



Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Monday, January 25, 2021

A meeting of the Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee convened on Monday, January 25, 2021 from 6:35 pm to 8:30 pm via Zoom, with Community Co-Chair Dennis Keshinro presiding.

Members in Attendance:	Sharon Beason (Parent), michael kerr (Colour of Poverty-Colour of Change), Dennis Keshinro (Community-Co-Chair), James Li (Trustee), Dan MacLean (Trustee) Catherine Maloney (Parent), Aleem Punja (Parent), Sophia Ruddock (Parent)
Staff Present:	Irit Kelman (Manager, Human Rights Office), Precious Sidambe (Administrative Assistant)
Regrets:	Pablo Vivanco (Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre), Tesfai (Success Beyond Limits)

Part A: Recommendations

NIL

Part B: For Information Only

Trustee Co-Chair Update

Trustee Co-Chair gave an update to the committee on:

- The family check-in survey to parents and guardians
- Bell lets talk day
- Community support hub
- CCAT-7 assessment
- Covid-19 planning for schools

Parent Co-Chair Election

Aleem Punja was acclaimed Parent Co-Chair of the Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee.

Membership and Terms of Reference

The committee discussed seeking additional members and how to go about advertising. Staff will follow up with the relevant departments and report back to the committee.

The committee also discussed the Terms of Reference following concerns about the lack of engagement and ability to make an impact.

Partnership with Grassroot Organizations in the Marginalized Communities

A discussion was held around the partnership department's processes and barriers for organizations to share information with the school community.

Ward 4: Equitable Support for Children

A concern about some students not having access to devices and not knowing who to contact. Trustee MacLean advised that the Board encourages parents to speak to their local Principal as there should be a device for each student.

TDSB Policies Update

Staff provided an update to the committee with respect to the policy review process at the Board and the policies to be reviewed this year.

ThoughtExchange re Covid-19 Board Plans Debrief

The committee had a debrief about the Board ThoughtExchange. The difficulties of reaching out to students during the pandemic was discussed.

The committee discussed the feasibility of convening an inter-committee meeting with other community advisory committees to coordinate efforts and be more aligned.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

Nil

Report Submitted by: Irit Kelman