



## Community Advisory Committees

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

**Meeting Date:** 05, November, 2018

A meeting of the Black Student Achievement 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

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**Present:** 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 (on the phone), Warren Salmon

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

**Regrets:** Rosalie Griffith


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ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION / MOTION
Call to Order / Quorum	Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.	
Approval of Agenda	Agenda was approved.	

Approval of the Minutes	Minutes were approved from the October 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting.	
Declaration of possible conflicts of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yolande Davidson: Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) is a partner with the Safe Schools Program.</li> </ul>	
Standing Items:	<p><b>Partnerships</b> – Executive Superintendent Uton Robinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A video was viewed. The criteria is transparent and is open to everyone online;</li> <li>• Concern was raised with regards to the back-log in partnership approvals/ notifications on proposal submissions. The process to review the applications take time, but it is about a semester turnaround time;</li> <li>• Some of the proposals are redirected to other departments as they do not fall within a partnership office and/or waiting for additional information to review the proposal;</li> <li>• As of end of October, 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;</li> <li>• There are other partnerships within the Board (i.e. Continuing Education Dept has partnerships with YAACE, Success Beyond Limits, Jamaican Community and many others through Focus on Youth Toronto (FOYT), etc.;</li> <li>• No motions is required to hear about Partnerships that support BSAAC however, it was recommended that motions be done;</li> <li>• Concern was raised about a storyteller and the principal’s discretion as to who comes in or if it goes through the partnership office, not equitable;</li> <li>• Partnership opportunities are to enhance student success through programming during the school day</li> </ul>	<p>Karen and Uton to bring to the next meeting or January a listing of what organizations we are serving and if there is funding attached to it.</p>

	<p>and/or before/after school.</p> <p><b>Caring &amp; Safe Schools Protocol</b> – Karen Falconer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Caring &amp; Safe Schools Protocol is currently being revised. Someone from the Caring &amp; Safe Schools will provide and update at the December meeting;</li> </ul> <p><b>Black Student Strategy Update</b> – Karen Falconer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen spoke in response to a request to send 3 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;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• 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 disagreement with the outcome.</li> </ul>	<p>Caring &amp; Safe Schools update on the protocol to be provided at the December meeting.</p> <p>Cherie Mordecai-Steer motioned that a report be presented to the Black Student Achievement Advisory Committee by December 6 on the Board’s staff committee, the Anti-Racism Directorate Working Group, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the names of the members,</li> <li>- the rationale as to why the Black Student Achievement Advisory Committee has not been afforded a seat at the table,</li> <li>- a summary of the work to-date in the Board’s learning centres, including best practices, curriculum</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Elections &amp; Memberships</b> – Michelle Munroe:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As per the Terms &amp; Conditions, elections are to be done every two years, with elections to be completed this November;</li> <li>• There have been 3 requests for memberships this year (Anthony Morgan, Tina Beason and Samantha Peters);</li> <li>• The expression of interest form was revised at the meeting. All committee members will receive a copy of the revised application form and are encouraged to share the form with organizations;</li> <li>• The vacant spots on the committee are: 1 Co-Chair, 10 organizations, 2 parents/ guardians and 2 students;</li> <li>• A committee will need to be comprised to review all expression of interest forms with Karen. Proposal was that Michelle Munroe sits with the committee to review forms.</li> </ul>	<p>Members to review the Expression of Interest forms with Karen will be: Cherie Mordecai-Steer, Zanana Akande, Anthony Morgan &amp; Yvette Blackburn.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yolande will not be available to attend the next meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Someone will be needed to chair that meeting. Discussion ensued and Trustee Tiffany Ford agreed to return and chair that meeting – all were in favour;</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 30<sup>th</sup> will be the last day for the current Trustees. On behalf of the BSAAC committee, Trustees' Tiffany Ford, Sheila Cary-Meagher and Alexis Dawson were thanked for their support, understanding and being our voices at the Board.</li> <li>• A motion presented at the November 1<sup>st</sup> Program &amp; School Services Committee (PSSC) by Trustee Alexis Dawson re black students suspensions and expulsions. The motion will be proceeding to the Board meeting. Everyone received a copy of the motion; Trustee Dawson is seeking the support from the BSAAC committee on the motion. Discussion ensued. Co-Chair Yolande will be submitting an official endorsement of the motion in written form to the November 28, 2018 Board meeting on behalf of the BSAAC committee.</li> </ul>	 <p>Motion presented.pdf</p>
Next Meeting Date	Monday, December 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. 5050 Yonge Street – Committee Room A	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.	