

Child Care Advisory Committee Meeting – February 4, 2026

Date:	Wednesday, February 4, 2026
Chaired by:	Connie Giordano
Minutes by:	Antonietta Meffe/Paola Collini
In Attendance:	Connie Giordano, Shawna Campbell, Marisa Vitale, Nicholas D'Urzo, Rita Brancato, Roberto De Lorenzo, Sandy Alava-Burbano, Rosemary Stiglic, Margaret Udo, Spyros Volonakis, Ev Wilson, Jillian Sewell
Regrets:	
Date of Next Meeting:	May 20 th , 2026

Agenda & Minutes

Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion Summary	Action
Prayer and Land Acknowledgement	Early Learning Program (ELP)	ELP department began the meeting with Prayer and Land Acknowledgement.	
Approval of Agenda	ELP		Agenda Approved
Approval of Minutes – October 8, 2025	ELP	The committee reviewed and approved the October 8, 2025 Minutes.	Minutes Approved
CWELCC Updates from the Field	ELP	- The deadline for CWELCC funding is December 31, 2026. Operators of new sites raise concerns should the child care centres not open by the deadline. - CWELCC allocation for I, T, P and K and SA in new Capital Projects has already been approved and accounted for with TCS.	ELP will follow up with TCS to confirm CWELCC allocations for new child care centres.
Early Development Instrument (EDI)	ELP	Overview - The Early Development Instrument (EDI) is a questionnaire completed by kindergarten educators which measures children's ability to meet age appropriate developmental expectations. - It is administered every 3 years. - SK teachers will administer EDI questionnaires February/March 2026.	ELP will inform members once EDI data becomes available.

		• Data is used for long-term planning in schools and communities. The results are population-based, not student-specific. • There are 5 domains that measure a child's ability to meet age-appropriate developmental expectations: 1. Physical 2. Health and well-being social competence 3. Emotional maturity 4. Language and cognitive development 5. Communication skills in general knowledge	
Before and After School Program Planning 2026 a) Process and Timelines	ELP	Process and Timelines • Kindergarten registration and survey process for interest in B&A Program began January 21, 2026. • Schools with programs: Operator and school principal to work together to provide information to the school community regarding the B&A program offerings, fees, hours, etc. • Parents are provided information throughout the process to contact child care operator directly for registration. • By mid-March, contact information for placed students who expressed interest in a B&A school program will be provided to operators. • Schools with no programs are also being surveyed; if the results are positive for interest in a program, ELP will invite a pre-approved operator to conduct a registration event to determine viability. • Expansions in existing schools are also considered at this time, and ELP will help to facilitate identifying Shared Space Classrooms as needed. • In June, TCDSB License agreements are finalized for September programs.	ELP will communicate with school administrators and child care operators throughout the process.

iPhone Request Process	ELP	- Currently, iPhone systems are limited to one system in a single kindergarten classroom for security and safety. - Operators expressed interest in installing additional iPhones pointing to challenges that exist in larger centres.	ELP will present additional iPhone requests with board staff.
TCDSB Inclement Weather Protocol	ELP	- Clarification sought regarding snow closures/bus cancellations. - Reference to TCDSB Inclement Weather Protocol, decision, timing and communication strategy. Board Holiday Closure: - Question regarding inclement weather strategy during Non-Instructional Days/Board Holiday Closure. - Alternatively, a permit holder can choose not to open due to inclement weather and cancel their permit for the day.	Inclement Weather Protocol Winter Weather Procedures Community Use of Schools Permits Department notifies permit holders via email if permits are cancelled, and also posts the notice on the TCDSB and Permits webpages.
Next Meeting Dates		Wednesday, May 20 th , 2026	
Adjournment		This meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.	