# Name of Committee: Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee (EPCAC)

**Meeting Date**: **March 27, 2023**

Notes

A meeting of the Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee convened on Monday, March 27th, 2023 from 7:45 pm to 8:04 pm with EPCAC Member Rachel Mansell (volunteered and confirmed by vote of members) presiding. Between 7:30 pm to 7:45 pm while quorum was met, Parent and Community Co-Chairs were not in attendance and Trustee Co-Chair was present, but unable to preside.

## Attendance (via Zoom):

Rachel Mansell (The Mosaic Institute), Neethan Shan (Trustee Co-Chair), Janina Cherkewich (Parent), Charlene Dunstan (Parent), Catherine Maloney (Parent), Jean-Paul Ngana (Parent), Sophia Ruddock (Parent)

Staff Resource Persons: Elizabeth Addo (System Superintendent), Mahejabeen Ebrahim (Human Rights System Lead), Ryan Eaton (Human Rights Assistant)

## Regrets:

Aleem Punja (Parent Co-Chair), Dennis Keshinro (Community Co-Chair), Sharon Beason (Canadian Parents for French), michael kerr (Colour of Poverty-Colour of Change), Alicia Khargie (Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre), Tesfai Mengesha (Success Beyond Limits), Shahinaz Abbas Osman (Parent), Hemangi Shroff (Blank Canvases), Shayna Sayer-Wolfe (Planned Parenthood Toronto)

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS** |
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| Call to Order / Quorum / Reading of Meeting Norms | * Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm |  |
| Lank Acknowledgment | * The meeting began with a Land Acknowledgment |  |
| Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interests | * No declarations |  |
| Approval of Agenda | * Agenda approved, without comments |  |
| Approval of January 30, 2023 Minutes | * Minutes approved, without comments |  |
| Trustee Co-Chair Board Update | * Recent budget meeting – Trustees will request $115 million from the Ministry of Education * TDSB’s Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) – public consultation for budget process has been moved to the Fall * Student Census is moving forward during the month of April 2023 * Caste Oppression motion – thousands of letters were sent to TDSB/Trustees. Motion has been sent to Ontario Human Rights Commission for review * Report on anti-hate and anti-racism will be available in May or June 2023 * Trustees Liban Hassan and Neethan Shan provided noticed for a motion for Addressing Islamophobia. To be addressed at the Planning and Priorities Committed on April 19th, 2023. * Trustee Dennis Hastings put forward a motion to join EPCAC and it was accepted |  |
| Establish New Applicant Sub-Committee | * Three EPCAC Members volunteered to create the sub-committee |  |
| Other business | * A member noted interest for EPCAC to be involved in Caste motion review * A member had a question of the status of the initial MYSP and achievements. Staff Resource Person responded: Director’s Yearly Report will state achievements. |  |
| Next Meeting Date | * April 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm via Zoom |  |
| **Adjournment** | * March 27, 2023 at 8:04 pm |  |