



Name of Committee: Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: March 1, 2021

A meeting of the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee convened on March 1, 2021 from 7:10p.m. to 9:35 p.m. in a virtual meeting with Co-Chair Alexis Dawson and Trustee Chris Moise presiding

Present:	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), M. Blacksmith Ben-Moodie (Police), Lisa-Marie Williams (Amgen Canada), Cherie Mordecai-Steer (Social Service/CAS), Trustee Christopher Mammoliti, Trustee David Smith, Grace-Camille Munroe, Ph.D. (Lifelong Leadership Institute), Dennis Keshinro (EPAC Rep), Nissi Alan-Shitu (Student Rep), Zaneta Wilkinson (Student Rep), Dwayne Clarke (Student Rep.) Staff Lead: Executive Superintendent Curtis Ennis, Superintendent Jacqueline Spence Administrative Support: Oyin Orekoya
Staff:	Richardo Harvey, Rosalie Griffith, Jamea Zuberi, Mahnaz Mirkhond-Chegini, Yvette Blackburn, Jennifer Brown, Randy Samuel, Deborah Castello, Karen Murray, Thando Hyman, Khadra Hussein, Patricia London Smith
Guests:	Jim Spyropoulos (Executive Superintendent, Human Rights and Indigenous Education), Audley Salmon (Executive Superintendent, Employee Services), Ros Salvador (Senior Manager, Human Rights Office), Gilary Massa Machado (Human Rights Outreach Engagement Office), Irit Kelman (Manager, Human Rights Office)
Observers	Michelle Novlette, Trustee Dan MacLean, Dave O'Yen, Debbie King, Valarie Taitt, G Chapman, Tricia Wyles
Regrets:	Mikhail Burke (University of Toronto),

Part A: Recommendations

NIL

Part B: For Information Only

An ad-hoc group was struck to review the applications received for new memberships in the open spots on the committee. They will present their recommendations to BSACAC during the May meeting.

BSACAC passed a motion to forward a letter of support to the board of trustees with regards to the policies and procedures at PSSC and how these policies and procedures, rooted in colonialism tend to silence voices. The letter will be presented at the April PSSC meeting.

Staff update to BSACAC included:

- A recap of the activities that happened during the African Heritage Month and ongoing work by the African Heritage Month Committee.
- The switch of students between in-person and remote learning is now largely completed. New requests for switching will now be dealt with on a case by case basis.
- The Director and Associate Directors recently had interactive webcasts with the different panels in the board (Elementary, Secondary and Central Staff) to hear their concerns and offer answers to questions. The goal was to connect with staff to appreciate all the amazing work being done everyday by staff both on the frontline in schools and centrally.
- The goal of ensuring HEPA filters in all occupied classroom space is underway. The work should be completed in the next few months.
- Ongoing work with the Centre of Excellence for Black Students Success.

Staff from the Human Rights Office presented on the recently published human rights report. The information presented was well received by BSACAC followed by a rich discussion on areas of processes and policies that can be improved on.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

NIL

Report Submitted by: Curtis Ennis