



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

**Meeting Date:** December 2, 2019

A meeting of the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee convened on December 2, 2019 from 7:04p.m. to 9:16p.m. In Committee Room A at 5050 Yonge Street with Co-Chair Yolande Davidson and Trustee Chris Moise presiding

<b>Present:</b>	Yolande Davidson Co-Chair, Jamaican Canadian Association), Sharon Beason (Parent/ FSLAC Rep), Alexis Dawson (Unison Community Health), Tina Beason (Student), Sophia Ruddock (Parent Rep)  Trustees: Trustee Chris Moise (Co-Chair), Trustee David Smith  Staff Lead: Associate Director Colleen Russell-Rawlins, System Superintendent Jacqueline Spence Administrative Support: Oyin Orekoya  Phone Participation: Samantha Peter, Dennis Keshinro (EPAC Rep)
<b>Staff:</b>	Rosalie Griffith, Karen Murray, Rosalie Griffith, Thando Hyman, Novelte Mitchell,
<b>Guests:</b>	Phil Johnson (TAIBU Community Health Centre), Ahmed Jams (TAIBU Community Health Centre), Mikhail Burke (University of Toronto), Raymond Guiste (Tropicana Community Centre), Osagyefo McGregor
<b>Observers</b>	Yolande Brandon
<b>Regrets:</b>	Nil

**Part A: Recommendations**

As noted in the Secondary Review Report “The Enhancing Equity Task Force made recommendations to support the TDSB as it strives to ensure that the framework of “equity for

all” infuses every aspect of the Board’s work including students and staff. Its approach to community engagement showed the importance of reaching out directly to marginalized communities and inviting those voices that we do not typically hear from and honouring their experiences, concerns, challenges, realities and goals.”

Therefore BSACAC makes the following recommendation:

An opportunity for consultation at the next BSACAC meeting on February 3, 2020 from the Secondary and Optional Attendance Policy Review Committee to make a presentation and seek BSACAC’s input on the potential impact on Black students.

### **Part B: For Information Only**

- Through acclamation, Alexis Dawson (Unison Community Health) was elected the new Community Co-Chair for a 2 year term, December 2019 – December 2021.
- Staff of TAIBU Community Health presented the PLUG program to BSACAC. TAIBU has an ongoing partnership with the board on this program.
- Staff of Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression updated the committee on the various initiatives discussed at previous meetings: Partnerships, Student engagements activities, Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Report.
- Three members have resigned from the Committee due to other commitments

They are:

- Anthony Morgan (City of Toronto Anti-Black Racism Unit)
- Rhonelle Bruder (R.I.S.E Initiative)
- Alannah Johnson (Skill Market)

A nominations working group has been constituted to address these vacancies as per the Terms of Reference,

- A staff of the Engineering Department at the University of Toronto introduced two programs called ENGage Saturdays and Blueprint that could be of good value to students of the TDSB.

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

NIL

**Report Submitted by:** Colleen Russell-Rawlins