



Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: November 5, 2018

A meeting of the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee convened on November 5, 2018 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in Committee Room A at 5050 Yonge Street with Co-Chairs Yolande Davidson and Trustee Tiffany Ford presiding

Attendance: Yolande Davidson (Co-Chair), Trustee Tiffany Ford (Co-Chair), Sharon Beason, Tina Beason, Trustees Sheila Cary-Meagher and Chris Moise, Cherie Mordecai-Steer, Samantha Peters, Sophia Ruddock, Warren Salmon.

Yvette Blackburn, Trustee Alexis Dawson, Maxine Francis, Amita Handa, Kurt Lewin, Malik McGregor, Anthony Morgan, Cecil Peters, Kevin Sutton

The following participated by electronic means: Sophia Ruddock

Regrets: Rosalie Griffith

Part A: Recommendations

Cherie Mordecai-Steer recommended that a report be presented to the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee by December 6, 2018 on the Board's staff committee, the Anti-Racism Directorate Working Group, including:

- i) the names of the members,
- ii) the rationale as to why the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee has not been afforded a seat at the table,
- iii) a summary of the work to-date on the Board's learning centres, including best practices, curriculum connection, teachability, modules, relevance and exploration that have occurred across the Africentric school so far, that can be applied to others across the Board.

Seconded by Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher, no objections - Carried.

Part B: For Information Only

Partnerships	<p>Concerns were raised by the BSAAC Committee members re the back-log in partnership approvals/notifications on proposal submissions.</p> <p>A process is outlined on the Board's website for partnerships agreements. All applicants are informed by email within a semester, as to whether or not their application has been approved. Proposals are at times redirected to other departments as they are not necessarily partnerships agreements that they are seeking or they fall within a specific department, i.e. Continuing Education etc. As of the end of October, 2018, 2313 proposals received; there are 1691 partnerships; 2118 programs; 490 have been accepted; 953 have closed out; and 764 have been redirected to other departments; 53 proposals with a black focus has been received and 21 have been finalized/ approved.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about Principals' discretion and who is allowed to be at a school without a partnership, i.e. Storyteller.</p>
Caring & Safe Schools Protocol	<p>The protocol is currently under review. A staff member from the Caring and Safe Schools office will be attending the next meeting to provide an update.</p>
Black Student Strategy Update	<p>Executive Superintendent Karen Falconer spoke in response to a request to send three representatives to the Anti-Racism Directorate (ARD) committee. The ARD project is a staff working group comprised of Principals, Vice-Principals and Teachers in the schools involved. It is a funded project to support Black Student achievement specifically regarding early years, transitions and pathways. A staff member from the working group may be invited to attend a community advisory committee meeting to provide an update however; a representative member of the Black Student Achievement Advisory Committee would not be included in the working group.</p> <p>Questions arose asking why this decision was made. Concerns were raised around who can decide this and what follow-up action was required including expressions of frustration and strong</p>

disagreement with the outcome.

Cherie Mordecai-Steer motioned that a written report be provided to the committee with the following information:

- a list of names of the steering committee members;
- the rationale as to why BSAAC has not been afforded a seat at the table; and
- a summary of the work to-date in the learning centres including best practices, curriculum connections, teacher ability, modules, relevance and explorations that have occurred across the Africentric schools so far that can be applied to others across the Board. This information to be shared with the BSAAC committee members the Thursday prior to the next meeting. Seconded by Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher, no objections - Carried.

Elections

Elections will be held this year. An expression of interest form will be sent out to all committee members and organizations. The spots that will be vacant on the committee are: one Co-Chair, ten organizations, two parents/ guardians and two students.

Other Business

Motion – a motion was presented at the November 1st Program and School Services Committee by Trustee Dawson re black student suspensions and expulsions. Trustee Dawson is seeking the support from the Black Student Achievement Advisory Committee re the motion. Co-Chair Yolande Davidson will submit on behalf of the committee a notice of support for the motion.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

Report Submitted by: Executive Superintendent Karen Falconer

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