



Name of Committee: Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Monday, October 26, 2020

A meeting of the Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee convened on Monday, October 26, 2020 from 6:39 pm to 8:30 pm via Zoom, with Parent Co-Chair Catherine Maloney presiding.

Members in Attendance: Alexander Brown (Trustee), Kris Guthri (Parent), michael kerr (Colour of Poverty-Colour of Change), Catherine Maloney (Parent Co-Chair), Aleem Punja (Parent), Sue Winton (Parent)

Staff Present: Remi Warner (Senior Manager, Human Rights Office), Precious Sidambe (Administrative Assistant),

Regrets: Harpreet Gill (Trustee), Yalini Rajakulasingam (Trustee), Tesfai Mengesha (Success Beyond Limits), Sharon Beason (Parent), Dennis Keshinro (Belka Enrichment Center, Sophia Ruddock (Parent), Pablo Vivanco (Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre)

Part A: Recommendations

NIL

Part B: For Information Only

Chair of the Board, Alexander Brown

Chair of the Board, Alexander Brown provided an update to the committee on the Director's search process and also discussed how equity is being infused in the way the Board governs and operates.

Co-Chair Updates

The Parent Co-Chair shared updates on the CAC annual reports and the Parents as Partners Conference with the committee.

Community Co-Chair Vacancies: Notice

A notice of election was given to the members following vacancies in both the Parent and Community Co-Chair positions.

EPCAC Community Membership

The committee had a discussion around membership and if there would be a call out for new membership. The committee was advised that the current membership includes four community members and five parent members.

Policy Updates

A brief update was provided regarding the policy schedule, including the halting of any new consultation on Board policies due to covid-19, until directed otherwise.

Other Matters

A discussion was held about the committee's role and its direction. There was a discussion of the committee's role and mandate, and some concern expressed about the lack of meaningful engagement up front around substantive equity issues at the Board (e.g. Back to School Plan in context of covid-19). The possibility of amending the Terms of Reference was brought up as a potential solution, for future consideration.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

Nil

Report Submitted by: Remi Warner