

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday, January 23, 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, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Elinor Hansen, Larry Jacula (left at 8:00 p.m.), Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustee Kevin Zheng (left at 7:45 p.m.)

Regrets: Trustee Michael Barrett, Student Trustees Kofi Richter, Avery Jackman

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

Regrets: Superintendent Martine Robinson, 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

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

The Board participated in a moment of silence.

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5. Highbush P.S.

Trustee Chris Braney welcomed the Highbush Chorus. The group, directed by Trish Fernandez, played three selections entitled, "Prologue", "Castle on a Cloud" and "Little People". Trustee Chris Braney congratulated the group, on behalf of the trustees, for their excellent performance.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2017:12

MOVED by Trustee Elinor Hansen

SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

The agenda was amended by adding Items 11. (d) Dr. Stuart Shanker and 13. (a) French Immersion.

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

2017:13

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2016; AND

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2016.

CARRIED

7. Presentation

(a) World Religion Day Celebration

The Durham Multi Faith World Religion Day Committee

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs introduced Barry Bedford, Education Officer, Equity and inclusive Education who recognized Erin Oliver, Curriculum Facilitator, and introduced Donald Igbokwe, Chairman, Niels Hodsman, Assistant Chair, Ronald King, member of the Jewish Community in Whitby, all members of the Durham Multi Faith World Religion Day organizing committee who acknowledged and thanked the Durham District School Board for its leadership and contribution to the Durham World Religion Day 2017 celebration that took place in Ajax. Director Lisa Millar and Acting Chair Chris Braney received the plaque and participated in a photo opportunity.

(b) Centres for Success Program

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs shared with the Board the impact and successes students experience as a result of their participation in the Centres for Success Program offered by the Durham District School Board. She introduced Kim Stuart, Education Officer, Student Success who shared a PowerPoint overview of the program. She introduced Ciana and James, two students enrolled in the Centres for Success Classes who shared their experience with the program. The group also answered questions of trustees.

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

9. (a) Public Question Period

There were no public questions at this time.

(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:

- In November, the board and Director congratulated students and staff from Terry Fox Public School for winning the "Harmony School of the Year Award." These students along with staff and parents recently picked up their award recognizing their exemplary achievements in going above and beyond training to promote diversity, equity and inclusivity in both their school and their community.

To win this award, Terry Fox Public School partnered with Harmony to run a two day "Social Change Makers Leadership" conference for intermediate students and a half-day staff workshop. The additional resources and support of the Harmony movement were a perfect complement to the student leadership and staff and community engagement initiatives happening at Terry Fox.

- In early December elementary students found ways to put their energies in the environment to good use with the Elementary Eco Summit. Grades 5-8 students, representing approximately 40 schools across the DDSB, found ways to utilize traditional Indigenous teachings, create mixed media projects using eco-friendly materials, built a bee hotel to attract native bees, discovered ways to use outdoor spaces for classroom learning, created food gardens, and learned to understand watersheds and their functionality to turn their environmental passion into action.

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

- The Perimeter Institute's *Innovation 150 Power of Ideas Tour* currently travelling across the country as part of the nationwide *Innovation150* celebrations marking Canada's 150th anniversary made its first stop at a DDSB secondary school.

Pine Ridge Secondary School in Pickering was proud to provide a venue on December 6th and 7th where a hands-on experience fostering curiosity and a better understanding of how science works could take place for feeder schools in both Pickering and Ajax. The exhibit and presentation helped to kick off the nationwide tour celebrating Canada's innovative past and igniting our future.

- The DDSB was the first school board to proclaim January each year as Tamil Heritage Month. With this support for the Tamil community the Board partnered with the Durham Tamil Association to celebrate Tamil Heritage Month at Nottingham P.S. in Ajax.

Festivities highlighted the language, culture and food of the Tamil Community. Some of the reading resources that can be implemented into the school curriculum were showcased at the event. Some students also played an integral role by participating in a fashion show and sharing what they learned about the Tamil community.

- On Sunday, January 15th at the Ajax Community Centre, the Durham Multi-Faith World Religion Day in collaboration with the Town of Ajax held its 11th annual celebration of World Religion Day. At display spaces, visitors viewed exhibits, and shared thoughts and literature about participating faiths. Each year a theme is adopted around which short talks and performances take place in the plenary session. This year's theme was 'Building Bridges for Unity.' The DDSB equity department and community engagement team were happy to help support this event as done for the last number of years.
- The Operations and Leadership Development Department organized and participated in a Leadership Growth Track Series offering professional learning sessions for both school administrators and the MPA group of managers, professionals and administrative staff.
- On January 9th the Program Services Department hosted the annual Durham Library Conference. The annual conference is an opportunity for Teacher-Librarians to participate in professional learning that relates to current trends and teachings for school library learning commons. The theme of this year's conference was "Libraries 2017 - Celebrating Our Success."

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

Professional Development workshops at this conference focused on the fundamental philosophies of Together for Learning that emphasizes the value of: equitable access to resources, the creation of learning partnerships, embedding technology in learning and the creation of both physical and virtual learning spaces.

The Keynote Speaker was Teresa Toten. Teresa is a Canadian, Young Adult author. She is currently a Red Maple nominated author on the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading Program.

- Dr. Stuart Shanker from York University along with members of the Self-Regulation Steering Committee presented two workshops to 225 educators across the DDSB on Self-Regulation. Dr. Shanker discussed current research and provided staff with strategies to help support students in their own well-being to accomplish academic achievement.
- On December 15th the Special Education Resource Teachers and Special Education Heads from across the Board participated in professional learning related specifically to supporting students with learning disabilities.

The session was structured to provide SERT's with information and skills to support similar professional learning for school teams in support of students and the Renewed Math Strategy.

Elementary SERT's focused on supporting students with special needs in Kindergarten and alignment of Individual Education Plans with the revised curriculum. Secondary Special Education Heads continued their professional learning specific to Integrated Transition Planning, preparation for adult pathways beyond secondary, for students with special needs.

- Director Lisa Millar congratulated Uxbridge Secondary School student Josh Morrison. Josh recently raised \$106,155 for Habitat for Humanity to make a big difference for one family, who will have a new home thanks to his charitable efforts. The positive difference in Josh's story is that he started his fundraising four years ago when he was 11 and raised the funds through a penny drive. The Director congratulated Josh on showing how perseverance can make a difference and build a home and support those in need.

The following upcoming events were listed for the information of trustees.

- Secondary schools upcoming final exams
- International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust – January 27
- Chinese New Year – January 28
- French Immersion Parent Information Night – February 2

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

- PA Day Friday - February 17
- Family Day – February 20
- World Justice Day – February 20
- Pink Shirt Day – February 22

10. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting of January 9, 2017

Trustee Chris Braney presented the report of the Standing Committee meeting of January 9, 2017.

2017:14

MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri
SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2017 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(b) Report: SEAC Meeting of November 10, 2016

Trustee Patrice Barnes presented the report of the SEAC meeting of November 10, 2016.

2017:15

MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone
SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT SEAC EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO THE DURHAM CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY TO BECOME A NON-VOTING MEMBER; AND

THAT THE REPORT OF THE SEAC MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2016 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(c) Relocation of Village Union PS into Former Oshawa Central CI Building, City of Oshawa

Silvia Peterson, Superintendent, Family of Schools introduced Carey Trombino, Accommodation Coordinator and Senior Planner who provided trustees with information regarding the relocation of Village Union PS into the former Oshawa Central CI, effective September 2017.

(d) Relocation of Village Union PS into Former Oshawa Central CI Building, City of Oshawa (Continued)

2017:16

MOVED by Trustee Larry Jacula

SECONDED by Trustee Linda Stone

- (a) THAT VILLAGE UNION PS, WITH ITS CURRENT BOUNDARY, BE RELOCATED INTO FORMER OSHAWA CENTRAL CI, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2017;
- (b) THAT STUDENTS (JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7) AND THEIR SIBLINGS (FAMILIES) CURRENTLY TRANSPORTED TO VILLAGE UNION PS, BUT IDENTIFIED AS WALKERS TO THE FORMER OCCI LOCATION, BE GRANDFATHERED TRANSPORTATION TO THE NEW VILLAGE UNION PS LOCATION (FORMER OCCI), AS LONG AS THE FAMILIES RESIDE AT THEIR CURRENT ADDRESS;
- (c) THAT THE CURRENT VILLAGE UNION PS PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL TRANSITION TO THE NEW VILLAGE UNION PS LOCATION (FORMER OCCI) FOR SEPTEMBER 2017 TO PROVIDE FOR STABILITY FOR STUDENTS;
- (d) THAT VILLAGE UNION PS BE ALLOCATED A FULL-TIME VICE PRINCIPAL, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2017, TO MEET THE TRANSITION NEEDS OF VILLAGE UNION PS STUDENTS; AND
- (e) THAT VILLAGE UNION PS BE ALLOCATED ONE-TIME FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSITION AND CELEBRATION OF VILLAGE UNION PS.

CARRIED

(e) Modified Accommodation Review Township of Brock (Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS) – Final Staff Report

Jim Markovski, Superintendent, Family of Schools/Poverty introduced Carey Trombino, Accommodation Coordinator and Senior Planner and they provided trustees with an update to the Initial Staff Report, approved at the Board meeting on October 17, 2016. He also answered questions of trustees.

2017:17

MOVED by Trustee Elinor Hansen

SECONDED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

(f) Modified Accommodation Review Township of Brock (Beaverton PS and Thorah Central PS) – Final Staff Report (Continued)

- (a) THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE REPORT ENTITLED “MODIFIED ACCOMMODATION REVIEW – TOWNSHIP OF BROCK ELEMENTARY (BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS) – FINAL STAFF REPORT;
- (b) THAT THE BOARD DEFER THE DECISION OF THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS UNTIL THE BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2017:

DEFERRED MOTIONS:

- (i) THAT THE BOARD 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;
- (ii) THAT THE BOARD 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;
- (iii) THAT THE BOARD 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
- (iv) THAT THE BOARD APPROVE FUNDING TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSITION AND ‘CLEBRATION OF BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS’, PENDING MINISTRY OF EDUCATION APPROVAL AND FUNDING.
 - (a) YEAR 1 - \$5,000 BE PROVIDED TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSITION AND CELEBRATION OF BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS.
 - (b) YEAR 2 - \$10,000 BE PROVIDED TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSITION AND CELEBRATION OF BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS.
 - (c) YEAR 3 - \$5,000 BE PROVIDED TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSITION AND CELBRATION OF BEAVERTON PS AND THORAH CENTRAL PS.

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(g) Plan for Equitable Hiring Framework

Camille Taylor, Superintendent, Employee Relations provided trustees with an update on the plan to develop and implement an equitable hiring system for the Board. She also answered questions of trustees.

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MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE PLAN FOR EQUITABLE HIRING FRAMEWORK REPORT BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(h) Regional Bell Time Review

Christine Nancekivell, Manager of Property and Planning Services on behalf of David Visser, Associate Director/Treasurer provided trustees with information to commence a Board wide community consultation to adjust school bell times to ensure maximum transportation efficiency, to reduce transportation costs, while maximizing the transportation service to students. She also answered questions of trustees.

2017:19

MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters

SECONDED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE STAFF TO COMMENCE A BOARD WIDE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION TO ADJUST BELL TIMES AS CONTEMPLATED IN APPENDIX B OF THE REPORT, AND REPORT THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION IN MARCH 2017.

CARRIED

(i) Community Voice, Equity and Diversity Strategic Plan

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with an update on the partnership with Justice Donald McLeod in order to support the Equity and Diversity Strategic Plan, and the recommendations completed by Justice McLeod that were developed from the Community Voice Consultation. She also answered questions of trustees

Acting Chair Chris Braney advised trustees to contact the Chair if they wish to serve on a sub-committee to this committee.

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(i) Community Voice, Equity and Diversity Strategic Plan (Continued)

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MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Winters

(a) THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT AND REVIEW THE REPORT COMPLETED BY JUSTICE DONALD MCLEOD ON THE RESULTS OF THE COMMUNITY VOICE SESSIONS; AND

(b) THAT THE BOARD ESTABLISH AN EQUITY AND DIVERSITY STEERING COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

CARRIED

(j) Notice of Motion: Revisions to Policies and Regulations

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent Programs presented the following notice of motion:

THAT REVISIONS TO APPENDICES A AND D AND THE DELETION OF APPENDICES B AND C TO THE REPORT BE APPROVED.

(k) Notice of Motion: Policy and Regulation and 6131 – Character Education

John Bowyer, Superintendent, Family of Schools presented the following notice of motion:

THAT THE REVISIONS TO POLICY AND REGULATION 6131 BE APPROVED.

(l) Notice of Motion: Policy and Regulation and 5149 – Substance Abuse: Students

John Bowyer, Superintendent, Family of Schools presented the following notice of motion:

THAT THE REVISIONS TO POLICY AND REGULATION 5149 BE APPROVED.

11. Information Items

(a) Annual Operating Plan – Mid Year Update

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

(b) Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report

Christine Nancekivell, Manager, Property and Planning on behalf of David Visser, Associate Director/Treasurer provided trustees with the quarterly report of the current construction and major projects progress for their information.

(c) OPSBA Report

Trustee Linda Stone reported on the recent OPSBA Public Education Symposium in Toronto. There was discussion around the Ministry of Education's multi-year strategic planning. Theresa Macbeth, Director of Strategy Management and Communications from Kingston General Hospital, spoke about the tools and approaches used by Kingston General Hospital to develop and deliver a successful turn-around and to get rid of gridlock. The hospital transformed itself from one of the worst performers in the Province to a top performer and internationally recognized leader in patient and family centered care and patient engagement. There was also discussion on effective preparation for collective bargaining involving communications and media relations strategies. Friday morning, Minister Mitzie Hunter and Associate Director Indira Naidoo-Harris spoke about equity and inclusive practices, mental health, opening of 100,000 new child care spaces and the hiring of 20,000 ECE's. They will be looking at services and funding for northern Boards. Chris Vollum, a social media maven spoke about the vast uses and reasons for using social media, but what he encourages students to do is to begin to use it in a more altruistic manner to encourage and lift others up. He also gave the example of how companies, colleges and universities in Canada and elsewhere follow prospective employees and students to get a feel for what they are like on social media. Two examples were given about how students lost scholarships and potential acceptance into university because of negative social media postings. Elaine Johnston, a trustee, nurse and First Nations leader and Bob Watts, adjunct professor at Queen's University spoke about the Truth and Reconciliation report, the 95 recommendations, and gave very emotional personal accounts about the residential schools and their long term effects on FNMI communities.

(d) Dr. Stuart Shanker

Trustee Carolyn Morton advised that Minister Mitzie Hunter has been quoted as saying, "We know that children who have a positive sense of well-being are more resilient and able to make positive and healthy choices to support their learning now and in the future". At PES on Friday, the Minister also reiterated the important role of social, emotional, and physical well-being if students are to achieve academic success and reach their potential. The Durham District School Board is doing much to promote student well-being and achievement. Last Thursday, January 19, 2017, Dr. Stuart Shanker met with approximately 225 staff, administrators, classroom teachers, social workers, and facilitators in the board room. In the morning, Dr. Shanker gave an introduction to self-regulation, and how one manages stress in this high stress world in which we live. He discussed the importance of maintaining a high energy, but low tension classroom where staff and students learn and perform at optimum levels.

12. Correspondence

(a) Action Requested

There was no correspondence at this time.

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(b) Other

(i) Peel DSB

The correspondence was listed for the information of trustees.

Trustee Donna Edwards expressed concern with respect to the application fees for university applications, and requested that a letter supporting the Peel DSB correspondence be forwarded to Dave Wallace, Executive Director, Ontario Universities Application Centre.

Director Lisa Millar will prepare the correspondence on behalf of chair.

13. Other Business

(a) French Immersion Program

Trustee Christine Winters sought clarification with respect to the changes to the French Immersion program for the 2017/18 school year. She noted that registration begins in February.

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs confirmed that the new math strategy allows for 60 minutes of math to be allocated for all students, on a daily basis. Staff met with admin at each school and adjustments will be made for grades 4 – 8. Math will be taught in English and materials to support teaching is being purchased. The math strategy program will not take away from the immersion program and French immersion is continuously offered. It is part of the ministry requirement to offer 60 minutes of math to students.

Director Lisa Millar advised that a report will be presented outlining how the program will be adjusted. She reiterated that time will not be taken away from the French Immersion program and the adjustment will support the new math strategy.

14. Adjournment

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MOVED by Trustee Elinor Hansen

SECONDED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:33 p.m.

Chair

Secretary