



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

**Meeting Date:** May 3, 2021

A meeting of the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee convened on May 3, 2021 from 7:07p.m. to 9:15 p.m. in a virtual meeting with Co-Chair Alexis Dawson and Trustee Chris Moise presiding

<b>Present:</b>	Alexis Dawson, Co-Chair, (Community Rep), 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), Christopher Mammoliti, Trustee David Smith, Nissi Alan-Shitu (Student Rep), Zaneta Wilkinson (Student Rep), Dwayne Clarke (Student Rep.), Raymund Guiste (Tropicana Community Services), Mikhail Burke (University of Toronto), Cherie Mordecai-Steer (Social Service/CAS)  Staff Lead: Associate Director Curtis Ennis, System Superintendent Jacqueline Spence Administrative Support: Oyin Orekoya
<b>Staff:</b>	Richardo Harvey, Rosalie Griffith, Jamea Zuberi, Mahnaz Mirkhond-Chegini, Yvette Blackburn, Jennifer Brown, Randy Samuel, Deborah Castello, Karen Murray, Thando Hyman, Tevya Reid, Hilary Canton, Grace-Camille Munroe, Tatiana Munroe, Andrea Cross, Pardeep Nagra
<b>Guests:</b>	David Cameron (Senior Manager, Research and Development)
<b>Observers</b>	Shalone Hendrickson, Danielroy Hendrickson, Seema Saadi, Trustee Dan MacLean, Matthews Ronell, Tesfai Mengesha (Success Beyond Limits), Osagyefo McGregor, Aretha Philip, Jessica Vassiliou, Dr Mrs Gloria Emenogu, Kowthar Omar
<b>Regrets:</b>	

**Part A: Recommendations**

Be it moved that the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee (BSACAC) request that the following of the Board

- In consultation with BSACAC, conduct a review of the application and admission procedures for elementary alternative schools.

- Consult with BSACAC on the specialized programs component of the optional attendance review.
- Ensure that BSACAC is consulted on the initiation of any pilot program that aims to address equity for Black students.

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

Co-Chair updates included:

- The remote learning board-wide is due to the lockdown order from Toronto Public Health. Trustee Moise has been contacted by families who would rather have their children learning in person but following TPH rules, the board at this time only have in-person learning for students with special education needs who cannot be supported remotely.
- The CBC article on the Ford government's announcement to develop a policy that will allow for remote learning to continue even after the pandemic is over.
- The role of BSACAC in the ongoing pilot study on the elementary alternative schools' admissions process.

Staff update to BSACAC included:

- The Jewish and Asian Heritage month events planned for the celebrations in this month.
- Summer School will be remote this year due to the current state of COVID in the city.
- The TDSB virtual elementary school have a showcase going on this week with a family night on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- A couple of motions on the table was brought the committee's attention:
  - The renaming schools' motion, which is about celebrating the diversity of Toronto's community. There is a reference group that is being put together headed by Superintendent Jacqueline Spence. They will formulate the details of the plan.
  - The COVID recovery plan motion, it calls for a 2-year plan to look at which groups are being impacted and how they will be supported moving forward academically, socially, and emotionally.
- Majority of students are learning from home due to the current lockdown order from the Toronto Public Health, but the board is accommodating a few hundreds of students with special education needs in the brick and mortar schools.
- Four new staff members recently hired for the Centre of Excellence were presented to BSACAC

Communications officers - Amanda Burnett and Hilary Canton  
 Research Analysts - Tanitia Munroe and Grace-Camille Munroe

The team gave a presentation on the phases of students, family and community engagements that is being planned to start from this month.

## **Part C: Ongoing Matters**

NIL

**Report Submitted by Curtis Ennis**