



## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Black Student Achievement Advisory Committee (BSAAC)

Date: Monday, October 2, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Trustee Co-Chair Tiffany Ford, Community Co-Chair Yolande Davidson, Trustee David Smith, Zanana Akande, Liben Gebremikael, Thamara Mendez, Warren Salmon, Dalia Bateman

TDSB: Jeewan Chanicka, Ronell Matthews, Yvette Blackburn, Kurt Lewin, Jamea Zuberi, Randy Samuel, Amita Handa, Deborah Castello, Michelle Munroe

Regrets: Trustee Chris Moise, Carl James, Margaret Parsons, Rosalie Griffith, Antoine Derose, Jermaine Wallace, Sharon Beason, Dennis Keshinro, Jean Enoch, Brandon Hay, Ahmed Hussein, Bradley Morris, Julian Falconer, Destinee Brooks, Tinuola Akinwande, Ken Jeffers, Dalton Pollus, Sean Paul Salmon, Sandy Thomas, Kevin Sutton, Sophia Ruddock

Recorder: Daniel Conforti

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION
Call to Order/Confirmation of Quorum	Community Co-Chair Yolande Davidson opened the meeting without quorum. Proceed with discussion items.	
Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved.	
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the 2017-09-18 meeting were approved.	
Declarations of possible conflicts of interests	Yolande Davidson: Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) is a partner with the Safe Schools Program.	



<p>Reporting Back</p>	<p><b>Draft Equity Policy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently in the process of amalgamating the feedback within the draft policy</li> <li>• They do not share with any one group until the draft is shared with the Governance and Policy Review Committee where delegations are invited.</li> </ul> <p><b>Feedback and Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will the draft equity policy be brought forward to PSSC with a formal presentation?</li> <li>• How can we create a sub-group to push concrete actions to improve black student achievement in a more timely fashion? Questioning the Board's sincerity</li> <li>• Consider an action plan to be developed for black student achievement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation that BSAAC receive an in depth update on the draft equity policy by the Executive Superintendent of Equity, Engagement and Well-Being</li> <li>• Request for the Director to provide feedback surrounding the hiring of equity positions</li> <li>• Request for the Executive Superintendent of Equity and Engagement as well as the Senior Manager of Equity and Inclusive System Culture to attend the BSAAC meeting on November 6, 2017</li> </ul>
<p>Presentation: Rites of Passage</p>	<p>Presentation on Rites of Passage from Siphon Kwaku, Director, Workforce Development, Newcomer Services &amp; Workforce Development at WoodGreen Community Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program currently in its 10<sup>th</sup> year</li> <li>• Partnership with Catholic Children's Aid</li> <li>• Looking to expand to TDSB schools in the east end</li> <li>• 20-25 students per school</li> <li>• Currently in the last cohort of the first round. February 2018 will contain results/data of the program</li> <li>• If we fundamentally believe that our children require a different approach of learning, we need to find the funding to support.</li> <li>• WoodGreen have applied to a new coalition for the Ontario Black Youth Action Plan to seek funding and are waiting on a response.</li> </ul>	



	<p><b>Ask:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeking additional funding to run a secondary school program</li> <li>• Consider schools integrating Rites of Passage through an after-school program</li> </ul> <p><b>Follow-Up:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request made to review additional information from Rites of Passage at the next BSAAC meeting on November 6, 2017.</li> </ul>	
BSAAC Membership and Terms of Reference	Deferred to a future meeting.	
Other Business	Invite student trustees to future BSAAC meeting(s)	
Next Meeting Date	Monday, 6 November 2017 – 5050 Yonge St., Committee Room A	
Adjournment		

