

1. Opening Prayer

Wayne Brunton called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. and led the prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

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

African Ancestral Acknowledgement

Nancy Cargioli introduced the African Ancestral Acknowledgement. In response to requests to see an expansion and understanding of the ways in which colonization has displaced and dispossessed members of the African diaspora, the African Ancestral Acknowledgement was written by the Equity team

A discussion ensued.

Gord Gallimore shared that Black history was missing events that occurred from the 1980s to now, contemporary history, and incidents that happened to some of our Black leaders.

7. Parent Engagement Events

Wayne Brunton thanked those who attended the winter parent engagement event at Cardinal Leger that was put on by BCAC, the Read Aloud with author Yolanda T. Marshall. It was well attended.

Last year Gord Gallimore suggested having a night for parents to present to them how to navigate the system, specifically the secondary school system. So they are looking at having an event in which staff come out to present to parents and explain course selection, supports in the school, de-streaming in Grade 9, what all the codes mean, timetabling for college or university, etc. They are also considering having a year-end event, possibly in May, with a BBQ to bring families out to meet BCAC and talk about the council mandate.

Sharise Sealy-McCallum shared that they are looking for Black identifying guidance counselors and SSTs that are willing and want to come and support and collaborate at the secondary school system event.

A discussion ensued.

Linda Tobi-Isiekwena suggested that if Black parents have an issue, the council needs to think about how parents could share their concerns. This would be good to bring to a parent engagement if i

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8. Review of Council Applications

The council reviewed the applications to select new members. They are looking for one community organization, seven parents/guardians and two students.

The following are the new members selected:

- Community Organization: Danielle Norris
- Parent/Guardian: Stella Aluze-ele
- Parent/Guardian: Shana Thomas
- Parent/Guardian: David Bosveld
- Parent/Guardian: Camar Cameron
- Parent/Guardian: Kwasi Addo
- Parent/Guardian: Musa Bello
- Parent/Guardian: Horis Mainza
- Parent/Guardian: Zanitta Grant
- Student: Sophia Glasgow
- Student: Shanya Samuel
- Student (Non-Voting): Kwasi Robinson
- Student (Non-Voting): Esther Tengue

9. Suggestions

Motion: That the Black Community Advisory Council formally recommend to Executive Council and the Board of Trustees, that an advocacy letter be sent to the Ministry of Education recommending enveloped funding for Darnell (n) -6L (i)9-0.7 (g f)-3.3 (o).3 (n)-0.3 (u)-0-5.4nV o t y