

**Advisory Committee for Extended Day and Child Care
Annual Report for the Year 2018/19**

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Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
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Introduction

In December 2018, the committee received resignation from the chair and to date this position has not been filled. This report is being presented and written by staff as a representation of what was discussed during the committee meetings.

The Advisory Committee for Extended Day and Child Care (the Committee) was formed through Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) Policy in January 2014, to assist the Board of Trustees in meeting its commitment to the provision of quality programming in Extended Day and Child Care Programs.

The child care landscape has changed dramatically since the implementation of Full-Day Kindergarten and Extended Day Programs (EDP) across the OCDSB. Today there are 5,663 children enrolled in OCDSB Extended Day Programs across 63 locations. This represents approximately 13% of the elementary student population. To highlight the magnitude of this transformation in 2010, the first year of operation, 125 children were enrolled in OCDSB Extended Day Programs across four locations.

Extended Day Programs operate on a cost recovery basis. Families pay between \$22.50 and \$27.00 per child, per day, depending on how many sessions per week they require. In addition, optional days of care are offered on PA Days, March break, Winter break and summer at a cost of \$35.00 per day. In 2018-2019 the operating budget of the program is approximately \$17M. In earlier years there were small operational surpluses followed by several years of small operational deficits, however the cost recovery model has stabilized. No fee increases were required for the 2019-2020 school year to remain cost neutral.

The OCDSB uses a hybrid operational model. While 68% of locations are operated by OCDSB directly, Community Partners (Child Care Agencies) play an important role in the provision of care. Today Community Partners operate 31 programs co-located within a OCDSB school.

The OCDSB also offers Infant, Toddler and Preschool child care at two locations which are fully subscribed. A focus of this year has been supporting the development of guiding principles, strategic objectives and potential governance models, including the interrelationship with Extended Day and other programs, for this element of child care.

The Committee provides advice to the OCDSB and the Board of Trustees on all strategic and operational challenges and opportunities within this wide program area.

2018-2019 Committee Membership

Committee Member	Affiliation
Sandra Schwartz /Rob Campbell	Trustee
Olga Grigoriev	Superintendent of Instruction
Holly Grenier (Voting Member)	Chair – Parent Member (Resigned December 2018)
Derek Black (Voting Member)	Parent Member (Resigned December 2018)
Melanie Good (Voting Member)	Parent Member
Terry Warner (Voting Member)	Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
Eleanor Heap	Manager Extended Day Programs
Myriam Pepin	Community Partner (Children's Village)
Cass Inglis	Community Partner (YMCA/YWCA)
Vacant (Voting Member)	Parent Member
Vacant (Voting Member)	Parent Member
Vacant (Voting Member)	Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)
Vacant (Voting Member)	Advisory Committee on Equity (ACE)
Vacant (Voting Member)	Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Council (OCASC)
Vacant	Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation-SSP
Vacant	Child Care Council
Vacant	Community Partner
Vacant	One elementary school principal
Vacant	System Principal of Early Learning

2018- 2019 Priorities and Achievements

The Committee held three meetings over the last year – 24 October, 30 January, and 9 May. The meetings have enjoyed rich discussion and Committee members are very engaged in the work. The use of a call-in number is a best practice that has increased the ability of Committee members to participate in scheduled meetings.

During the 2018-2019 year, the Committee was consulted on:

- Strategic Plan 2019-2023
- Review of the parent survey results (Spring 2018) (Appendix A)
- EDP Fee Structure for the 2019-2020 School Year
- General operations of the OCDSB Extended Day and Child Care programs
- The call for new members was emailed directly to all EDP parents, included in School Council Newsletters, posted on the OCDSB website and twitter.
- Confirmed new members; and
- Delegations were heard from parents who expressed concern about violent incidents within the Extended Day Program and air conditioning.

Next Steps

- Continued annual consultation of the fee structure
- Provide ongoing advice to the Board on the management, delivery and implementation of the Extended Day Child Care programs;
- Review policy to provide input on extended day programming and child care to ensure successful delivery of programming for early learners; [Extended Day Program Policy](#)
- Establish a forum for stakeholders to collaborate and share experiences across related sectors; and
- Discuss improved methods for feedback from stakeholders given that attendance at meetings has been challenging