



## Community Advisory Committees

**Name of Committee:** Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee [EPCAC]

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, December 3, 2019

A meeting of the Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee convened on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 from 6:52 pm to 8:30 pm in Committee Room B, with Parent Co-Chair Catherine Maloney presiding.

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**Members in Attendance:** Sharon Beason (Parent), Michael Kerr (Colour of Poverty-Colour of Change), Dennis Keshinro (Belka Enrichment Center); Catherine Maloney (Parent Co-Chair), Sharma Queiser (Social Planning Toronto), Sophia Ruddock (Parent)

**Trustees Present:** Trustee Yalini Rajakulasingam

**Resource Staff Present:** Remi Warner, Senior Manager, Human Rights Office  
Precious Sidambe, Administrative Assistant

**Regrets:** Trustee Alexander Brown, Trustee Harpreet Gill, Kristal Guthri (Parent), Tesfai Mengesha (Success Beyond Limits), Aleem Punja (Parent), Sue Winton (Parent)

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### Part A: Recommendations

NIL

### Part B: For Information Only

#### Discussion: Review of Terms of Reference and Established Practices

In lieu of the change in staff lead, the committee discussed how the committee has been functioning in the past and provided some clarity on a few sections of the terms of reference.

#### Vacancies: Community Co-Chair and Trustee Co-Chair

The staff lead advised the committee of the community co-chair vacancy following the departure of Racheal Lawrence. A notice of election was given to the committee along with the election process. The Jane and Finch Community/Family Centre provided a new representative for the organization.

Trustee Rajakulasingam advised the committee that she will be filling the role of Trustee co-chair.

#### Information: Secondary Program Review and Optional Attendance Policy Consultation

The staff lead presented information on the secondary program review and optional attendance policy consultations. Three representatives from the Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee will be attending the consultations led by TDSB staff on January 7, 2020.

#### Policy Review Schedule – Potential 2019/20 Items for Future EPCAC Discussion and Review

The committee discussed the policy review schedule for 2019/20 and members were asked to decide which policies might be of interest to them.

#### Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee: Update

The EPCAC representative at BSACAC provided an update on the meeting held on Monday December 3, 2019. He presented information on the TDSB parent guide for preventing and addressing issues of discrimination and the STEM program for black students from the University of Toronto.

### **Part C: Ongoing Matters**

Nil

**Report Submitted by:** Remi Warner