



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, January 11, 2018

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFAC) was held on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 5:33 pm, in Town Hall - Room 110, Main Floor, City Hall.

- PRESENT:**
- Aaron Leung, Chair
 - Cheryl Andre
 - Leah Bae
 - Clark Childerhose
 - Jane Childerhose
 - Lena Hozaima
 - Christy Lo
 - Mab Oloman*
 - Anthony Santelices
 - Vivian Tsang*
 - Richard Wang
 - Eric Wong*
 - Joy Zhou
 - Grace Zhu
- ABSENT:**
- Nico Cullen-McKnight (Leave of Absence)
 - Janice Douglas (Leave of Absence)
 - Emma Fineblit (Leave of Absence)
 - Anna Zhang (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:**
- Councillor Reimer, Council Liaison
 - Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Staff Liaison
 - Erica Mark, Staff Liaison
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Joy Zhou
SECONDED by Leah Bae

THAT the minutes of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held on November 9, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Vivian Tsang
SECONDED by Richard Wang

THAT Nico Cullen-McKnight, Janice Douglas, Emma Fineblit and Anna Zhang be granted Leaves of Absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Introductions

The Chair welcomed new committee members and roundtable introductions followed.

2. Millennium Line Broadway Extension: City of Vancouver Principles

Ian MacPhee, Planner, Rapid Transportation Office, and Steve Brown, Manager, Rapid Transit Office, provided an update on the Broadway Extension project, and responded to questions.

3. Youth Motions

a) Election Outreach

MOVED by Cheryl Andre
SECONDED by Christy Lo

WHEREAS

1. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recognizes the voter turnout was 43.4% for the 2014 municipal general election;
2. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee understands the relevance of every citizen's vote;
3. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee acknowledges that children and youth can play an important role in encouraging the adults around them and in their family to vote.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recommend to the Vancouver School Board to advocate the importance of participation in an election so that children may relay to their parents or guardians the significance of a vote.

- B. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recommend promotion of the election process through word of mouth by members of civic agencies and City staff.
- C. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recommend that the Vancouver School Board send out reminder emails, two weeks prior to the election date, to parents or guardians of students with information on where and how to vote, as well as have teachers and staff at schools advise students a day before the election to remind their parents to vote.
- D. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee send a letter to the Vancouver School Board and Vancouver election staff stressing the impact that could be made if staff support the election process by educating students on the voting procedure as well as reminding them of key information for the upcoming 2018 election, which may include date, time and location.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Public Education Update

The Chair provided an overview of previous discussions with the Vancouver School Board and the committee discussed the renaming of Crosstown Elementary School.

MOVED by Aaron Leung

SECONDED by Lena Hozaima

WHEREAS

1. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee believes that civic assets should acknowledge the past and present cultural heritage of an area to support children and youth in their understanding of our shared history;
2. In October of 2017, staff reported back to Vancouver City Council on "Historical Discrimination Against People of Chinese Descent in Vancouver", recommending that the City issue a public apology to people of Chinese descent and adopt the recommendations of the Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People Advisory Group, including a legacy working group to provide input on naming civic assets;
3. The City of Vancouver is currently pursuing UNESCO World Heritage Site status for Vancouver's Chinatown to recognize the unique identity and history of Chinatown;
4. Sections FF and FF-R of the Vancouver School Board Policy Manual (Naming New Facilities) outlines the process for naming a new school and states that "Names selected for Vancouver schools should honour the historical and cultural/ethnic heritage - including the First Nations community, recognize outstanding individuals, be reflective of the region, or be significant to the geography of the area. Names of individuals should only be used posthumously." ;

5. Sections FFC and FFC-R -1 of the Vancouver School Board Policy Manual (Re-Naming Existing School Facilities) outlines the process for renaming an existing school and states that “the Board would consider proposals to re-name a school only in cases where the existing name is deemed to no longer be serving the needs of the school population or the community.” and “names selected for Vancouver schools should honour our historical and cultural heritage, recognize outstanding individuals, or be significant to the geography of the area.”;
6. The decision to name the new school in International Village “Crosstown Elementary” was made by an unelected Official Trustee appointed by the Provincial Government instead of Trustees elected by City of Vancouver residents;
7. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee believes that the name “Crosstown Elementary” does not align with Sections FF and FF-R of the Vancouver School Board Policy Manual (Naming School Facilities) because it does not recognize the cultural heritage of the area and broader community;
8. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee believes that it is appropriate for the Vancouver School Board to consider proposals to rename Crosstown Elementary as outlined by Section FFC of the Vancouver School Board Policy Manual.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee support renaming Crosstown Elementary to a name that adequately reflects the past, present and future community living within the school catchment area, as well as the area's past and present cultural heritage;

FURTHER THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee support the existing and ongoing process to give an additional Indigenous name to a renamed Crosstown Elementary School.

- B. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee request that the Vancouver School Board direct staff to initiate the renaming process for Crosstown Elementary as outlined by Section FFC-R-1 of the Vancouver School Board Policy Manual;

FURTHER THAT, due to the sensitive cultural context of the Crosstown Elementary catchment area, the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee request that the Vancouver School Board direct staff to consult with various community stakeholder groups and relevant civic advisory committees, on the renaming process;

AND FURTHER THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee request that the Vancouver School Board direct staff to include students currently enrolled at Crosstown Elementary School in the renaming process.

- C. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee request that Vancouver City Council encourage the Vancouver School Board to initiate the renaming process.

- D. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee write to Vancouver MLAs encouraging them to support the renaming process by writing to the Vancouver School Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **New Business**

a) **Liaison Updates**

Erica Mark provided an overview of the positive ticketing program in partnership with the Vancouver Police Department. Ms. Mark also provided updates on VanPlay, VanSplash and the RISE program.

Councillor Reimer noted that the Housing Strategy, Gender Equality Update, Rain City Strategy and the Northeast False Creek Plan will be coming to Council over the next few months. She also noted that Mayor Robertson has announced that he will not be running in the next election.

Gillian Guilmant-Smith provided an overview of the following Vancouver Public Library programs, noting that they would be great for those looking to earn community service hours.

- [Coding Buddies for Teens](#)
- [Reading Buddies for Teens](#)
- [Teen Advisory Group](#)

Ms. Guilmant-Smith also provided an overview of [ink](#), a teen journal for writing and visual art, and noted that the Spring Break program brochure will be available shortly.

b) **Town Hall - Vancouver School Board Budget**

The committee discussed organizing a Town Hall to engage with high school students prior to the Vancouver School Board approving their next budget.

MOVED by Cheryl Andre
SECONDED by Lena Hozaima

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee engage with Vancouver high school students in the form of a Town Hall to discuss the Vancouver School Board budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Mab Oloman, Vivian Tsang and Eric Wong absent for the vote)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Joy Zhou
SECONDED by Christy Lo

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mab Oloman, Vivian Tsang and Eric Wong absent for the vote)

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, April 26, 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Town Hall - Room 110
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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