

# APPROVED

## MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday, January 22, 2018

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-Feret, Student Trustee Sharuka Selliah

Regrets: Trustees Michael Barrett, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student trustees Meghan Hanna, Samar Jeddi

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Superintendents Mark Fisher, Mohamed Hamid, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, Margaret Lazarus, Jamila Maliha, Jim Markovski, Silvia Peterson, Martine Robinson, Camille Taylor, Associate Director David Visser, Communications Manager Terry Simzer

Regrets: Superintendent John Legere

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Moment of Silence

Acting Chair Patrice Barnes 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

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3. Moment of Silence (Continued)

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. Forest View P.S.

Trustee Linda Lowery welcomed the Forest View P.S. Phoenix Sings. The group performed two selections entitled "True Colours", and "A Place to Stand". Trustee Linda Lowery congratulated the group, on behalf of the trustees, for their excellent performance.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2018:50

MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney

SECONDED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2018:51

MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

SECONDED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2017; AND

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2017.

CARRIED

7. Presentations

(a) Winner of the Think of Me Bag Campaign, Durham Region

Superintendent Anne Marie Laginski provided trustees with information regarding the Durham Region Think of Me Bag campaign. The campaign is a grassroots partnership between LCBO stores, local police services and elementary schools. The program aims to raise awareness of the dangerous consequences of impaired driving by offering Ontario elementary schools the opportunity for their students to decorate single-bottle bags with powerful "Don't drink and drive" messages. This year Evelyn Small-Woods, a grade six

(b) Winner of the Think of Me Bag Campaign, Durham Region (Continued)

student at Pringle Creek P.S. designed the winning bag and is the winner for the Durham Region. She introduced Mhairi Johnston, Principal, Pringle Creek P.S. and Evelyn Small-Woods, grade 6 student, who shared the story about her winning bag. A video was shared with trustees highlighting a Global News interview with Evelyn. Director Lisa Millar and Trustees Patrice Barnes and Christine Winters-Feret presented Evelyn with a certificate of acknowledgement.

8. Public Question Period

- (i) Sandra Forsyth, Whitby, advised that Trustee Patrice Barnes stated that Black students are in crisis. She asked who is responsible for the crisis and how can the Provincial government assist in eliminating the crisis and prevent a crisis in the future.

Director Lisa Millar advised that the Anti-Racism Secretariat has just released their document on anti-black racism. A report will be presented at the February Board meeting regarding the anti-black racism strategy and its implications for school boards, government, and various sectors of society. The document also addresses trustees in their role as champions in dealing with this. The issue is on the Provincial agenda. She noted that it is a societal crisis. As a school system the Board has a moral responsibility to address that. It is known that within the anti-black racism strategy, training is required at all levels from trustees to administrators. There is further development regarding the anti-oppression training program, which will address all forms of oppression in society including anti-Islamophobia, and anti-Semitism. The Board will also be releasing the DDSB compendium for black youth at the February Standing Committee meeting, which is a specifically developed plan for black students.

Sandra Forsyth asked when the anti-oppression training is scheduled for employees.

Director Lisa Millar confirmed that the training schedule is being developed now and will be outlined in the report coming forward at the February Board meeting. The schedule will also be available on the Board website.

- (ii) Marie from Ajax asked how special education children benefit from out of school suspensions.

Superintendent Richard Kennelly advised that there is a wide spectrum of needs for special education students that would lead to suspension. Suspensions are never handed out easily and consideration is always given to the individuals involved, the situation and any mitigating factors associated with the student. This is part of the progressive discipline flow. The ministry requires the Board to look at mitigating circumstances for special needs students ie. does the student understand right from wrong, will a suspension impact the child's behaviour. A suspension could be used as an escalation for students, but it is far down the progressive discipline chart. It can also be used as an opportunity for schools to look at a path to resolution, as it comes out of

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8. Public Question Period (Continued)

- (ii) conflict or harm being done. Consideration is given on how to bring a student back into the building with no repeat of behaviour.

9. Presentations - Staff

(a) Igniting Opportunities for Future Leaders – Regional PRO Grants

Superintendent Martine Robinson provided trustees with an overview of the 2017-2018 Regional Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant Igniting Opportunities for Future Leaders Engagement Event. She introduced members of the Committee, Mary Hindle, Co-Chair, Afrocentric Family Partnership, Eleanor McIntosh, Principal, Ajax H.S., Mariska Thomas, Congress of Black Women of Canada-Ontario), Victor Carrington, Durham Outreach Multicultural Association, and Sharmon Carrington, Durham Educational Mentorship Program and Durham Outreach Multicultural Association. Trustees Carolyn Morton and Patrice Barnes are also involved with the Committee. Mary Hindle and Eleanor McIntosh provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the event, which was led by the DDSB Afrocentric Family Partnership Committee, and used to engage parents and students who identified as racialized, in grades 7 to 12. The evening's keynote speaker was former Principal from the GTA, well known author, and father of five (three sons in the NHL), Karl Subban. He facilitated a special meeting opportunity for students who participated in the 100 Strong Academy Summer Program 2017. A video of his keynote, "Harnessing the Power of Potential" was shared with trustees.

(b) 2016-2017 Director's Annual Report

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with the 2016-2017 Director's Annual Report to the community. This year's document is in both a digital interactive format and a hard copy. She provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the report which will also be shared with the Ministry of Education, for accountability purposes, and posted on the Board's website. The final report and end of year update will be provided in June.

(c) Consultation/Input Process for the New Re-Ignite Learning Multi-Year Strategic Plan

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with information regarding the input and consultation process for the new multi-year plan Re-Ignite Learning. A core overview is available on the website.

12. Recommended Actions

(c) Traumatic Response Policy & Procedure

Superintendent Richard Kennelly introduced Acting Superintendent John Bowyer, Safe Schools Officer, Ken MacNaughton, Substance Abuse Coordinator, Dan Hogan, and Safe Schools Facilitator, Danielle Hunter who provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the Traumatic Response Policy and Procedure. They also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Traumatic Response Policy & Procedure (Continued)

2018:52

Moved by Trustee Chris Braney

Seconded by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

THAT THE AREA TRUSTEE BE CONTACTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHEN ONE OF THEIR AREA SCHOOLS HAS EXPERIENCED A TRAUMATIC EVENT.

CARRIED

2018:53

MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE TRAUMATIC RESPONSE POLICY & PROCEDURE BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

10. Report from the Committee of the Whole in Camera

Trustee Patrice Barnes reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with resignations, retirements, leaves of absence, property matters and employee relations issues.

11. Director's News from the System

Director Lisa Millar advised that this past holiday season, students at Maxwell Heights Secondary School, O'Neill CVI and Eastdale CVI joined together to initiate the Can-Can Food Drive Challenge benefitting Simcoe Hall Settlement House. The Food Drive Challenge was the brainchild of teachers from these three schools who wanted to embark on a challenge to support a local Food bank during the holiday season and highlight the generosity of Oshawa area students. Students collected over 5,000 canned items with other non-perishables for Simcoe Hall Settlement House. We are all winners when students get involved in supporting their community.

There was an incredible turnout for the Transition Night for parents and guardians of Grade 8 students with special education needs transitioning to secondary school for September 2018. The Transition Night was held on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Education Centre and designed as an information primer for the upcoming sessions at each secondary school. Parents and guardians were provided with a copy of the "*Choosing My Success*" student planner and will receive the parent/guardian resource at their secondary school session. Topics include Special Education programs and services as a continuum between elementary and secondary, course options, codes and program pathways. The Transition Night message aligned with the Student Success message and DDSB goal of informed decision making for every Grade 8 student and family.

11. Director's News from the System (Continued)

The Student Voice Conference is a three-part conference series that provides students in grades 7 and 8 with a platform to discuss issues related to equity, social justice and inclusion. The second session of the conference took place on January 9<sup>th</sup> with 144 students in attendance. ME to WE Teen Activist and Motivational Speaker, Hannah Alper, shared her message about the importance of youth activism and using student voice to implement change. After the keynote presentation, students shared their collaborative inquiry plans with other school communities. In April, students will share their student-led initiatives with trustees, administrators and parent communities.

The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, went to Ajax High School to announce the OSAP Net Tuition Announcement. The Minister provided remarks and a demonstration of the OSAP calculator while interacting and responding to questions from our students. Trustee Donna Edwards also attended the event bringing greetings on behalf of the Board.

The Special Education Department has recently launched the Special Education Community Information Sessions. There are four scheduled sessions taking place in January at different locations across the region focussing on discussing special education supports and services, fostering student independence and the renewed model of special education classes. The sessions provide an overview of our direction, highlight programs and services and allow an opportunity for parents and students to provide input. The remaining dates for the sessions are January 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

The community of Lincoln Alexander Public School proudly celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary last week on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The early afternoon celebration began with an assembly involving students, parents and special guests and ended with an evening open house welcoming alumni, parents, former staff, recent students and community members. Trustee Patrice Barnes attended and welcomed the community. Lincoln Alexander Public School staff and students were congratulated for reaching a great milestone.

Grove School was recognized as the latest DDSB school to be the fortunate recipient of a \$10,000 gift from the *Indigo Love of Reading Foundation*. The gift is one of 50 literacy grants awarded across the country. The \$10,000 will reinvigorate the literacy initiatives at the school library while including students in discussions of what materials should be added to the school collection. Grove School teacher, Lynn Gittens who took the initiative to apply for this grant was congratulated.

There are 10,479 active Chromebooks in the system, with half of Grade 10 students and all Grade 7 students having received their Chromebooks. An additional 2500 Chromebooks will be rolled out to the remaining Grade 10 students at the beginning of semester 2. Currently there are 2200 active Google Classroom sites in the DDSB. All the DDSB secondary teachers have had the opportunity to attend training on Google Classroom and G-Suite and more than 90% of secondary teachers have been trained on digital tools to support inquiry using *Read and Write* software to support students with special education needs.

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11. Director's News from the System (Continued)

A student at Michaëlle Jean Public School accomplished something quite special. Grade 5 student Nilaksan Rajkumar, recently returned from an international Math competition in Malaysia in which he placed second. The competition involved participants from 75 countries and took place near Kuala Lumpur. Nilaksan completed the timed math test and was declared one of the finalists, coming in second place.

- Dates of Significance
  - January Tamil Heritage Month
  - January 25 SEAC Meeting
  - January 27 International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust
  - February Black History Month
  - February 11-17 Random Acts of Kindness Week
  - February 11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science
  - February 13 Shrove Tuesday
  - February 14 Ash Wednesday
  - February 16 Chinese New Year
  - February 16 P.A. Day (Secondary Schools Only)
  - February 19 Family Day
  - February 20 World Social Justice Day

13. Information items

(c) Special Education Review Update #6: Elementary

Andrea McAuley, Special Education Officer on behalf of Superintendent John Legere, provided trustees with an update on the Special Education Review Implementation within the elementary panel on action items through Fall of 2017.

12. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2018

Trustee Patrice Barnes presented the report of the Standing Committee Meeting of January 8, 2018.

2018:54

MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

SECONDED by Trustee Chris Braney

THAT THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2018 BE RECEIVED.

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(b) Report: SEAC Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2017

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the meeting Minutes of November 23, 2017.

2018:55

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards  
SECONDED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

THAT THE SEAC MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2017 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(d) Boundary - Unnamed Ajax PS (Turnerbury Ave/Formosa Ave), Town of Ajax

Superintendent Martine Robinson introduced Carey Trombino, Accommodation Coordinator and Senior Planner who provided trustees with information for the approval of the Unnamed Ajax PS boundaries, effective September 2018.

2018:56

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards  
SECONDED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE BOUNDARIES FOR THE UNNAMED AJAX PS, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2018.

CARRIED

(e) Boundary – Unnamed North Oshawa PS (Norther Dancer Drive/Bridle Road), City of Oshawa

Associate Director David Visser provided trustees with information for the approval of the Unnamed North Oshawa PS boundaries, effective September 2018.

2018:57

MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone  
SECONDED by Trustee Linda Lowey

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE BOUNDARIES FOR THE UNNAMED NORTH OSHAWA PS, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2018.

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- (f) Ajax HS/J Clarke Richardson (Relocation of Feeder Schools – Lord Elgin PS and Roland Michener PS)

Superintendent Martine Robinson introduced Carey Trombino, Accommodation Coordinator and Senior Planner who provided trustees with information regarding the transition of students, beginning with the current grade 8 students, at the feeder schools of Lord Elgin PS and Roland Michener PS, from J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate to Ajax HS, effective September 2018. She also answered questions of trustees.

2018:58

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards  
SECONDED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT THE THREE FAMILIES FROM LORD ELGIN PS AND ROLAND MICHENER PS THAT CURRENTLY HAVE SIBLINGS ATTENDING J. CLARKE RICHARDSON COLLEGIATE BE GRANDFATHERED TO ATTEND J. CLARKE RICHARDSON COLLEGIATE, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2018.

CARRIED

2018:59

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards  
SECONDED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE TRANSITION OF STUDENTS, BEGINNING WITH THE CURRENT GRADE 8 STUDENTS, AT THE FEEDER SCHOOLS OF LORD ELGIN PS AND ROLAND MICHENER PS, FROM J. CLARKE RICHARDSON COLLEGIATE TO AJAX HS, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2018.

CARRIED

- (g) 2017-2018 Interim Financial Report

Associate Director David Visser provided trustees with an update on enrolment information and budget changes as part of the 2017-2018 Revised Estimates and on operating expenditures as at November 30, 2017 (Quarter 1).

2018:60

MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret  
SECONDED by Trustee Linda Lowery

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REVISED ESTIMATES INCLUDING UTILIZATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS.

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(h) Notice of Motion: Policies, Procedures and Regulations (Updates)

Associate Director David Visser presented the following Notice of Motion to be considered at the Board meeting scheduled to be held on February 20, 2018:

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO POLICY #3560, POLICY 3600, REGULATION #1310, REGULATION #3310, REGULATION #3560 AND REGULATION #3600.

13. Information Items

(a) Early Years Capital Program Funding Submission Approvals

Associate Director David Visser provided trustees with information surrounding the Early Years Capital Program Funding submission to the Ministry of Education. He also answered questions of trustees.

(b) DDSB Named Most Energy Efficient School Board in Ontario for 2014/15

Associate Director David Visser provided trustees with information regarding the energy efficiency at the Durham District School Board and being awarded the Most Energy Efficient School Board in Ontario for 2014-2015. He also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report

Associate Director David Visser provided trustees with the quarterly report of the current construction and major projects progress, as information.

14. Correspondence

(a) Action Requested

There was no correspondence at this time.

(b) Other

- (i) Grand Erie DSB
- (ii) Halton DSB
- (iii) Grand Erie DSB

The correspondence was listed for the information of trustees.

Trustee Donna Edwards advised that SEAC would also be interested in having Educational Assistants access the 40 hours of online training and receive a report on the success of the pilot to improve school-based supports for students with Autism Spectrum disorder. As Durham was not selected as one of the 18 school boards to participate in the pilot, Director Lisa Millar will follow-up with the Assistant Deputy Minister.

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15. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

16. Adjournment

2018:61

MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

SECONDED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

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

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Chair

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Secretary