

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday, April 18, 2016

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 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Donna Edwards, Elinor Hansen, Larry Jacula, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Michelina Aguanno, Melanie Manning, Kevin Zheng

Regrets: Trustees Paul Crawford, Christine Winters

Officials Present: Interim Director Luigia Ayotte, Superintendents, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, John Legere, Lisa Millar, Silvia Peterson, Camille Taylor, David Visser, Communications Manager Andrea Pidwerbecki

Regrets: Superintendent Janet Edwards

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Moment of Silence

Trustee Kimberley Zeppieri advised that the moment of silence can be used to remember the teacher from Sir William Stephenson P.S. and the student from O'Neill C.V.I. by taking a moment to honour their lives.

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5. Dr. S.J. Phillips P.S.

Trustee Larry Jacula welcomed the Dr. S.J. Phillips P.S. Jazz Band. The group, directed by Samina Malik, played three selections, "It Don't mean a Thing if you Ain't Got That Swing", "On Broadway", and "Rock Around the Clock." Trustee Larry Jacula congratulated the groups, on behalf of the trustees, for their excellent performance.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2016:52
MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri
SECONDED by Trustee Elinor Hansen

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2016:53
MOVED by Trustee Larry Jacula
SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016; AND

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2016; AND

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2016.

CARRIED

7. Presentation

(a) Frenchman's Bay P.S. – Focused Intervention Program

John Legere, Superintendent, Pickering introduced Andrew Harris, Principal, David Pomerleau, Teacher, Michele Liverpool, Literacy/Numeracy Coach K-6 and Noah Williams, Grade 2 student, Frenchman's Bay P.S. The group provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Focused Intervention Program (FIP) at Frenchman's Bay P.S. by highlighting the successes seen to date. The program is one of the strategies used to support student achievement and close gaps in reading fluency and math concepts. Noah Williams provided a personal account of his experience in the program.

8. Report from the Committee of the Whole in Camera

Trustee Carolyn Morton reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with resignations, retirements, appointments, leaves of absence, administrative transfers and placements, personnel issues, and property matters.

Lisa Millar, Superintendent, Operations/Leadership/Early Years advised that the approved short list results and placement will be posted on the Board website.

9. (a) Public Question Period

There were no public questions at this time.

(b) Director's News from the System

Interim Director Luigia Ayotte congratulated O'Neill CVI students Kevin Zheng and Marvin Giang on their recent win at the Durham Regional Science Fair. The students' project entitled: *Headphones: A catalyst or scapegoat for youth hearing loss*, won the grade 11 students the honour and an all-expenses paid trip to represent Durham Region at the Canada-Wide Science Fair which will be held in Montreal in May 2016.

The Interim Director also congratulated Cartwright Central Public School student, Ryan, on being chosen to compete at the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, Speakers' Idol competition. Ryan, a grade seven student at Cartwright Central, was one of the 100 students chosen to participate in this annual event held on March 31st. The event brought an audience of dignitaries and important figures in Human Rights Advocacy. Ryan, delivered his speech with confidence and personality, incorporating the powerful message of a quote by Simon Wiesenthal. He spoke about the dangers of history repeating itself and highlighted the importance of visiting museums to improve our understanding of history.

The DDSB recently held its annual Student Recognition Night on April 14, 2016 at Eastdale CVI. The evening is always a very special one as it puts the spotlight on dedicated and exceptional students for making outstanding contributions to their school communities and for demonstrating great resiliency by overcoming obstacles. Three students from each of our secondary schools were nominated by school staff and the awards were presented at a special ceremony. Interim Director Ayotte offered her congratulations to all the honourees and thanked the many families, friends, trustees and staff who attended the event to celebrate these outstanding young people. The Interim Director also thanked Eastdale CVI for hosting and the DDSB's Communications department for organizing an outstanding event to celebrate students.

Congratulations to Education Officer, Martine Robinson who was recently awarded a Champions Award from PFLAG Durham Region. Martine received the award at a recent banquet in recognition of her efforts as an ally of the LGBTQ community.

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(b) Director's News from the System (Continued)

PFLAG Canada Durham Region helps all persons within their reach who are struggling with issues of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. They also support, educate, and provide resources to parents, families, friends, and colleagues with questions or concerns regarding these issues. Martine Robinson has worked alongside PFLAG Durham for a few years and values the importance of helping young LGBTQ students who may feel disengaged or marginalized. On behalf of the DDSB, Interim Director Ayotte congratulated Martine on her award and thanked her for her commitment to equity and supporting all students.

The Interim Director announced the recently-elected Student Trustees for the 2016-2017 school year.

- Representing Oshawa-Whitby – Kevin Zheng, O'Neill CVI
- Representing Ajax-Pickering- Avery Jackman, Dunbarton HS
- Representing Brock-Scugog and Uxbridge – Kofi Richter, Port Perry HS

Interim Director Ayotte thanked all of the students who participated in the electoral process and in particular, to those who ran for the position of student trustee. The incoming Student Trustees begin their term in the new school year.

10. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting of April 4, 2016

Trustee Carolyn Morton presented the report of the Standing Committee meeting of April 4, 2016.

2016:54

MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri
SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 4,
2016 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(b) 2015-2016 Interim Financial Report – Operating Expenditures for the Period Ending February 29, 2016

David Visser, Associate Director introduced Glen Regier, Manager of Budget, Ministry Reporting & Analytical Services who provided trustees with an update on operating expenditures as at February 29, 2016 (Quarter 2).

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- (b) 2015-2016 Interim Financial Report – Operating Expenditures for the Period Ending February 29, 2016

2016:55
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards
SECONDED by Trustee Elinor Hansen

THAT THE 2015-2016 INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT – OPERATING EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2016 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

11. Information Items

- (a) Ontario's Renewed Mathematics Strategy

Luigia Ayotte, Interim Director provided trustees with information, received to date, as it relates to Ontario's Renewed Mathematics Strategy. She also answered questions of trustees.

- (b) Mental Health Symposium

Trustees Carolyn Morton, Patrice Barnes and Linda Stone provided trustees with an overview of the Mental Health Symposium that was held on April 7 & 8, 2016. They highlighted the workshops they attended and the importance of children and youth mental health issues.

12. Correspondence

- (a) Action Requested:

The correspondence was listed for the information of trustees.

- (b) Other

13. Other Business

14. Adjournment

2016:56
MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes
SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary