



## Community Advisory Committees

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

**Meeting Date:** December 7, 2020

A meeting of the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee convened on December 7, 2020 from 7:09p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in a virtual meeting with Co-Chair Alexis Dawson and Trustee Chris Moise presiding

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<b>Present:</b>	Alexis Dawson, Co-Chair, (Community Trustee), Trustee Chris Moise (Trustee Co-Chair), Sharon Beason (Parent/ FSLAC Rep), Tina Beason (Student Rep), Sophia Ruddock (Parent Rep), Mikhail Burke (University of Toronto), M. Blacksmith Ben-Moodie (Police), Lisa-Marie Williams (Law Society of Ontario), Cherie Mordecai-Steer (Social Service/CAS), Trustee Christopher Mammoliti  Staff Lead: Executive Superintendent Curtis Ennis, Superintendent Jacqueline Spence Administrative Support: Oyin Orekoya
<b>Staff:</b>	Rosalie Griffith, Thando Hyman, Randy Samuel, Deborah Castello, Kowthar Omar, Tasha Tyrell, Korina Thomas-Reynolds, Valarie Taitt, Khadra Hussein, Tevya Reid, Jemaine Wallace
<b>Guests:</b>	Dr. Lance McCready (University of Toronto), Sewsen Igbu (University of Toronto), Karima Kinlock (University of Toronto), Trustee Jennifer Story, David Cameron (TDSB)
<b>Observers</b>	Melanie Carrington, Debbie King, Osagyefo McGregor, Yolande Davidson, Nessa Gin, T. Daley
<b>Regrets:</b>	

**Part A: Recommendations – NIL**

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

Newly appointed Trustee to BSACAC, Trustee Christopher Mammoliti was introduced to the committee.

The Outdoor Learning Motion was presented to the committee by Trustee Jennifer Story and Co-Chair Alexis Dawson. BSACAC moved to receive the report after discussion.

Staff update to BSACAC included

- Ongoing work with the Centre of Excellence for Black Students Success
- Bussing Update on Inclement Weather. On the rare occasion that schools are closed, there will be no remote learning option.
- Result of the mass testing conducted at Valley Park PS and the recently updated direction from Toronto Public Health on when students should stay home due to COVID.

David Cameron (Senior Manager, Research and Development) presented on Use of Big Data for Equity and Census Portrait for Black students in the TDSB. The reports were well received by the committee with feedback on some other areas the committee would like to have more data on.

Dr Lance McCready and his team from the University of Toronto presented on their ongoing project to improve black families' experience in the child welfare system. They are collaborating with the Children's Aid Society of Toronto to work with black families to improve their experience and achieve better outcomes that centres the voices of black families in the processes, decisions and resolutions that are made. They are working to partner with the TDSB to promote this project to staff, student and families as needed.

## **Part C: Ongoing Matters**

NIL

**Report Submitted by:** Curtis Ennis