



**Name of Committee:** Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** February 1, 2021

A meeting of the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee convened on February 1, 2021 from 7:10p.m. to 9:10 p.m. in a virtual meeting with Co-Chair Alexis Dawson and Trustee Chris Moise presiding

<b>Present:</b>	Alexis Dawson, Co-Chair, (Community Trustee), Trustee Chris Moise (Trustee Co-Chair), Sharon Beason (Parent/ FSLAC Rep), Tina Beason (Student Rep), Sophia Ruddock (Parent Rep), M. Blacksmith Ben-Moodie (Police), Lisa-Marie Williams (Law Society of Ontario), Cherie Mordecai-Steer (Social Service/CAS), Trustee Christopher Mammoliti, Trustee David Smith, Grace-Camille Munroe, Ph.D. (Lifelong Leadership Institute), Dennis Keshinro (EPAC Rep)  Staff Lead: Executive Superintendent Curtis Ennis, Superintendent Jacqueline Spence Administrative Support: Oyin Orekoya
<b>Staff:</b>	Rosalie Griffith, Thando Hyman, Randy Samuel, Deborah Castello, Kowthar Omar, Valarie Taitt, Khadra Hussein, Jemaine Wallace, Petal Farquharson, Karen Murray, Dexter Morris, Jamaal Fyffe, Jamea Zuberi, Saraya Elwin, Karen Johnson, Ahmed Omar, Jeff Caton, Darlene Jones, L Campbell, Patricia London Smith, Claudine Tyrell
<b>Guests:</b>	
<b>Observers</b>	Osagyefo McGregor, Mohammed Ahmed (Success Beyond Limits), Trustee Shelley Laskin, Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin, Trustee Dan MacLean, Valarie Taitt, Kidian Gifford,
<b>Regrets:</b>	Mikhail Burke (University of Toronto), Yolande Davidson

#### Part A: Recommendations

NIL

#### Part B: For Information Only

Two ad-hoc committees were struck. One to review the BSACAC Terms of Reference and provide recommendations to BSACAC. The second committee will research the new requirement for the health

curriculum evaluations by the Ontario Ministry of Education that involves assigning a grade to social and emotional learning. They will propose recommendations that can be presented to the board and possibly the Ministry of Education.

BSACAC Committee decided:

Whereas, the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee (BSACAC) Terms of Reference allow 2 student representatives to be on the committee; and

Whereas, the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee received three student membership applications for the two-year membership term beginning March 2021; and

Whereas, student voice is integral to the work of the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee and the Toronto District School Board;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the BSACAC Terms of Reference be amended to allow three student members to participate on the committee.
- (b) That the BSACAC accept the applications of the three students who self-nominated for the current 2-year term.

The names of the 3 student representatives are: Zaneta Wilkinson Gr. 12 (AY Jackson), Nissi Alan-Shitu-Gr. 11(AY Jackson), Dwayne Clarke Gr. 12 (Thistleton Collegiate).

A call for new members will be going out to fill the positions of members whose terms have ended on the committee. The seven open seats are:

- Corrections
- Social Services/CAS
- Communications/Media
- Black/African History
- Police
- Health/mental health
- Community

Staff update to BSACAC included

- African Heritage Month launch presentation and some of the activities planned for the month of February.
- The plan for switching students between in-person and remote learning this February.
- Ongoing work with the Centre of Excellence for Black Students Success and highlights of the report on Black Students Success and Excellence Initiative shared at the January 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

### **Part C: Ongoing Matters**

NIL