



Name of Committee: LGBTQ2S

Meeting Date: 28th January 2020

A meeting of the LGBTQ2S convened on Tuesday January 28, 2020 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in 5050 Yonge Street 5th Floor Executive Meeting Room with Jim Spyropoulos presiding. A discussion with the individuals in attendance took place.

Attendance: Anne Creighton, Cheryl Dobinson, Maya Edwards, Jacq Hixson-Vulpe, Indra Ismail, Andrea Landaeta, Wayne Martino, Rachel Paris, Shayna Sayers-Wolfe

Also present were: Alexander Brown, Ilana David, Trixie Doyle, Robert Durocher, Chris Moise, Melanie Pearce and Jim Spyropoulos.

The following participated by electronic means: Terrence Rodriguez

Regrets: Emily Blackmoon
Meredith Jonatan
Debbie Nunes
Chelsea Takalo
Miguel Walker
Dan Maclean

Part A: Recommendations

N/A

Part B: For Information Only

Selection of committee co-chairs:

- Jacq Hixson-Vulpe and Cheryl Dobinson will serve as acting co-chairs. They will join Trustee Alexander Brown who has been appointed as the Trustee Co- Chair.

Community Feedback:

Committee members had the opportunity to provide feedback on issues of significance and concern which will help the committee plan its work in the months ahead.

Among the themes brought forward were:

- The committee's strategic priorities.

- Student records in Student information Systems (Trillium) to be non-binary gender.
- More equitable data collection within TDSB which takes into greater account LGBTQ2S identities.
- Identifying and addressing knowledge gaps that exist within TDSB and how the committee can support the learning that needs to occur for Trustees, Senior Staff and school level administrators and others.
- Enhancing and supporting discussion and action around intersectionality.
- LGBTQ2S educational opportunities, systemic support for educators/ professional development: partnership and advocacy of Unions/Federations.
- Highlight existing good work that is happening.
- Enhance and expand TDSB partnerships with community agencies and encourage and facilitate community access to TDSB.
- The importance of highlighting student voice, safety and security of LGBTQ2S students.
- The role of Trustees in supporting LGBTQ2S staff, students and communities, and the important role that Gay Straight Alliances play in schools.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

The following agenda items have been deferred to the next meeting:

- Development of committee mandate and terms of reference and the possibility of using a community based facilitator to support this work.
- Diversifying the group – Practical ways

Report Submitted by: Jim Spyropoulos