

PAC Meeting Notes
Wednesday, January 30th, 2019
8:15-9:30am

Location: The Multi-Purpose Resource Room, ELC basement at 7 Glen Morris St.

1. Introductions - Karen Venneri
2. Program updates – Karen
3. Financial Statement – Francesca
4. City of Toronto 2019 Fee Reduction Plan
5. Other Business – Open Discussion

1. Introductions

- Parents in attendance: Naomi (P3) with baby Jesse, Geoff Piersol (OISE Pres.) Francesca Dobbin, Rosalyn Figov, and Karen

2. Program Updates –

- Enrollment: Glen Morris is almost completely full. We are currently unable to move any children to the next age group as all of our rooms are full. An enrollment survey will be sent out in March to ask families what their care needs will be from May- September. If families indicate they are leaving, transitions will begin as vacancies happen.
- At OISE we currently have 8 toddlers/ 10 preschoolers.
- George Brown ECE students started their placements; we will have 5 new students at GM.
- Our partnership with the Faculty of Kinesiology will not be taking place this term due to an unexpected absence of the Faculty that runs the program. We hope to resume this program in September.
- Michelle is back doing music every Wednesday afternoon at OISE and every Friday morning at GM (alternating weeks between infant/toddlers & preschool).

3. Financial Statement (As of December 31, 2018)

- The fiscal year runs from May 1st to April 30th
- Explanation of terms in the budget statement:
 - GOF: General Operating Fund is a provincial grant given to the City of Toronto to administer. The GOF increased in 2019 by 35%. We received an advance on this increase late December, resulting in a slightly higher than anticipated surplus at Dec. 31, 2018. Plans for the increased funding will be discussed under item 4 of the agenda.
 - Student Life Subsidy is a grant – explains offset in fees between students and staff/faculty
- F&S/PP: general Services Expenses– we have added \$80K to this line for Glen Morris site playground renewal. This site is now 15 years old, there is surfacing and structures that we will replace, this work will include purchasing new equipment (reflected in equipment expenses) and resurfacing the playgrounds (in a way that deals with the growth of tree roots).

4. City of Toronto 2019 Fee Reduction Plan

- To make child care more affordable for families, the City of Toronto Children's Services (TCS) has provided funding to reduce child care fees for children from birth to age 4 (infants, toddlers, and preschoolers) for 2019.
- The ELC (Glen Morris and OISE sites), has been approved to receive additional GOF in 2019 to support a reduction to childcare fees. For families attending the ELC from January to March 2019, fees have been automatically reduced effective January 1, 2019 by the following amounts:
 - The 2018 Full Time Monthly Fees reduced \$178/month for Infants, \$104/month for Toddlers, and \$65/month for Preschool.
 - The 2018 Part Time Fees reduced \$8/day for Infants, \$5/day for Toddlers, and \$3/day for Preschool.
- The City's budget year runs from January to December, and the provincial budget year runs from April to March. The City's Child Care Fee Reduction Plan is dependant on provincial funding and **may not be available as of April 2019**. If this funding is discontinued, parents will resume paying the full cost of childcare set out by the ELC Fee Schedule effective May 1, 2018, and subsequent Fee Schedule effective May 1, 2019.
- All parents will be receiving email notification of this plan, and their fees will be adjusted from January to March 2019 as per plan.

5. Other Business – Open Discussion –

Questions:

How will you manage the back- log of four toddlers that can't move up to preschool?

Answer – Our staff will continue to provide age appropriate activities for all the children within their programs. For any family connected with this back- log we will also offer them space at our OISE site, if they are interested.

What is the process of moving a child from a part time space to full time?

Answer – Any requests to change your current childcare needs we ask for a month's notice of the requested change. If we are able to accommodate the request, we will let the family know. The alternate process is, all families receive enrollment surveys at the end of each term and are given the opportunity to let us know if they require any changes. We then look at all the request for change and our enrollment and do our best to accommodate. There are times throughout the year that unfortunately we are unable to make the changes.