# Name of Committee: Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee (EPCAC)

**Meeting Date**: **January 30, 2023**

Notes

A meeting of the Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee convened on Monday, January 30th, 2023 from 7:30 pm to 7:44 pm with Co-Chair Aleem Punja presiding. Between 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm quorum was not met and members proceeded with an informal meeting.

## Attendance (via Zoom):

Aleem Punja (Parent Co-Chair), Dennis Keshinro (Community Co-Chair), Neethan Shan (Trustee Co-Chair), Sharon Beason (Canadian Parents for French), Janina Cherkewich (Parent), James D’Souza (Licensed to Learn Inc), Charlene Dunstan (Parent), Jean-Paul Ngana (Parent), Sophia Ruddock (Parent), Stephanie Ta [on behalf of Rachel Mansell] (The Mosaic Institute)

Staff Resource Persons: Elizabeth Addo (System Superintendent), Mahejabeen Ebrahim (Human Rights System Lead), Ryan Eaton (Human Rights Assistant)

Guests: Isaiah Shafqat (Indigenous Student Trustee), Derik Chica (Community Member), Dina Anker (Accessibility Coordinator), Jenny Clement (Accessibility Consultant)

## Regrets:

michael kerr (Colour of Poverty-Colour of Change), Alicia Khargie (Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre), Catherine Maloney (Parent), Tesfai Mengesha (Success Beyond Limits), Shahinaz Abbas Osman (Parent), Hemangi Shroff (Blank Canvases), Shayna Sayer-Wolfe (Planned Parenthood Toronto)

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS** |
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| Call to Order / Quorum / Reading of Meeting Norms | * Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm
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| Lank Acknowledgment | * The meeting began with a Land Acknowledgment
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| Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interests | * An observer identified themselves as an employee of the Toronto District School Board
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| Approval of Agenda | * Agenda approved, without comments
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| Approval of November 28, 2022 Minutes | * Minutes approved, without comments
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| Trustee Co-Chair Board Update | * An update was provided during informal session. No notes were taken.
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| Safety at Schools Update (for information sharing purposes only) | * Staff Resource Person Mahejabeen Ebrahim provided update
* Key priorities: strong foundation to school safety; funding for increased school resources; School-based Safety Monitors; Child and Youth Counsellors and Workers; Centrally Assigned Principals; Social Workers, Psychologists and Support Liaisons
* Safe School audit team to ensure practices and procedures are being met and concerns are being addressed
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| Election Process Discussion  | * Deferred to next meeting
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| Other business | * No other business
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| Next Meeting Date | * February 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm via Zoom
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| **Adjournment** | * January 30, 2023 at 7:44 pm
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