

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

**Meeting Date**: June 5th, 2023

The Annual Meeting of the Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee was held on June 5th, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 5050 Yonge Street, under the leadership of Community Co-Chair Sharon Beason.

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| **Voting Members:** | Sharon Beason (Community Co-Chair), Dennis Keshinro (EPAC Rep.), Sophia Ruddock (Education/Health/Law), Tina Beason (Student) M. Blacksmith Ben-Moodie (Education)  **Regrets: Trustee Co-Chair Liban Hassan** | | | |
| **Staff Representatives:** | Lorraine Linton, Interim Executive Superintendent, Employee Services  Karen Murray, System Superintendent Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression  Lisa White, Administrative Support | | | |
| **Student Trustee:** | Jeffrey Osaro | | | |
| **Staff/Community** | Mahejabeen Ebrahim (Human Rights), Andrea Cross, Cherie Mordecai-Steer, Jeffrey Caton, Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement), D. Tyler Robinson, Kurt Lewin, Rosalie Griffith, Valarie Taitt, Alice Bhyat, Isaiah Shafqat (Student Trustee), Khadra Hussein, Mahnaz Mirkhond-Chegini, Mohamed Ahmed, Raymund Guste, Warren Salmon, Shalone Henderson, Amai Kuda, Deborah | | | |
| **Guests:** | None | | | |
| **ITEM** | | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION/ RECOMMENDATION / MOTION** |
| **Call to Order / Quorum** | | Quorum was reached at 7:12 pm. The meeting was called to order. |  |
| **Land & African Ancestral Acknowledgement** | |  |  |
| **Approval of Agenda** | | The motion to accept the agenda was moved. Motion carried |  |
| Approval of Minutes | | The motion to accept the outstanding minutes was moved. Motion carried. |  |
| Introductions | | The BSACAC Community introduced themselves |  |
| **Declaration of possible conflicts of interest** | | No conflict was declared. |  |
| Student Trustees | | **Jeffrey Osaro**  -Reported on the Student Trustee Pursuit of Excellence Award, the Student Senate’s success, and the OSTA-AECO annual general meeting.  -Student Trustee Osaro thanked everyone who assisted in getting the motion for an IDCU course (Deconstructing Anti-Black Racism.) passed unanimously at the Board. |  |
| **Co-Chairs Update** | | **Sharon Beason**  -Acknowledged the Heritage months for June.  -The committee was informed that we will return to in-person meetings in the new academic year.  -The meeting time survey deadline has been extended until June 15th. |  |
| Human Rights, | | **Mahejabeen Ebrahim**  -Presented the 2021-2022 Annual Human Rights Report. Followed by a question-and-answer period.  [TDSB's Human Rights Office Annual Report 2021-2022](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/aboutus/HumanRights/HRO_Annual_Report_2021-2022.pdf) |  |
| Staff up-date | | **Karen Murray**  - Shared that TDSB’s Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Strategy was passed unanimously.  - Reminded the committee that Black Students Summer Leadership Program (BSSLP) which runs in collaboration with Focus on Youth Toronto 2023 will run from July 4th -August 18th  - Updated that The Board of Trustees have revised the policy for out-of-area admission.  **Lorraine Linton**  - Reminded all that the Finance Budget & Enrolment committee meetings are recorded and are available on the TDSB website.  - Question posed to the committee whether they want Jim Spyropoulos and Mahejabeen Ebrahim as standing guest speakers at BSACAC each year to discuss the final Safe Schools & Human Rights reports. | [www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Live-Webcast-of- Meetings/Webcast-Archives](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Live-Webcast-of-%20%20Meetings/Webcast-Archives) |
| **Cherie Mordecai-Steer** | | Gave a follow-up to her AI presentation from April 3rd, 2023.  [What's New In Warehousing Playlist - Boston Dynamics](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLlL_rsmcRMZd4EgwMU5kHy_prYkechODd)  [McDonald's First Robot Restaurant - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPwc9VFSFIg)  [Robot restaurant: machines prepare, cook, and serve all the food at eateries in China - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoJuGDepeZY) |  | |
| Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement Karen Murray & Jeff Caton | | **Jeffrey Caton**  Presented the activities taking place at the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in the month of June. |  |
| **Sharon Beason (Motion)** | | Motioned that the BSACAC committee immediately support sending a letter to Ontario’s Minister of Education, Mr. Stephen Lecce recommending that the Education Act be amended to include Ontario Student Trustees having the same voting rights as Ontario Trustees. |  | |
| **Nomination Committee** | | **Dennis Keshniro**  -The link to the expression of interest form is now available on the BSACAC website. We have had four people submit their documents. |  | |
| **Adjournment** | | **9:20 pm** |  | |
| **Next Meeting Date** | | **October 2nd. (Revised)** |  | |