



### COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: Black Student Achievement Advisory Committee (BSAAC)

Date: Monday, May 7, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Trustee Co-Chair Tiffany Ford, Community Co-Chair Yolande Davidson, Trustee Smith, Trustee Cary-Meagher, Trustee Chris Moise, Sophia Ruddock, Sharon Beason, Margaret Parsons, Mohamed Ahmed, Kevin Klayman, Dennis Keshinro, Neil Donaldson

TDSB: Jeewan Chanicka, Jamea Zuberi, Ronell Matthews, Rosalie Griffith, Yvette Blackburn

Regrets: David Mitchell, Dahlia Bateman, Liben Gebremikael, Carl James, Antoine Derosé, Sandy Thomas, Thamara Mendez, Michelle Munroe, Deborah Castello, Randy Samuel, Zanana Akande, Warren Salmon, Kurt Lewin

Recorder: Daniel Conforti

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION
Call to Order/Confirmation of Quorum	Meeting called to order.	
Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved.	
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the 2018-04-09 meeting were approved.	
Declarations of possible conflicts of interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yolande Davidson: Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) is a partner with the Safe Schools Program</li> <li>• Y. Blackburn stated that ONABSE needs to declare a conflict of interest (COI) – W. Salmon not present at the time.</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion ensued with Trustee Cary-Meagher about the purpose of COI and that it is only necessary to declare it if there is a risk of issue/conflict</li> <li>• Trustee Smith indicated that it's the preference for members to declare a COI as an acknowledgment of affiliation with an organization or issue that may place them in conflict, not only to declare in cases where an action has taken place that places the member in conflict</li> </ul>	
Check-In:	<p><b>2018 African Diaspora Youth Conference at the University of Windsor (K. Lewin &amp; R. Griffith):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regarding the Windsor Conference, 10 schools attending, 6 directly because of the letter sent from the committee/co-chairs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Acknowledgements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y. Blackburn acknowledgment of Trustee Moise's heroic actions during the Yonge Street van tragedy</li> <li>• Acknowledgment of Dahlia Bateman's recognition by the 100 Accomplished Black Canadian (ABC) Women Awards</li> <li>• Acknowledgment that the Equity Policy has passed</li> <li>• Acknowledgement of the Parents as Partners Conference - M. Munroe delivered an excellent workshop. Need to value the expertise within TDSB of staff who can contribute</li> </ul>	
<b>Standing Item:</b> BSAAC Recommendations List – Updates and Prioritizing	<p>BSAAC Recommendations - Follow Ups for Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation 6 has been dealt with/completed</li> <li>• Recommendation 7 - Waiting for data on number of students in Section programs and identification, and number of students in behavioural programs by grade level</li> <li>• Recommendations 8 - 10 need feedback:</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ #8 - rewrite of Equity Policy</li> <li>➤ #9 - religious accommodation</li> <li>➤ #10 - endorsement by committee re: trustee motion moved in 2016 regarding addressing systemic racism and curriculum review.</li> <li>• R. Griffith to draft motion regarding staffing of schools and systemic/structural HR issues.</li> <li>• BSAAC staff lead shared with committee that the Ontario Anti-Racism Directorate (ARD) has provided funding to the TDSB for anti-racism initiatives.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Members asked about the budget allocation; Jeewan did not have that information and will provide it</li> <li>➤ Members also asked for details on the particular issues/initiatives that the funding is to address</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Standing Item:</b> Strategy for Black Student Achievement and Excellence	Ongoing work.	
Next Meeting Date	Monday 4 June 2018 – 5050 Yonge St, Cafeteria	
Adjournment		

