APPROVED

M I N U T E S

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday, December 4, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Durham District School Board was held this date in the Board Room, Education Centre, 400 Taunton Road East, Whitby.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Gordon Baxter, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Linda Lowery, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Meghan Hanna, Samar Jeddi, Sharuka Selliah

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Superintendents Mark Fisher, Mohamed Hamid, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, John Legere, Jim Markovski, Silvia Peterson, Martine Robinson, Camille Taylor, Associate Director David Visser, Acting Superintendent John Bowyer, Communications Manager Terry Simzer

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Moment of Silence

Chair Michael Barrett advised that the Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island (North America). We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.

4. O Canada

5. William Dunbar P.S.

Trustee Chris Braney welcomed the William Dunbar P.S. Intermediate Band. The group performed several selections entitled “Loosen Up”, “Chatanooga Choo”, and “Accidentally in Love”. Trustee Chris Braney congratulated the group, on behalf of the trustees, for their excellent performance.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2017:106
MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri
SECONDED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2017:107
MOVED by Trustee Gordon Baxter
SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2017; AND

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2017.

CARRIED

7. Public Question Period

There were no public questions at this time.

8. Report from the Committee of the Whole in Camera

Trustee Chris Braney reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with transfers, appointments, and personnel and employee relations issues. Trustee Gordon Baxter made a declaration of interest with respect to compensation.

Superintendent Mark Fisher advised that the Transfers and Placements will be communicated to the system following the meeting.

9. Chair's Annual Report

Michael Barrett, Chair of the Durham District School Board, presented his annual report for 2017:

"The Chair's annual report is an opportunity for our collective community to take pause and to reflect upon our movement upon our pathway.

We often utilize this opportunity to reflect upon our accomplishments. It is a time to explore the progress that our board has made to fulfill its mandate. The opportunity is also one of examining the next steps, the gaps, and the challenges that face us on our journey to continue our momentum.

My report is our report.

Our accomplishments are not the efforts of a single individual but the efforts of an entire board.

It is not the efforts of just trustees but of an eclectic collection of thousands of employees, in various roles of leadership, whose primary mandate is to enrich the lives and educational experience of each and every child. Our united voice, reflective of our community moves forward; it has to move forward.

Progress is sometimes difficult to measure; inertia is sometimes so subtle that the landscape seems to never change.

The landscape has changed.

We welcomed Gord Baxter and Linda Lowery to our Board. We said goodbye to two valued Superintendents, John Bowyer and Luigia Ayotte and welcomed Mohammed Hamid to our team.

As a board, we continue to invest in our communities:

- We continue to invest in our infrastructure. We opened two new elementary schools and we have three elementary schools under construction all with childcare facilities; we have refurbished schools, additions, community hubs, roofs, boilers – the list is extensive.
- We have invested in Chromebooks – some 10,000 will be in students' hands by the end of November. We have seen students present on the difference it has made in their lives.
- We continue to invest in our staff through workshops, in the acquisition of knowledge.
- We have invested in our Diversity and Equity Initiative.
- We continue to invest in our "making a difference" initiative to alleviate poverty within our broader communities.

We continue to invest in our capabilities:

9. Chair's Annual Report (Continued)

- By initiating a bell time review, we placed an additional 1560 students into seats on a bus.
- For the first time, our DDSB scores went up in the grades 3 and 6 EQAO, and up 10 percentage points in Grade 9 Applied Math EQAO testing.
- We established a new Principal/Vice Principal internal and external promotion process.
- We held our first 100 Strong Summer program for Black males.
- We have invested in our Human Resources effectiveness framework.
- We held the first Welcome Back Barbeque that saw over 4600 students and family members attend this event. Our staff did an incredible job at making this the most memorable start to our school year.
- We are implementing the "Choosing your Success", a new process for Elementary and Secondary schools supporting students' academic course selection.
- We completed the Special Education Review.
- We developed a Youth Poverty Strategy.
- We developed and launched the DDSB equity and diversity strategic plan.
- We developed the Afrocentric perspectives elementary curriculum.
- We developed and implemented the DDSB Workforce Census, and
- We developed a new equitable hiring framework.

We must continue to advocate for change. It is only with a healthy desire to appreciate the status quo, but to recognize that change is necessary that we will continue to build an educational system that serves all.

As I mentioned in 2016, we must continue to advocate:

- We need to advocate for an inclusive system where all feel welcome, valued and heard.
- We need to advocate for our first nations communities so healing can overcome generations of ill prepared actions.
- We need to speak for those who are most vulnerable; for those that come to school hungry, ill prepared, ill equipped and marginalized.
- We need to press and push that equality of funding and equity of opportunity are available for all our students and families who experience greater need and support.
- We need to advocate for change in transparency, engagement and involvement at all levels of government; that our provincial leaders recognize that needs are not satisfied by words; that cash savings result in greater community needs and that a heavy handed approach results in escalating unmet needs.
- We need to continue to advocate for engagement, partnership and inclusivity for all who work, contribute and give of their talent, time and passion. No one contributor is greater than the lofty and important goal of an equitable education opportunity.

Over the past year we have accomplished much; there is still so much more to do.

In the past year, we have had much joy but we have also, as a family, experienced tremendous loss.

9. Chair's Annual Report (Continued)

Over the past twelve months, we have touched the edge of grief, we have stood on the edge of tragedy and our hearts have been broken.

We lost our beloved Kyeong, a tower of strength, support and love for our Richard.

We lost our friend and fellow Trustee, Elinor.

We lost our friend and fellow Trustee, Larry.

We lost our beloved David who was the tower of strength, support and love for our Lisa.

And we lost our beloved Gabrielle who was the tower of strength, support and love for our John.

In all the things we are proud of, and in all the accomplishments we have achieved together, our ability to stand with each other, as a collective family, in joy and in the times of plenty is a strength. But our greatest strength is to stand together in the almost inconsolable times of sadness.

This, by far, is our greatest accomplishment".

10. Election of Board Chair

Director Lisa Millar informed trustees of the process for election of the Board's Chair following the Board's By-Laws. Nominations were called for the position of Chair of the Durham District School Board.

2018:01
MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney

THAT TRUSTEE MICHAEL BARRETT BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:02
MOVED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT TRUSTEE PAUL CRAWFORD BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

10. Election of Board Chair (Continued)

Trustees Michael Barrett and Paul Crawford accepted the nomination.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Director Lisa Millar, and there being none, nominations for the position of Chair were closed.

Trustees Michael Barrett and Paul Crawford spoke to their nominations.

Trustee Michael Barrett was elected to the position of Chair of the Durham District School Board. Trustee Michael Barrett as the newly elected Chair assumed the chair and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Chair Michael Barrett thanked trustees for electing him to the position of Chair of the Board.

11. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Michael Barrett explained that the process for electing the Vice Chair was the same under Board By-laws as it was for the position of Chair. Nominations were called for the position of Vice Chair of the Board.

2018:03
MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney

THAT TRUSTEE PATRICE BARNES BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:04
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:05
MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

11. Election of Vice Chair (Continued)

2018:06
MOVED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT TRUSTEE PAUL CRAWFORD BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:07
MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

THAT TRUSTEE KIMBERLY ZEPPIERI BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:08
MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

THAT TRUSTEE CHRISTINE WINTERS-FERET BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Trustees Patrice Barnes, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Carolyn Morton, Kimberly Zeppieri and Christine Winters-Feret accepted the nomination.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Michael Barrett, and there being none, nominations for the position of Vice Chair were closed.

Trustee Paul Crawford indicated that he would like to withdraw his nomination.

Chair Michael Barrett confirmed that the nominations were closed and his name cannot be withdrawn, but voters will take his request into consideration when voting.

Trustees Patrice Barnes, Donna Edwards, Carolyn Morton, Paul Crawford, Kimberly Zeppieri and Christine Winters-Feret spoke to their nomination.

Trustees Patrice Barnes, Donna Edwards and Carolyn Morton participated in a second vote.

Trustees Patrice Barnes and Carolyn Morton participated in a third vote.

Trustee Patrice Barnes was elected to the position of Vice Chair of the Durham District School Board.

12. Election of Standing Committee Vice Chair

Chair Michael Barrett called for nominations to the position of Standing Committee Vice Chair.

2018:09
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF STANDING COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:10
MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF STANDING COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:11
MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT TRUSTEE GORDON BAXTER BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF STANDING COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:12
MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT TRUSTEE KIMBERLY ZEPPIERI BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF STANDING COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

12. Election of Standing Committee Vice Chair (Continued)

2018:13
MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

THAT TRUSTEE CHRISTINE WINTERS-FERET BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF STANDING COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Trustees Donna Edwards, Carolyn Morton, Gordon Baxter, Kimberly Zeppieri and Christine Winters-Feret accepted the nomination.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Michael Barrett, and there being none, nominations for the position of Standing Committee Vice Chair were closed.

Trustees Donna Edwards, Carolyn Morton, Gordon Baxter, Kimberly Zeppieri and Christine Winters-Feret spoke to their nomination.

Trustees Donna Edwards, Kimberly Zeppieri, Gordon Baxter and Carolyn Morton participated in a second vote.

Trustees Kimberly Zeppieri and Carolyn Morton participated in a third vote.

Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri was elected to the position of Standing Committee Vice Chair of the Durham District School Board.

13. Election of Chair of Education Finance Committee

Chair Michael Barrett called for nominations to the position of Chair of Education Finance Committee.

2018:14
MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT TRUSTEE PAUL CRAWFORD BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

13. Election of Chair of Education Finance Committee (Continued)

2018:15
MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney

THAT TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:16
MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

THAT TRUSTEE LINDA STONE BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:17
MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:18
MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT TRUSTEE LINDA LOWERY BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:19
MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT TRUSTEE GORDON BAXTER BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

13. Election of Chair of Education Finance Committee (Continued)

2018:20
MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

THAT TRUSTEE CHRIS BRANEY BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Trustees Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, and Carolyn Morton accepted the nomination.

Trustees Linda Stone, Linda Lowery, Gordon Baxter and Chris Braney declined the nomination.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Michael Barrett, and there being none, nominations for the position of Chair of Education Finance Committee were closed.

Trustees Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, and Carolyn Morton spoke to the nomination.

Trustees Carolyn Morton and Donna Edwards participated in a second vote.

Trustee Carolyn Morton was elected to the position of the Chair of Education Finance Committee of the Durham District School Board.

14. Committee Elections

Chair Michael Barrett called for nominations and/or volunteers for the following committees:

(a) SEAC Liaison Trustees

2018:21
MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT TRUSTEE LINDA LOWERY BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF SEAC LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:22
MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF SEAC LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

(a) SEAC Liaison Trustees (Continued)

Trustees Linda Lowery and Donna Edwards accepted the nomination.

Trustees Linda Lowery and Donna Edwards were appointed to the position of SEAC Liaison Trustee of the Durham District School Board.

2018:23
MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT TRUSTEE CHRISTINE WINTERS-FERET BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE SEAC LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:24
MOVED by Trustee Linda Lowery

THAT TRUSTEE GORDON BAXTER BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE SEAC LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Trustees Christine Winters and Gordon Baxter accepted the nomination.

Trustees Christine Winters and Gordon Baxter were appointed to the position of alternate SEAC Liaison Trustee of the Durham District School Board.

(b) SAL Liaison Trustees

2018:25
MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT TRUSTEE LINDA STONE BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF SAL LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:26
MOVED by Trustee Linda Lowery

THAT TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF SAL LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:27
MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT TRUSTEE LINDA LOWERY BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF SAL LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Trustees Linda Stone, Carolyn Morton and Linda Lowery accepted the nomination.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Michael Barrett, and there being none, nominations for the position of SAL Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustee Linda Stone was elected to the position of SAL Liaison Trustee of the Durham District School Board.

Trustees Linda Lowery and Carolyn Morton participated in a second vote.

Trustee Linda Lowery was elected to the position of SAL Liaison Trustee of the Durham District School Board.

Trustees Carolyn Morton and Kimberly Zeppieri volunteered to serve as alternate SAL Liaison Trustees.

(c) OPSBA Liaison Trustees

2018:28
MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT TRUSTEE LINDA LOWERY BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:29
MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

THAT TRUSTEE LINDA STONE BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

(c) OPSBA Liaison Trustees (Continued)

2018:30
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT TRUSTEE PATRICE BARNES BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Michael Barrett, and there being none, nominations for the position of the OPSBA Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustee Linda Stone declined the nomination.

Trustees Linda Lowery and Patrice Barnes accepted the nomination.

Trustees Linda Lowery and Patrice Barnes were appointed as OPSBA Liaison Trustees for the Durham District School Board.

Trustee Patrice Barnes will exercise the Board's voting right.

2018:31
MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT TRUSTEE LINDA STONE BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:32
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT TRUSTEE GORDON BAXTER BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:33
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

(c) OPSBA Liaison Trustees (Continued)

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Michael Barrett, and there being none, nominations for the position of alternate OPSBA Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustee Gordon Baxter declined the nomination.

Trustees Linda Stone and Carolyn Morton accepted the nomination.

Trustees Linda Stone and Carolyn Morton were appointed as Alternate OPSBA Liaison trustees of the Durham District School Board.

(d) Parent Involvement Committee

2018:34
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT TRUSTEE GORDON BAXTER BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:35
MOVED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

THAT TRUSTEE KIMBERLY ZEPPIERI BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:36
MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT TRUSTEE CHRISTINE WINTERS-FERET BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Michael Barrett, and there being none, nominations for the position of Parent Involvement Committee Liaison trustee were closed.

Trustee Gordon Baxter declined the nomination.

Trustees Kimberly Zeppieri and Christine Winters-Feret accepted the nomination.

(d) Parent Involvement Committee (Continued)

Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri was elected as Parent Involvement Committee Liaison Trustee of the Durham District School Board.

2018:37
MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT TRUSTEE CHRISTINE WINTERS-FERET BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:38
MOVED by Trustee Linda Lowery

THAT TRUSTEE GORDON BAXTER BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Michael Barrett, and there being none, nominations for the position of Alternate Parent Involvement Committee Liaison trustee were closed.

Trustees Christine Winters-Feret and Gordon Baxter accepted the nomination.

Trustee Gordon Baxter was elected as Alternate Parent Involvement Committee Liaison Trustee of the Durham District School Board.

(e) Code of Conduct Alternate Liaison Trustee

2018:39
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT TRUSTEE CHRIS BRANEY BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE CODE OF CONDUCT LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

(f) Code of Conduct Alternate Liaison Trustee (Continued)

2018:40
MOVED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT TRUSTEE PAUL CRAWFORD BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE CODE OF CONDUCT TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:41
MOVED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

THAT TRUSTEE GORDON BAXTER BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE CODE OF CONDUCT LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2018:42
MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

THAT TRUSTEE KIMBERLY ZEPPIERI BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE CODE OF CONDUCT LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Michael Barrett, and there being none, nominations for the position of Alternate Code of Conduct trustee were closed.

Trustees Chris Braney and Paul Crawford declined the nomination.

Trustees Kimberly Zeppieri and Gordon Baxter accepted the nomination.

Trustee Gordon Baxter was elected as Alternate Code of Conduct Trustee of the Durham District School Board.

(g) Audit Committee Liaison Trustees

Trustees Gordon Baxter, Paul Crawford and Linda Stone will remain as the Audit Committee Liaison Trustees for the Durham District School Board.

(h) FNMI Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Linda Lowery will remain as the FNMI Education Advisory Committee Liaison Trustee for the Durham District School Board.

15. Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates 2018

Chair Michael Barrett stated that Board and Committee Meeting dates for 2018 were for the information of trustees.

2018:43
MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri
SECIBDED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

THAT THE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2018 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

17. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Samar Jeddi provided trustees with an overview of the Student Senate meeting held earlier in the evening. Students broke out into regional groups and talked about key points from the Kairos Blankets exercise. Common themes within the discussions included students feeling as if they gained new knowledge, new perspectives, and motivation to create change within their schools. Students thought it was very informative, expanding on prior knowledge of Indigenous Relations, since they felt the curriculum isn't as in depth as students want it to be. North Durham schools wanted to strive to build relationships with reserves (Brock HS). Action plans include: Indigenous Relations clubs that host workshops and events that promote Indigenous awareness, talk with history teachers and make a workshop to talk about Indigenous history (Anderson CVI), raise money to place a therapist at a reserve (Henry Street HS). After the exercise, students felt sad and needed time to recuperate before sharing. Some felt frustrated, happy to share it, and hopeful for what is to come. Lucy Black provided students with a Youth Hub presentation and highlighted the connection to our mental health goal. The DDSB Model for Positive Youth Development is the strategic plan to ensure everyone has an equal playing field within the DDSB. One in seven students in the DDSB live in poverty. Students were asked for input in regards to questions about poverty and the team may come back in the spring with a report.

16. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: SEAC Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2017

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2017.

2018:44
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards
SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE SEAC MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2017 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(b) 2018-2019 Strategic Budget Process - Update

Associate Director David Visser provided trustees with an update on the meeting schedule for the 2018-2019 Education Finance Committee dates.

2018:45
MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret
SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE UPDATE TO THE 2018-2019 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

17. Information Items (Continued)

(b) Annual Operating Plan – Mid Year Update

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with a mid-year update regarding the Annual Operating Plan.

(c) Violent Incidents Report

Trustee Paul Crawford provided trustees with a copy of his motion.

2018:46
MOVED by Trustee Paul Crawford
SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT EACH AND EVERY VIOLENT INCIDENT MUST BE REPORTED ON THE DAY IT OCCURS AND COPIES SUPPLIED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR. THIS WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2017;

(c) Violent Incidents Report (Continued)

THAT A SUMMARY OF THE EVENTS WILL BE REPORTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY EITHER AS AN IN CAMERA ITEM, A PUBLIC ITEM, OR BOTH;

THAT ALL AFFECTED PARTIES WILL BE ADVISED OF EACH VIOLENT INCIDENT AS THEY OCCUR. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS AFFECTED. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PARENTS OF THE STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM AFFECTED. NOT NAMING ANY PARTICIPANTS WILL PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY (NOTES 1 & 2); AND

THAT IF WE ARE HANDLING INCIDENTS INVOLVING SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS DIFFERENT FROM STUDENTS INVOLVED IN EXPULSION/SUSPENSION EVENTS, WE REQUIRE STAFF TO PRESENT A MOTION TO THE BOARD OF TRUTEES OUTLINING REQUIREMENTS, AND CHANGES TO PAST POLICIES/REGULATIONS.

MOTION DEFERRED LATER IN THE MEETING (See Following Motion)

The following Notes were referenced in the preceding motion:

Note 1: There is a Policy that allows that Principals advise parents when violence occurs.

Note 2: All Policies and Procedures and Regulations have wording included that affirms that Safety and Security are paramount. There are Policies stating how Special Needs students will be handled when involved in violent incidents. They do not state, nor does any legislation such as the Education Act, Safe Schools Act, Health and Safety Act, that safety of other students or staff should be set aside. The right to an education does not supersede safety and security. If it does, the Board of trustees and staff must express this by public motion to ensure that all affected parties understand how we are handling. Specifically, if it is intended that special needs students involved in violent incidents be allowed to remain in the classroom or school, it must be made clear.

Note 3: Review Education Act, Safe Schools Act, Code of Conduct for Students, 5500, Board Policies/Regulations re. violence, safety and security; mitigating factors that exempt Special Needs students from suspension and expulsion for violent incidents.

Note 4: Any changes to policies regarding safety issues should be presented at a Board meeting as a recommendation/motion to be voted on.

(c) Violent Incidents Report (Continued)

Director Lisa Millar stated that as per her responsibility to the Board, and also in her dual role and responsibility to the Ministry of Education, she must counsel the Board when a motion falls out of the parameters of responsibility of the Board of trustees, has legal implications, and falls outside of the parameters of governance, that she must follow up with stakeholders including, but not limited to, the Ministry of Education and legal counsel regarding the motion. She will report back to the Board at a later time.

2018:47
MOVED by Trustee Gordon Baxter
SECONDED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

THAT THE FOREGONG MOTION (2018:46) OF TRUSTEES PAUL CRAWFORD AND CAROLYN MORTON BE DEFERRED TO LEGAL COUNSEL.

CARRIED

Director Lisa Millar indicated that she cannot give an exact date regarding the report back to Board, as she must consult with the Ministry of Education, Code of Conduct and legal counsel. Some work will need to be completed in the New Year and a date will be confirmed once everyone is contacted.

(b) OPSBA Report

Trustee Patrice Barnes provided trustees with an update on two committees. She noted that an Ad Hoc committee was struck to examine the possibility of student trustees sitting at the OPSBA Board of Directors' meeting table. The committee has had one meeting. The student trustee will not necessarily want a seat at the table, but be involved in the committees to advocate and discuss student issues. Feedback is being received from across Ontario to ensure there is a voice. The Indigenous Trustee Counsel has lobbied the Ministry of Education to engage in consultation regarding students with needs in order to establish potential legislation on changes to education service agreements that exist between school boards and First Nations, and for students who live off reserves so they can attend school on the reserve. On November 9, the Minister of Education announced changes to the social studies and history curriculums. She noted that the Education Labour Relations symposium will be held from April 26-27, 2018.

18. Correspondence

(a) Action Requested

There was no correspondence at this time.

(b) Other

(i) Canadian Cancer Society

The correspondence was listed for the information of trustees.

2018:48
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards
SECONDED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

THAT THE BALLOTS BE DESTROYED.

CARRIED

19. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

20. Adjournment

2018:49
MOVED by Trustee Gordon Baxter
SECONDED by Trustee Linda Lowery

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:28 p.m.

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Chair Secretary