workshop format:

i. Housing

- The need for more outdoor green space in new developments;
- Support family preservation.

ii. Education

- Approach youth education differently by creating more accessible and age-appropriate material;
- Create progressive education with innovative tools for youth, and make them a part of the decision-making;
- Ensure the School Board is connected to Co-committee decisions, with change-agents at the community level.

iii. Youth Engagement

- Youth voices need to be represented and respected;
- Future playground designs to include children and youth in decision-making;
- Substance abuse within the youth community need greater outreach engagement;
- Start letter-writing to appropriate groups on various concerns and issues.

iv. Best Advisory Committee Practices

- Review agenda at start of meetings;
- Create agenda for working sessions, which is accessible and has user-friendly language for members;
- Questions to be forwarded to City Clerk's Office;
- Motions can be worked at working sessions and brought to regular Committee meetings;
- Information-sharing needs to be balanced, with mixer-exercises to allow Committee members to learn and grow together, along with implementing a short break during the meeting;
- Create presentation guidelines for presenters so Committee members can digest information;
- Each age group assign a representative for each item.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Joseph Dunn
SECONDED by Angie Osachoff

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Working Session:

DATE: Friday, July 26, 2019
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, City Hall

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, September 26, 2019
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:15 pm

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