



To be confirmed by the Roundtable at its next meeting.)

**ROUNDTABLE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND EDUCATION
MINUTES
MEETING 2**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, January 25, 2005 **Enquiry:** Lyn Morgan
Time: 2:00 p.m. **Committee Secretary**
Location: Committee Room 2 **416-394-5606**
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Members

<p>Present: Councillor Olivia Chow, Chair Councillor Shelley Carroll Councillor Janet Davis Councillor Pam McConnell Oliver Carroll, Chair, Toronto Catholic District School Board Kehinde Bah, Mayor’s Panel on Community Safety Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler, Toronto Youth Cabinet George Dei, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education Jane Mercer, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care Faduma Mohamed, Labour Community Services Fiona Nelson, Toronto Board of Health Kenn Richard, Native Child and Family Services Ron Rock, East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club Yves Savoie, Family Services Association of Toronto Jim Tsatsos, Child Care Advisory Committee Kim Warburton, Bell Canada</p>	<p>Also Present: Chris Bolton, on behalf of Sheila Ward, Chair, Toronto District School Board Barbara Jordan, on behalf of Marie Bountrogianni, Minister of Children and Youth Service Barney Savage, on behalf of Frances Lankin, United Way</p> <p>Absent: Maria Minna, Chair, Social Policy Committee, National Liberal Caucus and former Minister of International Co-operation Cathy Dandy, Toronto Parent Network Martha Friendly, Child Care Resources and Research Unit Annie Kidder, People for Education Marcia Lopez, CUPE 2563 Mary McConville, Toronto Catholic Children’s Aid Society Patricia Ann Mousmanis, Healthy Child Development Program Charles Pascal, Atkinson Charitable Foundation</p>
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The meeting convened at 2:15 p.m. with Councillor Chow in the Chair.

There were no declarations of interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

Confirmation of Minutes – October 21, 2004 – Confirmed.

1. Toronto Youth Strategy

Principles and Goals for the Toronto Youth Strategy.

(Working Group report presented by Councillor Shelley Carroll and Kehinde Bah, Co-Chairs of the Youth Working Group.)

- (a) Toronto Youth Strategy – Draft Principles.

Minute 2.1

Kehinde Bah, Co-Chair, Youth Working Group, gave a power point presentation providing an overview of the process followed by the Working Group in establishing the principles for a Toronto Youth Strategy.

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education:

- (1) *received the presentation regarding the Toronto Youth Strategy; and*
- (2) *concurred in the directions outlined in the presentation.*

2. Framework for Integrated Services for Children

Vision and Framework for Integrated Services for Children and its Relationship with the Future of the Toronto First Duty Projects.

(Working Group report presented by Councillor Janet Davis, Chair of the Children's Working Group.)

- (a) Minutes from the Children's Working Group:
 - (i) November 22, 2004;
 - (ii) December 14, 2004; and
 - (iii) January 13, 2005.
- (b) Vision and Framework for Integrated Services for Children.

Minute 2.2

Councillor Janet Davis, Chair, Children's Working Group, reviewed the course of action taken by the Children's Working Group in establishing a framework for the development of a system of Integrated Children's Services in the City.

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education:

- (1) *received the presentation regarding Integrated Children's Services; and*
- (2) *concurred in the directions outlined in the presentation.*

3. Toronto's Child Care System

Developing the City's Child Care System into a Universal Publicly Funded Program.

- (a) Communication (January 11, 2005) from the Community Services Committee forwarding for consideration, a report dated December 15, 2004, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services on the Impact of the Provincial Best Start Program on Toronto's Child Care System, Strategies to Restore Provincial/Municipal Cost Sharing, Service Levels and Develop the City's Child Care System into a Universal Publicly Funded Program.
- (b) Clause 18 of Report 9 of the Policy and Finance Committee, headed "Proposed Implementation of the Multilateral Framework on Early Learning and Child Care as a Strategy to Maintain and Stabilize the Child Care System", which was adopted, without amendment, by City Council on November 30, December 1 and 2, 2004.

Minute 2.3

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education received:

- (1) *the communication (January 11, 2005) from the Community Services Committee; and*
- (2) *Clause 18 of Report 9 of the Policy and Finance Committee.*

4. Cracks in the Foundation – Community Agency Survey 2003

Communication (March 10, 2004) from the City Clerk forwarding for information, Clause 6 of Report 2 of the Community Services Committee, headed "Cracks in the Foundation – Community Agency Survey 2003", which was adopted, as amended, by City Council on March 1, 2 and 3, 2004.

Minute 2.4

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education requested that Clause 6 of Report 2 of the Community Services Committee be forwarded to the Children's Working Group and the Youth Working Group for consideration in the development of the Integrated Children's Services Plan and the Toronto Youth Strategy with a recognition that community capacity is an essential element in the successful delivery of children and youth services in Toronto.

5. Status of Student Nutrition Program

Communication (June 21, 2004) from the Board of Health advising the Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education of the Board's concern of the need for a national school food program.

Minute 2.5

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education received the communication (June 21, 2004) from the Board of Health.

6. City of Toronto 2004 Budget Advisory Committee Recommended Operating Budget

Communication (May 6, 2004) from the City Clerk forwarding for consideration, motions relevant to the Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education, regarding Clause 2 of Report 3 of the Policy and Finance Committee, headed "City of Toronto 2004 Budget Advisory Committee Recommended Operating Budget", which was adopted, as amended, by City Council on April 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27 and 28, 2004.

Minute 2.6

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education requested the Chair to advise the Policy and Finance Committee that:

- (1) the Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education strongly endorses and supports the continued production of the Children's Report Card by an inter-departmental staff team;*
- (2) the Children's Report Card be produced and designed using industry accepted professional print and design standards that allow for all the significant information to be communicated in a clear, concise manner;*

- (3) *the Children's Report Card continue to be produced in a format that allows for timely reporting on children's well-being and outcomes so that it remains a meaningful tool and resource on the status of children in Toronto; and*
- (4) *the Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education develop an action plan to inform the City's budget process and to ensure that City services for children and families are responsive to the needs of the community as identified in the Children's Report Card.*

7. Food Focussed Sub-committee

Minute 2.7

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education established a sub-committee to co-ordinate Children's and Youth objectives/services with its focus on food access, food security, food preparation and nutrition; to be supported by the appropriate Public Health staff; and consisting of the following membership:

- *Chris Bolton, Trustee, Toronto District School Board;*
- *Oliver Carroll, Chair, Toronto Catholic District School Board;*
- *Councillor Shelley Carroll;*
- *Faduma Mohammed, Labour Community Services;*
- *Fiona Nelson, Board of Health; and*
- *Kenn Richard, Native Child and Family Services.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Chair