

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, February 21, 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 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Donna Edwards, Elinor Hansen (via teleconference), Larry Jacula, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Avery Jackman, Kofi Richter (left at 9:00 p.m.), Kevin Zheng (left at 9:07 p.m.)

Regrets: Trustee Paul Crawford

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Superintendents Luigia Ayotte, John Bowyer, Mark Fisher, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, John Legere, Jim Markovski, Silvia Peterson, Martine Robinson, Camille Taylor, Communications Manager Terry Simzer

Regrets: Associate Director David Visser

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Moment of Silence

Chair Michael Barrett acknowledged that the Board is on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation which is under the Williams Treaties.

The moment of silence was used to remember former mayor and current Councillor Nancy Diamond, City of Oshawa.

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4. O Canada

5. Michaëlle Jean P.S.

Trustee Patrice Barnes welcomed the Michaëlle Jean P.S. Dance Crew. The group, directed by Robyn Gayadeen and Alexandra Champion, entertained trustees with a number entitled, "Dance Around the World". Trustee Patrice Barnes congratulated the group, on behalf of the trustees, for their excellent performance.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2017:22

MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters

SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2017:23

MOVED by Trustee Larry Jacula

SECONDED by Trustee Chris Braney

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2016; AND

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2017.

CARRIED

7. Presentation

(a) Canada 150/We Are DDSB

Chair Michael Barrett introduced Canada 150/We Are DDSB, an initiative to celebrate pride in Canada and Canada's history prior to 1867. The Durham District School Board recognizes all cultures and religions, and this is an opportunity to learn more about the history of Canada that preceded confederation. As we celebrate as Canadians, students were asked to share who they are as Canadians. Their responses were captured in a video that was shared with trustees.

(b) Make a Difference Poverty Strategy Update

Jim Markovski, Superintendent, Family of Schools/Early Years/Poverty provided trustees with an update on “Make A Difference – DDSB’s Poverty Strategy” (M.A.D.) that began implementation in September 2013. The initiative was developed to address early learning, preparing our youngest learners for schools, reducing the achievement gap at entry levels, addressing the impact of poverty and engaging and providing supports to Oshawa families. The initiative has expanded over the past year to include early years through to adolescents and now includes schools located in priority neighbourhoods across the district. He introduced Stacey Lepine, Manager, Early Years and Poverty Strategy, Christine Nancekivell, Manager, Property and Planning, Clare Morgan, Project Coordinator, and Nancy Sarlo, Speech and Language Pathologist. The group provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the 12 project categories. They also answered questions of trustees.

(c) The RBC Black History Month Student Essay Competition Student Recognition

Martine Robinson, Superintendent, Family of Schools/Parent Engagement/Community Outreach informed trustees of the RBC Black History Month Student Essay Competition finalist. She advised that Maya George, a grade 12 student at Ajax HS was chosen as a top 50 finalist for her powerful essay titled, “Overcoming Adversity: The Lesson Impacting Generations. This prestigious recognition awarded Maya with a \$500.00 scholarship. Maya was unable to attend the meeting, but a video of Maya reading her essay was shared with trustees. A certificate of accomplishment was also prepared for Maya.

(d) Afrocentric Perspectives in the Classroom: A Kindergarten to Grade 8 Resource

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs provided trustees with information on the recently completed Ministry of Education Barrie area family of schools Afrocentric Perspectives: A Kindergarten to Grade 8 Resource Document. She introduced Barry Bedford, Education Officer, Amanda Henry, Teacher, Forest View P.S., Margaret Lazarus, Administrative Officer, and Tina Thomas, Facilitator who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the creation of the resource in addition to the Racialized and Aboriginal Leadership program. They also thanked the writing team for their work.

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 retirements, appointment, leaves of absence, personnel issues, and employee relations issues.

9. (a) Public Question Period

There were no public questions at this time.

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(b) Director's News from the System

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following Director's News from the system:

- The DDSB is recognizing the positive events that have occurred and are taking place to celebrate Black History Month. DDSB students, staff and community have attended many celebrations, posted artwork of African role models and strived to learn more in appreciation of the contributions of our African-Canadian communities.
- Two weeks ago J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate in Ajax hosted an outstanding and inspirational event featuring Emmanuel Jal at Together, One Canada Strong – Celebrating Black History in Canada. Mr. Jal is a South Sudanese-Canadian musician, actor, political activist and former child soldier who spoke to those in attendance encouraging them to think about what each person can do to ensure justice, freedom and equality for all. He also spoke to the fact that failure is the infinite source of intelligence because we learn and grow from the challenges we experience.
- Last month DDSB elementary students gathered for the first-ever Future City Competition. Students competed in school teams showcasing their engineering designs for future cities. Student teams from 18 schools across the DDSB came together to share their learning with other students, educators and judges from Engineers Canada. The winning team from A.G. Bell was awarded the opportunity to attend the international competition currently taking place in Washington D.C. A presentation will take place at the next standing committee meeting.
- On February 1st, at the fourth Proud To Be Speaker Series of the year, the DDSB was fortunate to welcome Peter Ittinuar, the first Inuk in Canada to be elected as an MP. Peter shared his Inuit history with a large group of teachers and DDSB community members. Inuit communities from Ottawa and Toronto also connected to this DDSB-hosted event via Adobe Connect. The following week on February 7th, the First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education department in partnership with UOIT continued with the speaker series by welcoming well-known Mohawk Chief, Spiritual Leader and Master Storyteller, Tom Porter.
- The Special Education department has started to meet with the community to host three Community Information Sessions. The first session took place last month with two more scheduled meetings to take place later this month and in early March. The goal of the Community Information Sessions is to receive community input and ideas in reshaping special education supports and services to improve the delivery of service for students with special needs. The Special Education Community Information Sessions will focus on how to foster student independence, better organize special education supports and services and receive input in the shaping of a renewed model of special education classes.

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(b) Director's News from the System

- The DDSB is committed to continuous improvement in our schools in how we manage our resources. To ensure maximum transportation efficiency, Durham Student Transportation Services, the transportation consortium serving DDSB students, has undertaken an efficiency review to reduce transportation costs while maximizing overall educational services to students.

Recently, the DDSB instituted a new procedure regarding the establishment or adjustment of bell times and held three Bell Time Review open houses in Ajax, Whitby and Port Perry. As a school board we are tasked with balancing the pressure to maintain service levels with predetermined transportation funding while dealing with traffic congestion, fuel costs and pockets of population growth.

- On Saturday February 4th, a group of 29 female students from J. Clarke Richardson was invited to participate in the WE Model day at Queen's University in Kingston.

Students involved in the school's 'Cultures of Richardson' club, 'Students Without Borders' group, and the social science studies groups had the opportunity to attend and participate. Queens' Free the Children social activist group, worked diligently to invite the school's students to the event. The students had the opportunity to listen to speakers and take part in activism workshops.

- On January 25th our Employee Services department held the first Occasional Teachers Information Evening. The evening provided resources and information for occasional teachers to enhance and support their journey in day to day supply and LTO assignments. We had a great turnout with 203 Occasional Teachers attending and 118 of those teachers have been employed with the DDSB for two years or less.
- During the week of February 6-10 many school Principals and other administrative staff attended a Traumatic Event Systems Training held at the Education Centre. Staff were trained by Kevin Cameron, the Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response.
- The Director recognized students from Valley View Public School who through their Hallowe'en Dance, samosa sales, Winter Dance and December Pizza Day, generated \$1,200 to donate to the Sick Kids Foundation. Valley View students are showing how they can make a difference when they put their hearts and minds to a cause.

10. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting of February 6, 2017

Trustee Chris Braney presented the report of the Standing Committee meeting of February 6, 2017.

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- (b) Report: Standing Committee Meeting of February 6, 2017 (Continued)

2017:24

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards
SECONDED by Trustee Christine Winters

THAT THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2017 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

- (b) Report: SEAC Meeting of December 8, 2016

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the report of the SEAC meeting of December 8, 2016. It was noted that the SEAC survey has been put on hold.

2017:25

MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone
SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE REPORT OF THE SEAC MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2016 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

- (c) Modified Accommodation Review/Township of Brock (Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS) – Staff Update

Jim Markovski, Superintendent, Family of Schools/Early Years/Poverty introduced Carey Trombino, Accommodation Coordinator and Senior Planner who provided trustees with information regarding the Staff Update Report which provides a summary of community input, emails and a phone call, received during Phase 2 of the Accommodation Review process. They also answered questions of trustees.

2017:26

MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters
SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

- (i) THAT THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVES THE ADDENDUM REPORT TO MODIFIED ACCOMMODATION REVIEW – TOWNSHIP OF BROCK (BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS) – FINAL STAFF REPORT ENTITLED MODIFIED ACCOMMODATION REVIEW – TOWNSHIP OF BROCK (BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS) – STAFF UPDATE REPORT.

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- (c) Modified Accommodation Review/Township of Brock (Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS) – Staff Update (Continued)

2017:27

MOVED by Trustee Elinor Hansen

SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

- (ii) THAT THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE MOTIONS THAT WERE DEFERRED FROM THE JANUARY 23, 2017 BOARD MEETING TO THE FEBRUARY 21, 2017 BOARD MEETING, AND THEREBY RE-TABLED FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' CONSIDERATION;
- (a) THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZES BOARD STAFF TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE AND CONSOLIDATION OF BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS INTO A NEW SCHOOL ON THE BEAVERTON PS SITE, PENDING MINISTRY OF EDUCATION APPROVAL AND FUNDING;
- (b) THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZES BOARD STAFF TO SUBMIT A BUSINESS CASE TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, FOR A NEW SCHOOL ON THE BEAVERTON PS SITE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED ENROLMENT OF BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS;
- (c) THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZES BOARD STAFF TO CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO CURRENT SCHOOL BOUNDARIES FOR BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A NEW SCHOOL IS COMPLETED ON THE BEAVERTON PS SITE, AND A NEW SCHOOL YEAR COMMENCES; AND
- (d) THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE FUNDING TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSITION AND CELEBRATION OF BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS, PENDING MINISTRY OF EDUCATION APPROVAL AND FUNDING:
1. YEAR 1 - \$5,000 BE PROVIDED TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSITION AND CELEBRATION OF BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS.
 2. YEAR 2 - \$10,000 BE PROVIDED TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSITION AND CELEBRATION OF BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS.
 3. YEAR 3 - \$5,000 BE PROVIDED TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSITION AND CELEBRATION OF BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS.

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(i) Capital Borrowing By-law 14-2017

Director Lisa Millar on behalf of David Visser, Associate Director/Treasurer provided trustees with information regarding By-law 14-2017 authorizing the loan agreement in the amount of \$8,867,856 to fund construction of the schools and additions listed on Schedule A to the report. Terry Henderson, Comptroller answered questions of trustees.

2017:28

MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE LOAN AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,867,856 WITH ONTARIO FINANCING AUTHORITY TO BE AMORTIZED OVER 25 YEARS AND APPROVE CAPITAL BORROWING BY-LAW 14, 2017, WHICH PROVIDES THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT.

CARRIED

(j) Short Term Borrowing Resolution

Director Lisa Millar on behalf of David Visser, Associate Director/Treasurer provided trustees with the short-term borrowing resolution for the 2016-2017 school year. Terry Henderson, Comptroller answered questions of trustees.

2017:29

MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE BORROWING RESOLUTION FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

(k) Relocation of Pickering and Oshawa Alternate Programs

Richard Kennelly, Superintendent, Family of Schools introduced Christine Nancekivell, Manager of Property and Planning who provided trustees with information regarding the relocation of Durham Alternative Secondary School (DASS), Durham Continuing Education (DCE) and Return Ticket (RT), currently located at 1400 Bayly Street, Pickering into the Dunbarton Annex building and the relocation of Durham Alternative Secondary School currently located in the Westmount Building and Galleria office at the Oshawa Centre into Village Union PS, effective September 2017.

(k) Relocation of Pickering and Oshawa Alternate Programs (Continued)

2017:30

MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney
SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE RELOCATION OF THE PROGRAMS CURRENTLY ACCOMMODATED IN LEASED SPACE ON BAYLY STREET, PICKERING, INTO THE DUNBARTON ANNEX BUILDING FOR SEPTEMBER 2017, WHICH IN TURN, RELOCATES DUNBARTON HS PUPILS BACK INTO THE DUNBARTON HS BUILDING.

CARRIED

2017:31

MOVED by Trustee Larry Jacula
SECONDED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

THAT THE RELOCATION OF THE PROGRAMS CURRENTLY ACCOMMODATED IN LEASED SPACE IN THE WESTMOUNT BUILDING AND GALLERIA OFFICE AT THE OSHAWA CENTRE, INTO VILLAGE UNION PS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017.

CARRIED

(d) 2017/2018 School Year Calendar

Mark Fisher, Superintendent, Operations/Leadership introduced Paul Brown, Operations Officer who provided trustees with information regarding the 2017/2018 school year calendars. They also answered questions of trustees.

2017:32

MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters
SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE FOLLOWING BE APPROVED:

- (a) THE PROPOSED SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS;
- (b) THE PROPOSED SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS;
- (c) THE PROPOSED MODIFIED SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR C.E. BROUGHTON P.S. AND WINCHESTER P.S.;

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(d) 2017/2018 School Year Calendar (Continued)

(d) THE PROPOSED MODIFIED SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR BROCK H.S., HENRY STREET H.S. AND MAXWELL HEIGHTS S.S.; AND

(e) THAT THIS INFORMATION BE FORWARDED TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BY MARCH 1, 2016 FOR THE MODIFIED CALENDARS AND MAY 1, 2016 FOR THE REGULAR CALENDARS, SO THAT THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD WILL BE COMPLIANT WITH THE RESPECTIVE DEADLINES AS OUTLINED IN REGULATION 304.

CARRIED

(l) Policy and Regulation #5149 – Substance Abuse: Students

(m) Policy and Regulation #6131 – Character Education

John Bowyer, Superintendent, Family of Schools/Safe Schools introduced Danielle Hunter and Dan Hogan who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed revisions of Policy and Regulation #5149 – Substance Abuse: Students and Policy and Regulation #6131: Character Education. They also answered questions of trustees.

2017:33

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Winters

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO POLICY AND REGULATION #5149 SUBSTANCE ABUSE: STUDENTS.

CARRIED

2017:34

MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO POLICY AND REGULATION #6131 – CHARACTER EDUCATION.

CARRIED

(i) Revisions to Policies and Regulations

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs provided trustees with information regarding the following revised policies and regulations:

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(i) Revisions to Policies and Regulations (Continued)

- Policy #5123: Lower Limited of Range of Percentage Marks on Report Cards, Grades 9-12
- Policy #6164: Guidance Services
- Regulation #6164 Minimum Level of Guidance Services
- Policy #6170: Cooperative Education for Secondary Schools

She also answered questions of trustees.

2017:35

MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Winters

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND REGULATIONS:

- POLICY #5123: LOWER LIMITED OF RANGE OF PERCENTAGE MARKS ON REPORT CARDS, GRADES 9-12
- POLICY #6164: GUIDANCE SERVICES
- REGULATION #6164 MINIMUM LEVEL OF GUIDANCE SERVICES
- POLICY #6170: COOPERATIVE EDUCATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

CARRIED

11. Information Items

(a) 2015-2016 Director's Annual Report

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with a video of the 2015-2016 Director's Annual Report to the Community.

(b) The DDSB Art Contest

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with information regarding the DDSB's Art Contest that is about to be launched. The contest will focus on the talent of DDSB students from K – 12 and will define who we are in the DDSB. The contest will begin this winter and artwork can be submitted in various mediums. The artwork will be framed and proudly displayed in the Director's and Trustees' area. She also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Special Education Review – Implementation Update #3 – Special Education Video and Next Steps

John Legere, Superintendent, Special Education provided trustees with a video update on the Special Education Review implementation process.

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12. Correspondence

(a) Action Requested

There was no correspondence at this time.

(b) Other

- (i) Bluewater DSB
- (ii) Jennifer McIntyre, OPSBA
- (iii) Durham College Student Petition

The correspondence was listed for the information of trustees. Chair Michael Barrett commented on the Durham College Student Petition and responded on behalf of trustees.

13. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

14. Adjournment

2017:36
MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney
SECONDED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Chair

Secretary