

Approved Minutes
Meeting of the Black Community Advisory Council

Monday, June 19, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.
CEC Room 301

Co-Chair: Gord Gallimore
Co-Chair: Wayne Brunton

ATTENDEES:

Chris Shelton (<i>Regrets</i>)	Parent/Guardian
Horace Wright (<i>Absent</i>)	Parent/Guardian
Candace Carter (<i>Absent</i>)	Parent/Guardian
Ebenezer Addei (<i>Absent</i>)	Parent/Guardian
Gord Gallimore	Parent/Guardian and Co-Chair
Lynn Busby (<i>Absent</i>)	Parent/Guardian
Roxanne Smith (<i>Absent</i>)	Parent/Guardian
Muna Said-Ahmed (<i>Absent</i>)	Parent/Guardian
Dr. Brian Chama (<i>Regrets</i>)	Parent/Guardian
(<i>TBD</i>)	Student Member
Sope Duyile (<i>Absent</i>)	Student Member
Alycia Williams-McSween (<i>Absent</i>)	Student Member
Trisha Johnson-White (<i>Regrets</i>)	Agencies – ResQ Youth International
Marcia Glasgow (<i>Absent</i>)	Agencies – United Achievers’ Club
Jackie Maloney (<i>Regrets</i>)	Agencies – Congress of Black Women
Michael Marshall (<i>Absent</i>)	Agencies – The Black Educators Association of DPCDSB
Jason Eduful (<i>Regrets</i>)	Agencies – The Black Educators Association of DPCDSB and Student Success Coach for Black Students
Crystel Campbell (<i>Absent</i>)	Agencies – Black Youth Student Success Initiative
Duke Nicholson (<i>Absent</i>)	OECTA Representative – Elementary
Jamie Philip	OECTA Representative – Elementary
(<i>TBD</i>)	OECTA Representative – Secondary
Thompson Adiuku (<i>Absent</i>)	OECTA Representative – Secondary
Colin Daniel (<i>Regrets</i>)	Elementary Principal/Vice Principal Association
Lorian Feres (<i>Absent</i>)	Secondary Principal/Vice Principal Association
Sophia Maloney (<i>Absent</i>)	Secondary Principal/Vice Principal Association
Sharise Sealy-McCallum (<i>Absent</i>)	

Wayne Brunton	Staff – Superintendent, BNE Family of Schools and Co-Chair
Michelle Coutinho	Staff – Principal, Equitable and Inclusive Education
Nancy Cargioli	Staff – Acting Coordinator, Equitable and Inclusive Education
Jaclynn Deveaux-Matthews	Staff – Acting Consultant, Equitable and Inclusive Education
Richard Moriah	Staff – General Manager, Plant Department
Max Vecchiarino	Staff – Director's Designate
Marianne Mazzorato	Director
David Amaral (<i>Regrets</i>)	Associate Director – Instructional Services
Margaret Beck (<i>Regrets</i>)	Legal Counsel
Caroline McFarland	Recorder

1. Opening Prayer

Wayne Brunton led the prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Jaclynn Deveaux-Matthews played the recorded land acknowledgement read by a former Dufferin-Peel student, Rhaya Clyne.

3. Welcome, Introductions and Attendance

Wayne Brunton called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

Attendance

Attendance was taken and those who sent regrets were noted. Luz del Rosario, Trustee and Chair of the Board, and Kathy Russell-Kwan, Researcher, joined as guests.

4. Approval of the Agenda

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

Moved by Jamie Philip

Seconded by Gord Gallimore

5. Approval of the Minutes – May 1, 2023

The unapproved minutes of May 1, 2023 were distributed to BCAC members via e-mail.

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2023 MEETING BE APPROVED.

Moved by Max Vecchiarino

Seconded by Gord Gallimore

6. Information Items:

a. Terms of Reference

Nancy Cargioli advised that a working group had been developing a terms of reference for the BCAC to provide a guiding framework to work towards common goals.

c. Role of Graduation Coaches 2023-2024

Max Vecchiarino advised that the Ministry of Education has funded a number of boards with positions called Graduation Coaches for Black Students. These two positions have been running for approximately three years. At the end of the last school year, more funding was provided to add an additional coach. Dufferin-Peel also added some funds for this purpose. It has been noticed that having coaches placed at a limited number of schools has benefits but there are schools who need the support that have very little support from the coaches. To expand the number of schools being supported next year, more schools will be working with the coaches on a rotational basis. The coaches will go in and work with each school for a certain period of time to help establish practices and programs that support all of their students. They can then be called upon as necessary. The hope is that this will affect more schools in a positive

A discussion ensued.

Dr. Carl James stated that we cannot talk about system racism and just look at the school system. The system has to do with the school, the community and the government. The school board cannot bring around the change that we want on its own. We need the data that was a.6 (1 (r)-2.8 8)-0.(d)-03 (s)