



### COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Black Student Achievement Advisory Committee (BSAAC)

Date: Monday, November 6, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Trustee Co-Chair Tiffany Ford, Community Co-Chair Yolande Davidson, Trustee Chris Moise, Liben Gebremikael, Warren Salmon, Dalia Bateman, Sophia Ruddock, Mohamed Ahmed, Margaret Parsons, Sharon Beason, Neil Donaldson



TDSB: Jeewan Chanicka, Ronell Matthews, Rosalie Griffith, Yvette Blackburn, Kurt Lewin, Jamea Zuberi, Randy Samuel, Deborah Castello, Michelle Munroe, Ted Libera, Jim Spyropoulos, Ken Jeffers, John Malloy

Regrets: Trustee David Smith, Carl James, Antoine Derosé, Jermaine Wallace, 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, Thamara Mendez, Zanana Akande

Recorder: Daniel Conforti

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION
Call to Order/Confirmation of Quorum	Meeting called to order.	
Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved with the removal of item #5.	
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the 2017-10-02 meeting were approved with the correction of Sophia Ruddock as present.	
Declarations of possible conflicts of interests	Yolande Davidson: Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) is a partner with the Safe Schools Program.	



<p>Presentation: Black Youth Action Plan</p>	<p>The speakers were not able to attend. Presentation cancelled.</p>	
<p>Presentation: End Dress Codes Collective</p>	<p>The speakers were not able to attend. Presentation cancelled.</p>	
<p>For Information: a) Engaging Parents of African Descent b) City of Toronto's ABR Initiative</p>	<p><b>a) Engaging parents of African descent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stemmed from the Opportunity Gap Action Plan (OGAP) report.</li> <li>• The parent and community engagement office applied for a small grant to implement a project to hear from families. This research was completed over a 3 month period. The following document was presented to BSAAC:</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Summary of Findings of Dialogues Slide De:</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving forward, consider inviting the research department to conduct a larger review. Waiting on the parent census to be completed in order to view the data findings.</li> <li>• Once the full report is completed, it will be shared with the BSAAC.</li> <li>• How do we learn to better engage families of black students? Consider community partnerships tied with the TDSB through a recommendation of the Enhancing Equity Task Force (Institute for Black Excellence)</li> </ul> <p><b>b) City of Toronto's ABR Initiative</b> is attached for information only to BSAAC:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>ABR List of Recommendations - E</p> </div>	<p>Consideration made to recognize the work done by the Parent and Community Engagement Office and to provide a statement of support from BSAAC.</p>



Reporting Back	<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 (GPC) where delegations are invited. Date to be confirmed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions:</b>  Q: Why can't the BSAAC see the draft now?  A: As per the policy department, GPC is open to the public for any who would like to attend (deputations allowed). This would be an equitable process for all groups would like to review/provide feedback.  (Staff take direction from the board)</p> <p>Q: What credentials do the writers have?  A: Parents, community members, agencies, students who represent different areas of equity. Some as far back as 1999.</p> <p>The Director mentioned that all CACs are invited to GPC and he will be there to assist in working with staff should further review/updates be requested.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation made to consider allowing Community Advisory Committees (CACs) to review the draft equity policy before GPC in 2018. Senior staff to discuss this consideration. The timeline is approximately March/April 2018.</li> <li>• The Executive Superintendent of Equity and Engagement to share an organizational chart for equity with BSAAC after it is shared at a future board meeting.</li> </ul>
Other Business		
Next Meeting Date	Monday, 8 January 2018 – 5050 Yonge St., Committee Room A	
Adjournment		

