



Program and School Services Committee

Report No. 83

PSSC:085A

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

4:30 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

Trustee Members Present Trustees Jennifer Story (Chair), Rachel Chernos Lin, Parthi Kandavel, Dan MacLean, Yalini Rajakulasingam, Anu Sriskandarajah and Chris Tonks

Also Present Trustee Michelle Aarts, Stephanie Donaldson, Trixie Doyle, Christopher Mammoliti, Chris Moise, David Smith and Manna Wong

All trustees participated by electronic means in accordance with [amendments to Section 7 of Ontario Regulations 463/97, Electronic Meetings](#)

Part A: Committee Recommendations

1. ComKids Program: Update [3896]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see PSSC:085A, page 7), presenting an update on progress with the Merry Go Round Children's Foundation regarding their program, ComKids.

Moved By Trustee MacLean

Seconded By Trustee Chernos Lin

The Program and Schools Services Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the report be received.

Carried.

2. Annual Report on International Students, 2019-20 [3897]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see PSSC:085A, page 11), presenting an annual report on the internationalization strategy.

Moved By Trustee Sriskandarajah

Seconded By Trustee Kandavel

The Program and Schools Services Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the report be received for information.

Carried.

3. Employment Equity Annual Report 2019-2020 [3898]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see PSSC:085A, page 61), presenting an annual report on employment equity.

Moved By Trustee MacLean

Seconded By Trustee Rajakulasingam

The Program and Schools Services Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

(a) That the report be received;

(b) Whereas, the week preceding May 26 to June 2, 2020, saw the murder of an unarmed black man, George Floyd, in police custody, which resulted in unprecedented protests across the world, including many Canadian cities, clearly articulating that Black Lives Matter; and

Whereas, the Toronto District School Board acknowledged on Friday May 29, 2020, “We are acutely aware of the devastating impacts of anti-Black racism in our world, in our community and in the Toronto District School Board.”; and

Whereas, conversations on anti-black racism are occurring in virtual classrooms, media, social media, between colleagues, friends, families and institutions; and

Whereas, it is incumbent on all public institutions to adequately address the systemic consequences of anti-black racism;

Therefore, be it resolved:

When the remainder of the Employment Equity annual report is presented in the fall, that the Director include a detailed section on the data, with

commentary on the progress, involving employment of the Board's black staff populations.

Carried

At the Committee meeting, Part (b) was added on amendment of Trustee Kandavel, seconded by Trustee Rajakulasingam.

Part B: Information Only

4. Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

A meeting of the Program and School Services Committee was convened on June 3, 2020 from 4:30 to 7:39 p.m., by electronic means, with Jennifer Story presiding.

On motion of Trustee Doyle, seconded by Trustee Kandavel, the agenda was approved.

Part B matters to be received by the Board on May 27, 2020.

5. Approval of the Agenda

On motion of Trustee Doyle, seconded by Trustee MacLean, the agenda was approved.

6. Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

7. Delegations

re ComKids Program: Update [3896]

1. Mark Zwicker, Merry Go Round Children's Foundation

8. Parent Involvement Advisory Committee Report, April 21, 2020

The Committee considered a report from the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee dated April 21, 2020 (see PSSC:085A, page 1). The report was presented by D. Williams, Co-Chair of the Committee.

Moved By Trustee Chernos Lin

Seconded By Trustee Doyle

That the report be received

Carried

9. Special Education Advisory Committee Report, May 4, 2020

The Committee considered a report from the Special Education Advisory Committee dated May 4, 2020 (see PSSC:085A, page 3).

Moved By Trustee MacLean

Seconded By Trustee Sriskandarajah

That the report be received.

Carried

10. Adjournment

On motion of Trustee Kandavel, seconded by Trustee Doyle, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

No matters to report

Submitted by: Jennifer Story, Chair of Committee