

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

Meeting Date: January 8th, 2024

A meeting of the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee convened on January 8th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Join Zoom Meeting <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/5858766824?omn=97244513164>

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| Voting Members: | Sharon Beason (Community Co-Chair), Sophia Ruddock (Education/Health/Law), Tina Beason (Student) Dennis Keshinro, Aretha Phillips  **Regrets: Trustee Co-Chair Liban Hassan** | | |
| Staff Representatives: | Lorraine Linton, Interim Executive Superintendent, Employee Services  Lisa White, Administrative Support  **Regrets**: **Karen Murray, System Superintendent Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression** | | |
| Student Trustee: | **Regrets: Angelika Bell** | | |
| Staff/Community | Jeffrey Caton (Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement), Rosalie Griffith, Mohamed Ahmed, Blacksmith Ben-Moodie, Trustee Dennis Hastings, Andrea Bryan, Kevin Watson, Amani Ausar, Valarie Taitt, Shalone Henderickson, Neil Logik Donaldson, Deborah Castello, Mon Shu Wong | | |
| ITEM | | DISCUSSION | ACTION/ RECOMMENDATION / MOTION |
| Land & African Ancestral Acknowledgement | |  |  |
| Call to Order / Quorum | | A quorum was reached. The meeting was called to order. | Sharon Beason  Tina Beason  Dennis Keshinro  Sophia Ruddock |
| Approval of Agenda | | The motion to accept the agenda was moved and carried. |  |
| Approval of Minutes | | Deferred |  |
| Declaration of conflicts of interest | | No conflict was declared. |  |
| Neil “Logik” Donaldson, Stolen from Africa/TTC Black History Initiative | | Gave a presentation on a Black History Month initiative being done by TTC, followed by a question-and-answer period. TTC has commissioned artists to decorate buses with Afrocentric artwork, celebrating those who have contributed to Black History in Ontario in education, and politics. They would like to connect students to the initiative. Last year students were able to document their experience in the Afrocentric bus tour and share it with their school. This year they will be doing a subway stop tour, to create content to bring back to the school. TTC is providing large-size and pdf-size posters to distribute to schools. He would like our support.  1.<https://www.ttc.ca/about-the-ttc/Making-TTC-a-Diverse-and-Inclusive-Organization/TTC-celebrating-Black-History-Month>  2. <https://www.ttc.ca/about-the-ttc/Making-TTC-a-Diverse-and-Inclusive-Organization/TTC-celebrating-Black-History-Month/MOVING-LEGACIES-Celebrating-Black-innovation-and-resistance-in-Ontario-Bus-Tours> |  |
| Co-Chairs Update | | Sharon Beason  Tamil Heritage Month.  February is Black History Month  Any information to highlight please pass on to include in the newsletter.  Trustee Hassan and Trustee Debbie King will be hosting math focus Ward meeting on Tuesday, February 13th. All are welcome to attend. |  |
| Staff up-date | | Lorraine Linton  BSACAC committee is encouraged to view Director, Colleen Russell-Rawlins video report.  <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Director-of-Education>  Topics:   * January secondary school will be preparing for exams and culminating. * Semester 2 begins in February. * Continuing working on past motions regarding funding and historical motions to report back to the committee. * Encouraged the committee to attend the Governance Policy Committee Meetings (GPC).   [https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Live- Webcast-of-Meetings](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Live-%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20Webcast-of-Meetings)  A reminder that below is a list of the recent and upcoming reports Trustee Debbie King presented on December 4th, 2023. & Upcoming Reports  ● Supporting Newcomer/Refugee Status Update (Oct  PSSC)  ● Student Census 2023(Nov PPC)  ● Climate Action Strategy (Nov PPC)  ● Math Achievement Strategy (Nov  PPC)  ● P029, Employment Equity Policy   * Review and Staff Census Report (Consolidated report) (Jan GPC)   ● Equity - Combatting Hate (RBH data) Update (Jan  PSSC)   * Supporting Newcomer/Refugee   Followed by a question-and-answer period. |  |
| Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement | | Jeffrey Caton presented an update to the committee on the upcoming events taking place at the Center of Excellence. |  |
| Other Business | | * The committee would like a status update regarding outstanding motions. * Update regarding mediation. What was the outcome regarding the complaints? * Where do new members find historical information? * Would like representatives to attend meetings that would be of interest to the BSACAC community. |  |
| Adjournment | |  |  |
| Next Meeting Date | | February 8th, 2024 @ 5:30 P.M-7:30 P.M |  |