



## Equity and Inclusion Task Force Minutes

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**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024  
**Location:** Lindsay Education Centre | Muskoka Education Centre | Virtual  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

### 1. Call to order

Chair Childs called the meeting to order.

### 2. Territorial acknowledgement

J. Jonnston shared a territorial acknowledgement.

### 3. Roll call

E. Childs welcomed attendees and a roll was taken.

### 4. Approval of agenda

Moved by K. Picken, seconded by C. McLean-Wilson, that the agenda be approved.

### 5. Committee action items

#### 5.1 Approval of the minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting

Moved by L. Dursley, seconded by S. Fegan, that the minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting be approved.

### 6. Administrative updates

#### 6.1 Student Census 2024

J. Johnston shared an update on the Student Census, which took place from February 26 to March 8, 2024. Anonymized survey data is currently being cleaned and analyzed by Turner Consulting Group, who will provide a report by the end of the school year.

### 7. Department update

#### 7.1 Communications Services

C. Bull provided an update on the TLDSB Pride merchandise that has been made available for staff to order. She also noted that equity-focused communications across social media, the Board website, and other resources remain consistent.

## 7.2 Special Education Services

J. Johnston announced the launch of the Learning About the IEP Experience Survey on April 2, 2024. The survey is an initiative of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). It is the third time the survey has been administered since its introduction in 2018.

## 7.3 Indigenous Education

K. Moore shared a list of the various Indigenous education programming, activities, and events taking place, including a land acknowledgement professional learning series, a virtual classroom learn at the desk session, the Second Annual Pow Wow and Drum Social, spring Fry Bread and Friends sessions, and field trips to the Petroglyphs Provincial Park and the Misko-Aki: A Confluence of Cultures at the Muskoka Steamships and Discovery Centre for NBE classes.

## 8. Subcommittees updates

### 8.1 Enhancing 2SLGBTQIA+ Inclusion and Belonging

C. McLean-Wilson reported on the successful *Day of Pink: TLDSB GSA Conference* that took place on April 2, 2024 at the Rene Caisse Theatre in Bracebridge. The event was attended by over 180 students from 11 elementary schools, six secondary schools, and two AAECs from across the district.

### 8.2 Addressing Anti-Black Racism

K. Picken and N. Stephenson shared an update on the committee's plans to build resources and support learning throughout the school year.

W. Browne reported that 18 educators had registered for the Lakehead University Anti-Black Racism additional qualification course this year.

### 8.3 Equity and Inclusion Newsletter

K. Henshall shared an update on the monthly newsletter, noting that it includes practical resources, information. She noted that input and feedback from the committee was always welcome.

## 9. Other Business

J. Johnston and W. Hahn thanked committee and subcommittee members for the work they have been doing.

L. Dursley spoke positively about a recent presentation for Grade 4-8 students by guest speaker Aubrey Norohna of Hello Hope at Watt Public School and VK Greer Public School.

## 10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.