



## Community Advisory Committees

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

**General Meeting:** Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

A meeting of the Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee convened on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Zoom with Parent Co-Chair Aleem Punja presiding.

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**Members in Attendance:** Aleem Punja (Parent Co-Chair), Dennis Keshinro (Community Co-Chair), Christopher Mammoliti (Trustee Co-Chair), James Li (Trustee), Sharon Beason (Parent), Catherine Maloney (Parent), Sophia Ruddock (Parent), Pablo Vivanco (Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre), Janina Cherkewich (Parent), Rachel Mansell (The Mosaic Institute), Hemangi Shroff (Black Canvases), Shayna Sayer-Wolfe (Planned Parenthood Toronto), James D'Souza (Licensed to Learn Inc), Charlene Dunstan (Parent), Jean-Paul Ngana (Parent), michael kerr (Colour of Poverty-Colour of Change), Shahinaz Abbas Osman (Parent)


**Staff Present:** Jacqueline Spence (System Superintendent), Irit Kelman (Interim Senior Manager, Human Rights Office), Ryan Eaton (Human Rights Assistant)

**Presenters:** Stefanie De Jesus (Research Coordinator, Research and Development), Pardeep Singh (Manager, Employment Equity Office)

**Guests:** Derik Chica, Raneem Azzam

**No Response:** Tesfai Mengesha (Success Beyond Limits)

ITEM	DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS / RECOMMENDATION/MOTION
<b>Call to Order, Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands, Reading of the Meeting Norms and</b>	The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.  Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands and Meeting Norms were read.  Agenda was approved.

<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<p>The Minutes from the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were approved.</p>  <p>2021-12-13 EPCAC Minutes.docx</p>
<b>Welcoming New Members</b>	<p>EPCAC welcomed 8 new members (4 Parent and 4 Community representatives)</p>
<b>Trustee Co-Chair Update</b>	<p>Trustee Christopher Mammoliti provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redistribution of COVID-19 testing kits 2021 Winter holidays</li> <li>• Finance and Budget Committee predicts a \$65.1 million deficit</li> <li>• The cost of Chromebooks for students is \$11 million per year but has not yet been built into the budget. Equity of access cannot exist if the right tools are not available to everyone</li> <li>• Trustee motions pushing for long-term sustainability around the public education system due to effects from Pandemic</li> <li>• Trustee provided link for an Open Invitation letter for a data table to all levels of government, which they need to accept. Purpose is for levels of government to see student data to support growth and benefit society: <a href="https://pub-tdsb.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=6180">https://pub-tdsb.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=6180</a></li> <li>• Trustee provided resource link to review decisions from previous and upcoming Board meetings: <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes/showall/anything">https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes/showall/anything</a></li> <li>• Trustee Li noted that part of a Trustee’s role is to advocate and states the help from EPCAC to provide strong mandates and backing to best serve the students</li> </ul>
<b>Discussion of Member Attendance</b>	<p>Senior Resource Person and Assistant reminded members of attendance requirements and expectations</p> <p><u>Section 7 (vi.) Attendance Requirement:</u></p>

	<a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/Community/Community%20Advisory%20committees/EPCAC/EPCAC_Terms_of_Reference.pdf">https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/Community/Community%20Advisory%20committees/EPCAC/EPCAC_Terms_of_Reference.pdf</a>
<b>Consultation Request Review Reminder</b>	<p>Senior Resource Person and Assistant reviewed past consult and policy requests with members to remind the invitation to participate.</p> <p><a href="#">2022-23 Strategic Budget Driver Consultation</a> (deadline for feedback: January 31, 2022)</p> <p><a href="#">Draft review of the Naming Schools and Special Purpose Areas Policy (P047)</a> (feedback can be shared in <a href="#">survey</a> prior to March 14, 2022)</p>
<b>Staff Census Steering Committee Meeting – Presentation/ Discussion</b>	<p>Stefanie De Jesus and Pardeep Nagra presented a 2022 Staff Census draft for review and consultation.</p> <p>Members provided feedback during presentation.</p> <p>Senior Resource Assistant to send a Google doc to members for consultation input and to collate feedback.</p>
<b>Confirmation for PSSC Meeting Co-Chair Representative – re EPCAC Report</b>	Trustee Li to present report at next PSSC meeting
<b>Other Business</b>	<p>Next EPCAC Meeting: Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm</p> <p>Next PSSC Meeting: Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 4:30pm</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm