



## Community Advisory Committees

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

**Meeting Date:** 10, December, 2018

A meeting of the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee convened on December 10, 2018 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Committee Room A at 5050 Yonge Street with Co-Chair Tiffany Ford presiding

<b>Present:</b>	Tiffany Ford (Co-Chair), Trustees Chris Moise and David Smith, Mohamed Ahmed, Zanana Akande, Sharon Beason, Tina Beason, Rhonelle Bruder, Julian Campbell, Alexis Dawson, Alannah Johnson, Cherie Mordecai-Steer, Samantha Peters, Sophia Ruddock, Warren Salmon
<b>Staff:</b>	Yvette Blackburn, Rosalie Griffith, Amita Handa, Kurt Lewin, Ronell Matthews, Cecil Peters, Denyse Stewart, Kevin Sutton, Jamea Zuberi
<b>Guests:</b>	Sheila Cary-Meagher
<b>Regrets:</b>	Yolande Davidson (Co-Chair), Ruth Davis, Anthony Morgan, Robert Small

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION / MOTION
Call to Order / Quorum	Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.	

Approval of Agenda	<p>Changes to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on SEPA to be deferred to the February meeting – Jeewan Chanicka is away ill;</li> <li>• Black Student Strategy Update – Karen Falconer to include Colleen Russell-Rawlins</li> </ul> <p>Agenda was approved.</p>	
Approval of the Minutes	Minutes were approved from the November 5 <sup>th</sup> meeting.	
Declaration of possible conflicts of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warren Salmon, President of ONABSE</li> <li>• Mohamed Ahmed, Success Beyond Limits</li> </ul>	
Nomination Committee Recommendations for Membership – Election of Co-Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yolande Davidson stands as Co-Chair;</li> <li>• An election for the second Co-Chair was completed – Trustee Chris Moise was elected;</li> <li>• the Committee received 13 expressions of interest forms from community members. They are as follows:  Education/Guidance – Rhonelle Bruder  Black/African History – Samantha Peters  Social Service/CAS – Cherie Mordecai-Steer  Community – Chiara Duncan Castro  Legal - Anthony Morgan  Corrections – Julian Campbell  Communications/Media – Zanana Akande  Police – Mikael Blacksmith Ben-Moodie  Health/Mental Health – Alexis Dawson  Arts – Alannah Johnson  Parents – Sophia Ruddock &amp; Sharon Beason  Students – Tina Beason</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equity Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) will not be meeting until January. A member will be brought forward at the next meeting;</li> <li>• the Board has not put forward names for the Federations representatives as yet;</li> <li>• all expression of interest forms will be remaining on file with Staff Representative Karen Falconer.</li> </ul>	

Standing Items:  
**Caring & Safe Schools  
Update – Ted Libera**

- the updated policy for Caring & Safe Schools has not been updated as yet. The policy is currently tracking to the January 8<sup>th</sup> Director’s Council meeting. If approved, the policy will then be sent to Community Advisory Committees for a 45 day consultation period, then tracking to the March Governance & Policy Committee meeting at the Board;
- Ted will be available to attend Community Advisory Committee meetings during this process;
- there will be an on-line survey with questions for those that are unable to attend a community meeting
- Ted provided an overview of the Caring & Safe Schools Department; the staff that are in the department to support (i.e. Centrally Assigned Principals, Advisors, Child & Youth Workers, etc…) and the programming that is offered to students that are suspended for more than 5 days or expelled from our schools across the four Learning Centres.
- everyone was provided the opportunity to ask questions such as: where programs are located and accessibility; statistics of attendance, success rates, black students in comparison to others; credit accumulation/equivalency; hiring of teachers for the program; recommendations from the BSACAC included in the policy; who the writers of the policy were and timelines of the process; parent involvement; programming.
- Karen will be addressing the recommendations from BSACAC with Superintendent Jim Spyropoulos and Ted Libera and how they can be addressed in the policy.
  
- the recommendation that was made at the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting has not moved forward to the Program and Schools Services Committee (PSSC) meeting as PSSC didn’t have a meeting in December. The next meeting will be in January;

**Black Student Strategy  
Update – Karen Falconer &  
Colleen Russell-Rawlins**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Murray provided everyone an update on the implementation of the ARD Project across the four Learning Centres;</li> <li>• there are 130 educators working in 17 schools focused on building capacity and facilitating learning about intersections of race and schooling and evidenced-based practice in this area;</li> <li>• the original proposal included a fewer number of schools. This Fall, TDSB added schools in alignment with commitments in the new MYSP Action Plans. The specific actions have been outlined in the Action Plans under Transforming Student Learning for Black students;</li> <li>• Associate Director, Colleen Russell-Rawlins spoke to the establishment and mandate of the ARD Research Committee. Membership of this committee will include a representative from BSACAC and other external partners;</li> <li>• Names of the following external community members have agreed to serve on the ARD Research Committee were shared with attendees, as follows: Dr. Carl James, Dr. Nicole West-Burns and Dr. Lance McCready. Sophia Ruddock was elected to serve as the representative from BSACAC;</li> <li>• It is not possible to predict what the long-term financial commitment from the Ministry of Education will be. The Board has also committed resources. This project is a significant opportunity to demonstrate the strategies that are effective in creating positive outcomes and experiences for Black and other underserved students.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other Business:</b> - <b>Communications</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it was recommended that the Board share their good news and positive things that are occurring out to the public, i.e. Black Brilliance conference - not many people were aware of it;</li> </ul>	<p>Zanana Akande recommended that a Communications Plan be developed to publicize all the positive initiatives and activities</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>African Heritage Month</b></li>   <li>- <b>Black Brilliance Conference</b></li>   <li>- <b>AHEN</b></li>   <li>- <b>Acknowledgements</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a suggestion was made that an event be held to highlight all the positive things that are occurring in the Board with Equity, Well-Being and Achievement.</li>   <li>• congratulations to Amita Handa and Kurt Lewin with all the celebration work done for the African Heritage Month celebration;</li> <li>• Know Your Worth conference will be held on February 28, 2019.</li>   <li>• congratulations to all that worked on the Black Brilliance conference that took place November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This was an amazing opportunity for student voice.</li>   <li>• African Heritage Education Network (AHEN) – each year a number of K-12 black students are recognized and celebrated.</li>   <li>• on behalf of BSACAC, we would like to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-thank Associate Director Chris Usih for all his work and support of the committee during his time at the Board. Mr. Usih has moved onto the Calgary Board of Education as their new Chief Superintendent of Schools.</li> <li>-thank Colleen Russell-Rawlins for her role, assistance and wish her well on her new role as Associate Director.</li> <li>-congratulations to Trustees David Smith and Chris Moise on their elections and sitting on BSACAC.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>for black communities; as well as have all the positive information tracked re black students.  Seconded by Alexis Dawson, no objections – Carried.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019  7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  5050 Yonge Street – Committee Room A</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.</p>	