

Written Notice of Motion for Consideration (Trustee Rajakulasingam, on behalf of Trustee Smith and Trustee Mammoliti)

From: Denise Joseph-Dowers, Manager, Board Services, Governance and Board Services

In accordance with Board Bylaw 5.15.2, the following motion is submitted as notice at this time and for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

5.15.2 A notice of motion will be introduced by a member who is present as an advance notification of a matter at Board or Committee, and will be considered at a subsequent Committee meeting. A notice of motion will not be debated at the meeting at which it is introduced...

5.15.2 (c) A notice of motion submitted prior to, or at a committee meeting, will be considered at a subsequent committee meeting...

Renaming Schools Celebrating the Diversity of Toronto

Whereas, the Toronto District School Board has 583 schools, located in every community across Toronto; and

Whereas, school names are an opportunity to teach students about their community's history and place and their community's leaders and heroes; and

Whereas, there are few new school naming opportunities due to the small number of schools being opened each year; and

Whereas, few schools are named after celebrated Indigenous or Black Leaders or Leaders of colour; and

Whereas, some school names do not reflect the values of contemporary Toronto; and

Whereas, some schools are named after people with a racist legacy; and

Whereas, policy P047, Naming of Schools and Special Purpose Areas and procedure PR592, Naming of Schools and Special Purpose Areas create impediments to review or change school names and themselves might be characterized as systemically racist policies;

Whereas, based on the Board's policy review schedule, review of policy P047 is currently under Phase 3 of the policy review process;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That a special purpose reference group comprised of students, parents, TDSB educators, community members, academics and individuals involved in anti-racism work, be established:

- (i) to inform the consultation process;
 - (ii) to propose amendments to policy P047 and procedure PR592, Naming of Schools and Special Purpose Areas, so that school naming or renaming can be made from time-to-time to reflect the diversity of the City;
 - (iii) to provide a proposal for a city-wide review of all school names so that TDSB schools reflect the diversity of Toronto's success.
- (b) That the reference group present a report to the Planning and Priorities Committee no later than June 30, 2021.