**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Name: Black Student Achievement Advisory Committee (BSAAC)

Date: Monday, September 18, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Trustee Co-Chair Tiffany Ford, Zanana Akande, Yolande Davidson, Liben Gebremikael, Warren Salmon, Dalia Bateman, Carl James, David Mitchell, Chris Levien

TDSB: Executive Superintendent Jim Spyropoulos, Ted Libera, Ronell Matthews, Yvette Blackburn, Kurt Lewin, Jamea Zuberi, Randy Samuel, Deborah Castello, Pardeep Nagra, Rosalie Griffith, Michelle Davis, Sharon Beason, Thando Hyman, Moyah Walker, Kowthar Omar

Regrets: Trustee Chris Moise, Trustee David Smith, Antoine Derose, Sophia Ruddock, Jermaine Wallace, Dennis Keshinro, Jean Enoch, Brandon Hay, Ahmed Hussein, Bradley Morris, Julian Falconer, Destinee Brooks, Tinuola Akinwande, Ken Jeffers, Dalton Pollus, Sean Paul Salmon, Sandy Thomas, Kevin Sutton

Recorder: Daniel Conforti

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| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATION** |
| Call to Order/Confirmation of Quorum | Trustee Co-Chair Tiffany Ford opened the meeting. Meeting called to order. |  |
| Approval of Agenda | Agenda approved. |  |
| Approval of Minutes | Minutes from the 2017-06-05 meeting were approved. |  |
| Declarations of possible conflicts of interests | Yolande Davidson:  Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) has funded space in the TDSB |  |
| Check-In  (Seeking Your Input) | **SRO Update:**  Provided the SRO Public Consultations schedule to BSAAC (link below). Consultations will include community members, community agencies as well as students. Surveys will also be issued for those who cannot attend the consultations in person. All families in schools with SROs will be able to provide feedback.  <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/community/publicconsultations/schoolresourceofficerprogram.aspx>  Comments on SRO Update:   * BSAAC needs to be kept informed on issues pertaining to SROs as the original recommendation stemmed from BSAAC * Who are the community organizations we are reaching out to? * The MOU between the TDSB and Toronto Police Services will be crucial in determining job performance * Ensure community voice is honoured   **Feedback from 2016-17 BSAAC Meetings:**   * Would like to see more action from the Board based on BSAAC recommendations   **NABSE Conference:**  US excursions are on hold until further notice for both staff and students.  Warren Salmon provided the link below:  Here is the fundraising link for the late Ed Potillo from NABSE.  <https://www.gofundme.com/eduardopotillo>  **Relief efforts for hurricane in the Caribbean:**  Local communities/agencies may wish to support. No TDSB directed approach.  **TDSB African Heritage Month:**  A Rites of Passage initiative in the East end is being discussed to improve black student achievement  **Trustee Boundary Review:**  BSAAC members who are interested to email Daniel Conforti at [Daniel.conforti@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Daniel.conforti@tdsb.on.ca) | * Request made to bring back the Rites of Passage presentation to the October 2, 2017 BSAAC meeting. |
| Electing Co-Chair position and membership | A nomination was made for Yolande Davidson as the BSAAC Community Co-Chair. A vote followed, and the committee approved Yolande Davidson as Community Co-Chair. |  |
| Other Business | **Equity Policy Update:**  BSAAC would like to receive the draft in order to provide a final review and feedback as it relates to anti-black racism. How will we operationalize this as historically work happened in SILOs?  **Hiring updates surrounding equity portfolio:**  A comment was made to ensure positions of equity are reflective of our most marginalized students. Think about perceptions as it relates to power and privilege.  **Update on the standing of all recommendations that went forth to Board:**  Recommendations that came through BSAAC, flowed through Program and School Services Committee and were approved and are being addressed through the Integrated Equity Framework (IEF) or Enhancing Equity Task Force. | * Recommendation made for BSAAC to receive the latest draft equity policy in order to provide a final review on items related to anti-black racism. * That the Board request the Director to provide feedback surrounding the hiring of the equity positions. The BSAAC has grave concerns surrounding transparency and accountability on equity. * That the Director request the Executive Superintendent of Equity and Engagement as well as the Senior Manager of Equity and Inclusive System Culture to attend the BSAAC meeting on November 6, 2017. |
| Next Meeting Date | Monday, 2 October 2017 – 5050 Yonge St., Committee Room A |  |
| Adjournment |  |  |