

Written Notice of Motion (Trustees Hassan and Shan)

In accordance with Board Bylaws 5.15.45, the following motion is submitted as notice at this time and for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Planning and Priorities Committee.

5.15.45 Motions must first be introduced as a Notice of Motion to provide advance notification of a matter, ...

5.15.51 A Notice of Motion submitted to a Committee, will be considered at a subsequent Committee meeting.

Addressing Islamophobia

Whereas, hate crimes against members of the Muslim community have been on the rise in Canada; and

Whereas, attacks against Muslims including the one that took place in Quebec mosque and in London, Ontario, have resulted in the loss of precious lives and have had a significant impact on Muslim identifying students in the Toronto District School Board and the broader community in Toronto; and

Whereas, the Toronto District School Board is committed to equity, inclusion and combating systemic discrimination; and

Whereas, many trustees, parents, students, community organizations and advocates have raised their concerns around incidents of Islamophobia in the past;

Whereas, a recent Islamophobic event at Dr Rita Cox – Kina Minagok Public School where a newsletter containing an ISIS flag was sent out to parents, caregivers, and students for Islamic and Somali Heritage Month has had a significant impact on TDSB students, and the broader community in the City of Toronto;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the Toronto District School Board commit to developing and implementing a system-wide comprehensive strategy to address Islamophobia;
- (b) That the Director present a report to the Planning and Priorities Committee by the June cycle of meetings on the development of a system-wide strategy to address Islamophobia;
- (c) That the report at part (a) include information on:
 - i. any actionable items and accountability measures currently in place;
 - ii. plans for meaningful engagement;
 - iii. human resources, professional development, mental health supports, curriculum reflection, community engagement and student leadership;
- (d) That a steering committee be established as follows:

Mandate

To develop a system-wide strategy to address Islamophobia

Membership

Staff and community members