

Unapproved Minutes
Meeting of the Black Community Advisory Council

Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Via Remote Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Chris Shelton	Parent/Guardian
Horace Wright(Regrets)	Parent/Guardian
Candace Carter(Regrets)	Parent/Guardian
Ebenezer Addei	Parent/Guardian
Ann Lopez	Parent/Guardian
Lyn Parke-Busby(Regrets)	Parent/Guardian
Roxanne Smith	Parent/Guardian
Muna SaidAhmed	Parent/Guardian
Brian Chama	Parent/Guardian

Malacai Bryan(Regrets)	Student Member
Sope Duyile	Student Member
Alycia Williams	Student Member

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Michael Marshall	Agenciest TheBlack Educators Association of DPCDSB
Kevin Sylvestre	Agenciest The Black Educators Association of DPCDSB
Crystel Campbell	Agenciest

M. Coutinho Explained current approval process and new initiatives to support the Black Voices courses.

M. Vecchiarino: Black educators have been involved, including elementary level teachers.

J. Newton: Commented that this is the first time that she has seen an intention to Black teachers voices in the decision making of the book selection process. This is a good change. Their voices are being heard and elevated.

M. Coutinho We will look at what we do at the Indigenous Council at how we vet books, and we can use this.

A. Parson: Expressed she would be one of the teachers who will be slated to teach one of the Black

Based on feedback from the council the survey will run in the fall. BCAC members were asked if a children in DPCDSB, where applicable.

The BCAC was asked to consider what other identity data should be asked of those contributing feedback to the strategic plan.

Some members indicated more identity data needing to be collected surrounding; cultural background, ethnicity, city of residence, along with a statement explaining why we are collecting this data. We will work with the Research Team to ensure these details are included. The Black Community Advisory Council was asked if they had recommendations regarding potential advisors DPCDSB could consider contacting to support SPDABR implementation.

The floor is now open to community members on this call to share any suggestions on how to collect feedback regarding the Strategic Plan to Dismantle Black Racism.

R. Smith: Requested copy of the survey. There is no option to see your responses after completion.

J. Newton: to request from the Research Team that the survey be made available to review submitted responses.

G. Gallimore: Suggested collecting feedback from the community.

Dr. Lopez: Suggested Can we suggest what groups within Dufferin the survey will be reviewed by? Data should be collected from the right constituents. Black people must provide feedback about Black people.

9. Closing Remarks

M. Coutinho: Thanked the Committee for all the work and commitment and thanked the team and especially the researcher, Russell Kwan who is not here. Hopefully we can continue to build on the good work and build relationships and trust. Wishing everyone a good safe summer.

J. Newton: Took the opportunity to congratulate Alicia and Malacai, both who are graduating this month. Committee members extended congratulations and well wishes to the graduates on continued success in their future endeavors.

M. Vecchiarino: Wished everyone a safe summer and thanked the committee for their continued support and hard work.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.