



Anti-Black Racism and Black Excellence Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 24th, 2023, | 6:30 p.m. | Pope Francis Centre, 650 Rossland Rd. West, Oshawa

Attendees: Tracy Barill, Director of Education | Kayode Akomolafe, Human Rights and Equity Advisor | Shauna Bookal, Chair | Katharine Stevenson, Superintendent of Education | Brenda Rocha, Secretary | Geraldine Kulazikulabe | Christina Seucharin | Trevor Aitcheson | Angela Adu-Morrison | Felicia Marshall, | Diana Smith | Zhora Adatia-McGlashen | Anissa Voisin | Mary Lewis | Miranda Hinsey | Phil Johnson | Tanika Riley | Lara Awoleye

Time	Items for Discussion	Owner
6:30 p.m.	Land Acknowledgement:	Chair
6:35 p.m.	Opening Prayer:	Chair
6:40 p.m.	<p>Welcome Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kayode welcomed newcomers and acknowledged the high turnout at the meeting. Agenda items were reviewed with members. 	Kayode Akomolafe
6:45 p.m.	<p>Information on Terms of Reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The updated Terms of Reference (which includes amendments proposed at the last meeting) may be accessed on the DCDSB (Durham Catholic District School Board) website using this link. The committee's webpage recently received increased traffic. 	Kayode Akomolafe
6:55 p.m.	<p>Election of Parent Area Representatives:</p> <p>Confirmation of nominations: The election was conducted via online voting. The ballots were collated and reviewed by Director Tracy Barill, Superintendent Katharine Stevenson and HREA (Human Rights and Equity Advisor) Kayode Akomolafe. The winner of the election for each municipality was declared by Chair Shauna Bookal.</p> <p>OSHAWA: One candidate for Oshawa parent representative, Miranda Hinsey, was present. Miranda was elected by affirmation as the Oshawa Parent Area Representative.</p> <p>WHITBY: Nicole Emanuel was the only candidate present for Whitby Area Representative. Nicole was elected by affirmation as Whitby Parent Area Representative.</p> <p>AJAX: Two candidates for the Ajax Parent Representative, Anissa Voisin and Diana Smith, were present at the meeting. The committee</p>	Chair Bookal

	<p>heard both nominees' speeches. One round of voting took place, won by Anissa Voisin, elected as the Parent Area Representative for Ajax.</p> <p>PICKERING: Zhora Adatia-McGlashen, the sole candidate for Pickering Parent Area Representative was elected by affirmation.</p> <p>NORTHERN: The sole candidate for Parent Area Representative for the Northern municipalities was not present at the meeting. The candidate will be contacted to determine if they are still interested in the position. If they are not, a call out will be made for another parent to represent the Northern municipalities. If the position is vacant for 3 months after the election was conducted, a parent from another municipality may fill the position.</p>	
7:35 p.m.	<p>Meeting Dates: Committee members agreed to reschedule future meetings from Wednesdays to Tuesdays to avoid conflicts with PTA meetings. Updated meeting invites will be sent to all members.</p> <p>Future Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 • Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 (This meeting date is retained on a Wednesday due to the Equity Invitational Learning Series event holding on January 16th.) • Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 • Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 • Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 	Kayode Akomolafe & Chair Bookal
7:45 p.m.	<p>Equity Invitational Learning Series:</p> <p>The flyer for the DCDSB Equity Invitational Learning Series was shared with the members. There are three sessions planned for 2023/2024.</p> <p>The session dates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 23, 2023 • January 16, 2024 • March 21, 2023 <p>In-person attendees will have their names entered in a draw for a chance to win door prizes. Information on the event will be posted on the Board's website. Members made the following suggestions regarding the events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Afrocentric décor for event venue • Consider serving culturally relevant cuisine • Provide culturally relevant music such as reggae, etc. • Consider a cozy set up of fewer tables and chairs in a circle, to allow freer social interactions at the event. • Share event flyer via Edsby, Parent Councils and on all social media platforms. 	Kayode Akomolafe

7:55 p.m.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Director Barill shared the great news that the Board received more funding from the Ministry to hire an additional Coach Advocate for Black Students in DCDSB schools. 2. Members of the executive will rotate the saying of the Land Acknowledgement and prayer at each committee meeting. 3. A request to say an African Land Acknowledgement at the committee's meetings will be considered. 	All
8:00 p.m.	Adjournment:	8:09 p.m.