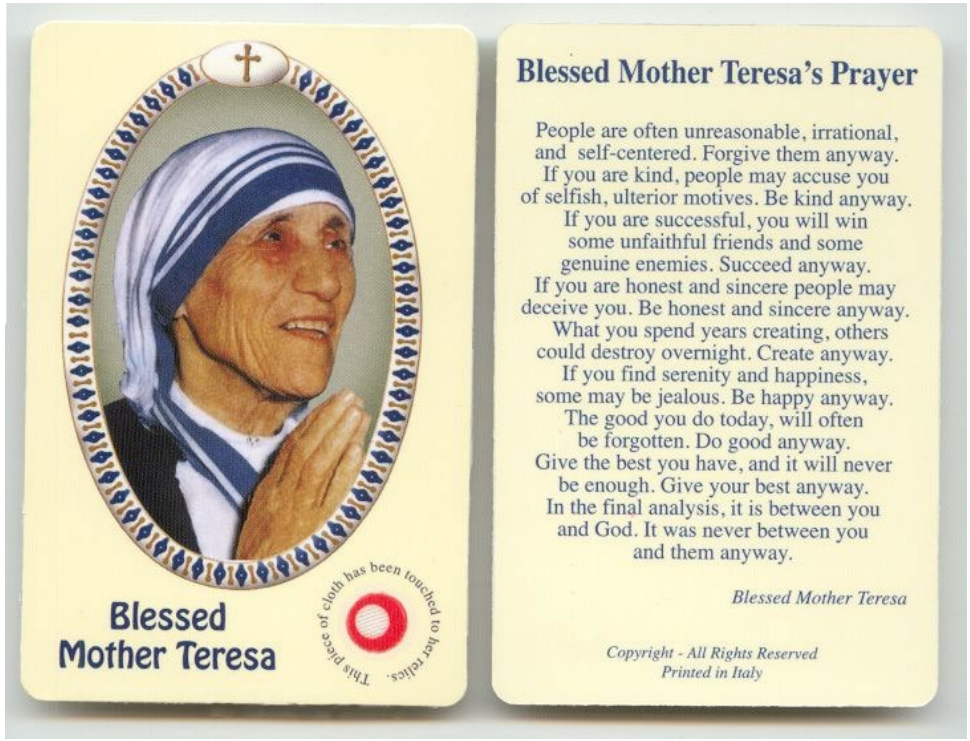
Land Acknowledgement

Out of our deep respect for Indigenous peoples in Canada, we acknowledge that all Toronto Catholic District School Board properties are situated upon traditional territories of the Anishinabek (a-ni-shna-bek), the Haudenosaunee (hoh-Dee-noh-Shoh-nee) Confederacy, and the Wendat peoples. We also acknowledge the land covered by Treaty 13 is held by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and Toronto is subject to The Dish with One Spoon covenant. We also recognize the contributions and enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples in Ontario and the rest of Canada.



Advisory Committee Meetings

Agenda and Minutes

Filipino Advisory Committee Meeting

Date:	September 16, 2025 - 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	
Chaired by:	Jodelyn (Jody) Huang, Community Relations Officer	
Minutes by:	Joelle dela Paz	
In Attendance:	Ryan Peterson (Superintendent) Lily Ann Adams (Vice Principal, Loretto Abbey) Vince Tango (Kababayan) Rizza Solis (Kababayan) Victoria Santos (Co-director of PR, FSAT at UofT) John Pasia (Principal, Precious Blood) Joelle Dela Paz (St. John Paul II) Audrey Ferrer (Mary Ward Centre) Judith Gonzales, (FCT) Jobelle de Leon (North York community House, Mental Health lead) Aileen Santiago (Equity & Community Relations, TCDSB) Chad Llanera, (Teacher, St. Barbara) Karlo Cabrera (Principal, TDSB)	
Regrets:	Gretchen Mangahas	
Guests:		
Date of Next Meeting:	February 10, 2026	
Future Dates:	• February 10, 2026 • April 14, 2026	

Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion Summary	Action
1. Land Acknowledgement and Prayer	Jodelyn Huang Victoria Santos (prayer)	The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm. Special prayer intention for Joyce Acuna San Juan who passed away last Sept 14.	
1. Welcome and Introductions	Jody	Each Committee members and Invitees were given a few minutes to introduce themselves, provide background on what they do and their contribution to the Committee.	
2. Approval of Agenda	All	The committee reviewed a copy of the agenda.	There being no additions or deletions, the agenda was approved as presented.
3. Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2025	All	The committee reviewed the Minutes of the previous meeting that took place on April 15, 2025.	Moved by and seconded by Chad and FAC The minutes were approved as presented.
4. Update from the Board	Ryan	- FAC event was so successful at Brebeuf College - MOE announced that TCDSB is one of the school boards placed under supervision. A ministry supervisor has been appointed to the board, the trustees (elected by the public) has one employee: the Director of Education. Now: trustees have been dismissed and all decisions are directed to the supervisor.	

		Advisory committee reports are delivered directly to the supervisor. - Overall: investigate things the ministry is concerned about and then provide alignment. - All committees limited to 3 meetings per year. - Smooth start to the year. - Chain of communication for parents remains the same. - Aileen: Issue resolution escalation – write to the supervisor directly? - Ryan: Office of the Director email address, managed by the Director's officer. Parents seem to go straight to the Office of the Director email address. That is what the ministry has given as a pathway. - Teacher > principal > superintendent > exec superintendent, AD Adrian Della Mora, > Director of Education - We are under supervision because of financial mismanagement.	
5. Plenary & Advisory Committee Meeting Update & Survey	Jody	Plenary advisory meetings happening 3x a year. Advisory committee survey here in order to guide our work.	
6. Update from Equity & CRO Membership Application and Renewal	Aileen and Jody	• The Equity and Literacy Department are working together to promote the use of book clubs in the secondary English Literature classroom (this is aligned with anti-racist and anti-oppressive practices because it promotes student-centred, choice, and small group learning). The books chosen include Filipino representation including Randy Ribay's After the Shot Drops for grades 9 and 10 and Reuniting with Strangers by Jennilee Austria. • Jennilee and Randy have been invited to speak to teachers and/or provide an author book talk.	Jody email out the invitation link.

		• Equity Champion names are being collected and principals have been asked to submit names by September 15. This form also asks principals to identify the student associations they have (including Filipino Student Associations). The Equity Champ memo has been released for this month. Self-registration for anyone who may want to receive it is available here. We will be meeting with the Equity Champions in late October. • We are also promoting board-wide a book written by a Filipina-American (Dr. Liza Talusan) titled "The Identity-Conscious Educator". Link here: https://www.lizatalusan.com/the-identity-conscious-educator and to find out more, read here. • Newcomer Conference (**October 15 – secondary; and 16 - elementary**) at CEC • FAC Membership Renewal **Aileen**: invitation for the event **Oct 16 @ CCAA at 6-8:30p** – Equity Action Plan Town Hall and information session. Refreshments are included. Roy would like at least 5 representatives from each committee. Registration will be emailed out. **PD activities**: - Beginning teachers (e.g. anti-Asian racism) - Summer writing project: schools sign up to participate in a PD session on equity reading clubs (2 teachers per school), each person who attends get a class set of books. - Junior level books: After the Shot Drops; senior level books: Reuniting with Strangers, Jennilee Austria	

		- Equity Champs: empower people at schools to engage in improving problems/issues at the local level; Michael Art Gallery – deeper dive into Indigenous Education. Release memos throughout the year – share books such as from Dr. Liza Talusan, ID conscious education. Meeting dates shared with Jody. **FCEN** - Research projects underway: York University – arts-based research project (show in January at the textile museum) - Research with UoFT: career pathways for male Filipinos **Karlo**: - **Trisha**(?): anti-racism literacy pedagogy - Sharing invite to TCDSB Equity Department: will share opportunities with Jody	
7. September 3 Plenary & Advisory Meeting	Jody	● September 3, 2025, Plenary & Advisory Meeting Summary *** All advisory committees will be meeting three times this year. • ~~November 11, 2025~~ • February 10, 2026 • April 14, 2026 Plenary will also meet three times. Our next plenary is tentatively set for Monday, January 5th at 6 pm • Advisory committee survey here in order to guide our work.	Jody will send out the survey link. Aileen will confirm with Roy whether Committee members can forward to others not in the TCDSB

8. Proudly Pinoy Scholarship Family Bowling Fundraising @ Markham Bowl on Saturday, March 28	Jody	- We have awarded 4 scholarships so far! - Invite your families to join and participate in this event! - Last year's cost was $50 per person (2h bowling and food); increased this year to $55.	Jody will forward a flyer to distribute to friends.
9.Outstanding Filipino Student Award	Mary Ann San Juan and Tony San Juan	Application is now open. Details: Application forms for the FCT's Outstanding Students Awards are now available at FCT, call 416-335-0485. or at https://forms.gle/wKi2stPQhwvqNmaG8. Should you have any questions, please contact Kit Garcia, FCT Office Manager, at <admin@filipinocentretoronto.org. The Deadline for submission of forms and documents is October 10, 2025, Friday. Personal interviews for Grade 8 and 12 candidates will begin on October 12, 2025, Monday via Zoom. Completed forms and requirements are to be submitted in person or mailed to The Filipino Centre Toronto, RCJ OSA Committee, c/o Tony A. San Juan, Chairman, 4395 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, ON M1S 1T9.Awarding Day is tentatively set on October 26, 2025(Sunday), 2:00 pm. at FCT.(by: Tony A. San Juan, OCT).	Jody sent to Coms and Guidance
10.Update from Community	FSAT Kababayan Mary Ward Center	**Victoria**: - Last year's initiative: high schools in TCDSB and TDSB were visited; presented on how to apply to university and provide a student's perspective of uni life. Also provided campus tours at UofT. - Project Tayo (Teen and Youth Outreach): 1 to 1 mentorship for new uni students; want to expand to UTM, UTSC and TMU	**Jody** will forward Victoria's contact to Jobelle re: mentorship.

	Pueblo Science PTAC	- Jody has shared the initiative with some teachers, but no one has connected with Victoria yet - Meeting with Kababayan Centre in 1-2 weeks https://projecttayo.carrd.co/ https://www.fsat.ca/ **Vince** - is there a mentorship pathway for newcomers? - Victoria: for now we are focusing the mentorship program on high school students - 48th general meeting this Saturday: hybrid event (virtually) at the Bathurst=Finch hub to share the **Jobelle** - In Marshall McLuhan; will connect with Victoria later. **Lily Ann** and **John** are waiting for Principal's meeting this week, so no updates as of yet. **Chad** and **Joelle** got permanent positions this year! Joelle to connect with Marylou David re: FSA at SJPII **Audrey** gearing up for prevention of human trafficking awareness considering the upcoming FIFA event. Looking for support to people who have been exploited at the Consulate level. Will be presenting on this at the newcomer conference. Launching a **forum theatre production** highlighting labour exploitation that happens. A lot of farmers from Philippines have been exploited this way. Interactive theatre to dialogue about social justice issues.	**Jody** to share the flyer for the general meeting with committee. **Judith**: to email links and information for Award and event. **Jody** to look into the budget for FHM this year.

		First week of October Tickets are $10 students, $15 adults. Daniel Spectrum Building https://www.cnee.ca/harvest-justice/ **Judith** (FCT) - Accepting nominations for outstanding Filipino award - Need youth volunteers for the event. - Anti-bullying initiative **Audrey**: Booking keynotes for Filipino Heritage Month: Has the budget been cut to prevent in-person events this year? - **Jody**: have to be very mindful about where we allocate the funds; have not received the budget for FHM yet	
•	Jody Huang	Think about a project you wish for FAC to implement this year. Any ideas that FAC should put forward. Will have subcommittees for each initiative.	
• Adjournment	All	The meeting was adjourned at 5:34PM	Approved by all