

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday, June 18, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Trustee Gordon Baxter

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Associate Director David Visser, Superintendents Mark Fisher, Mohamed Hamid, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, Margaret Lazarus, John Legere, Jamila Maliha, Jim Markovski, Silvia Peterson, Martine Robinson, Camille Taylor, Communications Officers Kimberly Brathwaite and Charles Senior

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

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4. O Canada

5. Sunderland P.S.

Trustee Carolyn Morton welcomed the Sunderland P.S. Concert Band. The group performed two selections entitled "Popcorn Prelude" and "Tempest." Trustee Carolyn Morton congratulated the group, on behalf of the trustees, for their excellent performance.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2018:104

MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney

SECONDED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2018:105

MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney

SECONDED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2018;

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 22, 2018.

CARRIED

7. Presentations

There were no presentations at this time.

8. Ministry Memorandums – Information

9. Public Question Period

There were no public questions at this time.

10. (a) Presentations/Awards
(i) Chairperson's Scholarship

Chair Michael Barrett advised that the Chairperson's Scholarship Fund was established by the Durham District School Board in May 2003 to be awarded by the Chairperson of the Board to a graduating student.

The prize is to be awarded annually to a student who:

- Is a graduating student;
- A student who exemplifies excellent leadership and citizenship;
- A student who has well represented student issues to others.

The criteria for the award is based upon the applicant meeting the eligibility requirements and a recommendation by their secondary school principal. The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000.

A Committee consisting of the Chairperson of the Board, Michael Barrett, Trustees Gordon Baxter, Carolyn Morton, Christine Winters-Feret and Kimberly Zeppieri reviewed the nominations. The Committee decided to award the Chairperson's Scholarship for 2017/2018 to Sharuka Selliah, a student at Maxwell Heights S.S.

Upon setting foot on Maxwell's campus, Sharuka immersed herself in leadership activities and opportunities that cultivated a positive school climate. Such activities included being a Grade 9 Representative on Student Council, a General Committee Member, as well as a Student Ambassador. She also earned, the Highest Overall Achievement Award in Grade 9. Sharuka is an extremely efficient time manager with excellent communication skills and problem solving skills, who works well with a broad range of students. She is able to motivate others and carry out numerous student council initiatives, while maintaining high grades and working outside of school. She meets all challenges with a smile, and effectively assists her peers and teachers alike with all tasks as needed.

Sharuka was chosen to be a youth in Policing Team Member with the Durham Regional Police Services, where she worked on various community-based projects, helped plan community initiatives, and subsequently became a Leader, helping mentor 60 new Youth in Policing participants. She continually seeks out new experiences and challenges, including: Diversity and Bias Awareness Training and DECA Business Leadership Training. She helped manage a \$20,000 budget as the financial editor for the Maxwell yearbook, and for the past two years she has been a member of the Relay for Life Committee that successfully raised over \$50,000 for Cancer Research. She has been a member of Me to We and volunteered outside of school at Nova's Ark Animal Rescue Shelter. Sharuka has formally logged over two hundred community service hours, but the informal total is much greater. She also won a 2nd Place Medal in the Durham Skills Competition for Hairstyling. Issues such as equity, diversity, inclusiveness and positive mental health, are central to Sharuka's beliefs and volunteer work.

(i) Chairperson's Scholarship (Continued)

Sharuka will be studying Conflict and Human Rights Studies at the University of Ottawa and then plans to study law. Sharuka has been both a leader and mentor at Maxwell Heights S.S. and in the Durham region at large. Sharuka will continue to lead and use her immense talents and skills to champion Human Rights for the betterment of communities and society.

Sharuka Selliah exemplifies leadership and citizenship making her a worthy recipient of the Chairperson's Scholarship. Chair Michael Barrett, Trustees Gordon Baxter, Carolyn Morton, Christine Winters-Feret and Kimberly Zepplier presented the award to Sharuka.

(ii) OPSBA Achievement Award/Award of Excellence

Director Lisa Millar advised that the OPSBA Achievement Award recognizes the outstanding contributions of non-teaching staff, parents, volunteers and community partners involved in education in the member boards. This award provides an opportunity to raise awareness and promote the importance of celebrating excellence and the necessity of recognizing the work of all members of the education community.

Patricia Cameron was nominated as an extraordinary educational assistant who has worked at Cadarackque PS for more than ten years, working tirelessly to meet the needs of identified students. Her commitment extends to all students of the school, acting as a counsellor, teacher, and trainer supporting learning and achievement. She forms strong connections to families and follows up on student progress into secondary school and adult life. Pat is passionate about celebrating the gifts and talents of students and developing a greater awareness and understanding of students and particularly those with Autism and Down syndrome. She works with the special education team to support campaigns to build empathy and compassion and create an environment where inclusion is the norm.

Pat is the School Liaison and Community Representative at the School Community Council, supporting and assisting fundraising initiatives. She also works with the Student Leadership Team developing the capacity of intermediate students through their active involvement in the school that goes beyond the classroom. She guides students to give to their local community by organizing campaigns that support the neighbourhoods in which they live including toy, mitten/hat and food drives, etc. She runs a Student Health Team with the public health nurse to promote greater awareness and share healthy living topics and support personal self-regulation and mental wellness. Pat Cameron is an incredible team player who gets involved and participates in school events, using her creative and artistic talents in a variety of ways to support staff and school initiatives. Director Lisa Millar, Chair Michael Barrett, Trustee Donna Edwards and Victoria Edwards presented Patricia Cameron with a certificate of recognition.

10. (b) Presentations

(i) Advancing Inspired Student Leadership through Student Senate

Superintendent Mark Fisher provided trustees with an update on the impact of the key initiatives led by 2017-2018 Student Senate. He introduced Karla Torrente, Leadership Officer who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting examples of how student voice has been leveraged this year to support the DDSB core priorities around Ensuring Equity, Student Well-Being and Leveraging Digital. She introduced the three student trustees Meghan Hanna, Samar Jeddi and Sharuka Selliah, who outlined the three main goals for Senate this year, and Students Nionyella Kamera, Zachary Train and Haiqa Tahir who provided a personal account of the impact Student Senate has had at their schools. The group shared a video of leadership and learning throughout the course of the year and answered questions of trustees.

(ii) Student Trustee Recognition

Chair Michael Barrett, on behalf of the Trustees, thanked Student Trustees Meghan Hanna, Samar Jeddi and Sharuka Selliah for their contribution and leadership on behalf of the students of the Board over the 2017/2018 academic year. Chair Michael Barrett, Director Lisa Millar and Trustees Kimberly Zepieri and Patrice Barnes presented the students with a keepsake and wished them the best in their future studies. New student trustees Risann Wright, Pickering H.S., Tyler West, Brock H.S., and Sally Meseret, Donald A. Wilson S.S. were formally introduced to the Board.

A video of the current student trustees highlighting their impact and memories of the year was shared with trustees.

(iii) Annual Operating Plan – End of Year Update

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with a visual overview of the Director's Year End Review 2017-2018. The Annual Operating Plan for the 2017-2018 year has provided direction and guidance to senior staff in leading quality implementation of system initiatives and progress. A video of student voice was shared with trustees and Principals Sarah MacDonald and Peter Creer provided an elementary and secondary perspective.

(iv) Equitable Voices, Terry Fox P.S.

Superintendent Martine Robinson highlighted for trustees the intentional and culturally responsive work that has taken place at Terry Fox P.S. She introduced Principal Deirdre Morgenstern who introduced Terry Fox students Kyle Lindo, Amare Lincoln and Darian Jones; parents, Carlene Honnigan and Dwayne Sealy; staff Rema Saati and Grace Marshall; and student Jaelon McKenzie from J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate.

(iv) Equitable Voices, Terry Fox P.S. (Continued)

The group provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the school plan and goals to prioritize equity and purposefully engage all stakeholders to create and support a learning environment that promotes intellectual engagement of all students, constructively engages parents and reflects individual strengths, needs, learning preferences and cultural perspective. Darian Jones, Grade 5 student shared a video highlighting how his Chromebook has helped his learning. Jaelon McKenzie, Student, J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate shared his personal experience as a mentor to Amare Lincoln and Kyle Lindo and Amare Lincoln shared their personal experience on how a mentor has helped them. Parents Carlene Honnigan and Dwayne Sealy highlighted their outreach work with family of schools administrators. Grace Marshall, Teacher highlighted a workshop on Black family systems and promoting positive home and school partnerships.

(iii) Incident Ad Hoc Final Report

Superintendent Richard Kennelly provided trustees with a summary of the work completed by the Incident Ad Hoc Committee. He introduced Andrea MacAuley, Special Education Officer and Ken MacNaughton, Safe Schools Administrative Officer who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting background information and the work of the Ad Hoc committee resulting in five major outcomes that will support students and staff in schools as follows:

- Pilot – Intensive support class for students with complex needs (Grove School)
- Pilot – Early Years Transition Support – Revised EA Allocation Model
- Data Dashboard for incident report monitoring
- Data Reporting
- Incident Reports and Incident Action Process Flowcharts

Superintendent Richard Kennelly reviewed next steps indicating that the Ad Hoc committee could continue its work in the fall. Trustees agreed that the Ad Hoc committee will meet in September 2018.

2018:106

MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri
SECONDED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT THE BOARD RECESS.

CARRIED

The Board recessed at 9:04 p.m. and reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

(iv) Education Finance Report

Associate Director David Visser provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the budget process utilized in order to be more transparent and accountable. He recognized Jennifer Machin, Manager of Finance and her staff for their work. He noted that three years ago the budget was approved in advance of the establishment of the operational goals. He commented on staffing levels, enrolment growth, the Chromebook initiative, and special education, administration, school operations and maintenance spending. He noted the funds provided for equity and diversity, early years, mental health and wellness. Capital expenditures included the construction of six schools, a renovation, and the purchase of 12 portables. The budget is available to the public on-line.

11. 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, appointments, and leaves of absence.

Director Lisa Millar announced that Mark Fisher has been appointed as the Associate Director Academic. Chair Michael Barrett congratulated Mark Fisher on behalf of the trustees.

12. Director's News from the System

Director Lisa Millar highlighted the following good news from the System:

- Recently, at Beaverton Public School, Grade 5 students put the finishing touches on a beautiful mural that not only challenged their creativity, but also raised awareness of First Nations culture. Teacher/Librarian Wilena Harrison brought in an Aboriginal artist to tie in the Truth and Reconciliation Act with visual arts. The mural created by the students represents the five clans – white deer, white oak, beaver, black catfish and muskrat - that live around Lake Simcoe.
- This year's Cypher Conference for Black Male Empowerment was held on May 24th at Durham College. Black male students from grades 8-10 had the opportunity to network and learn about future academic pathways, employment opportunities and positive transitions. Keynote speaker Ian Brown used comedy, interactive demonstrations and storytelling to address sensitive issues of Mental Health and Wellness while tackling the challenges faced by our students today.
- On the evening of May 24th the DDSB welcomed members of the racialized African, and Caribbean diaspora to a Community Voice Update to share responsive programming and practices stemming from the Community Voice Sessions in 2016. Justice Donald McLeod and Trustee Barnes spoke with students, parents, staff and community members regarding work on their recommendations and progress on programs and practices since the initial consultation.

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

- Nikola Petrevski from J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate has been awarded a \$100,000 scholarship funded by the Schulich Foundation. This fall, he will begin his undergraduate studies in the Engineering program at McMaster University.
- DDSB proudly supported families during Ramadan. Three schools celebrated Iftaar as they broke the fast - Brooklin Public School, daVinci Public School and Maxwell Heights Secondary School. This is a time of reflection and for giving back to those in need.
- On May 31st GL Roberts CVI hosted its first annual Film Festival. Six short films were submitted for judging from schools across the DDSB. Awards were given out to the films in various categories. "The Door" won best picture. Congratulations to DDSB filmmakers.
- Maxwell Heights Secondary School held a Relay for Life fundraiser and raised over \$65,000. Henry Street High School supported the initiative by participating and also contributing \$2,700 to the total amount raised. Brooklin High School also held their own Relay for Life fundraiser, raising over \$70,000 to help fight cancer.
- June is National Aboriginal History Month. On June 8th students who self-identify as First Nation, Metis or Inuit came to the Education Centre for a day of fun, interactive learning and cultural engagement. Motivational Speaker Dave Jones of Turtle Concepts inspired students with his creative and upbeat keynote speech.
- Boys and girls from Quaker Village Public School and Goodwood Public School participated in Indigenous Education Day on Tuesday, June 12th. The day was focused on exposing students to various aspects of Indigenous culture so they can begin to foster a heightened appreciation and understanding.
- On May 25th, DDSB educators were delighted to hear award-winning author and Canada Reads finalist, Cherie Dimaline who read an excerpt from her book, "The Marrow Thieves" and talked about her indigenous roots.
- Sinclair Secondary School students and teen activists Maryam and Nivaal Rehman attended the recent G7 Summit. The students interviewed world leaders such as the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, the CEO of the World Bank, and our Canadian Finance Minister Bill Morneau to ask leaders about their plans to make girls' education a global priority.
- June is Pride Month. The DDSB is proud to show its support of the LGBTQ community by lighting up DDSB in the colours of the rainbow flag all month. The Education Centre shining to show its support, as it has over the last few weeks.

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

- On June 6th the Board celebrated the careers and dedication of the retiring class of 2018. It was an inspiring event filled with excitement and well-wishes for the 110 attending retirees who have given so much to the DDSB over the years. It was a pleasure to honour them.
- Beau Valley Public School received a special visit from George Stroumboulopoulos and his crew from The Strombo Show in June. It started with a tweet from Kristina Thomas, a Teacher/Librarian. She tagged The Strombo Show months earlier, when her class was reviewing their online broadcast. The crew talked to the students about the industry, and following their passions. Trustees watched the video.

Here are some important dates for May and June.

- Dates of Significance
 - June National Aboriginal History Month
 - June 21 National Aboriginal Day
 - June 24 St. Jean-Baptiste Day
 - June 27 Multiculturalism Day
 - June 27 Last Day of Secondary School Classes
 - June 28 Last Day of Elementary School Classes
 - June 29 PA Day – All Schools
 - July 1 Canada Day

13. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2018

Chair Michael Barrett presented the report of the Standing Committee Meeting of June 4, 2018.

2018:107

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

THAT THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 4,
2018 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(b) Report: SEAC Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2018

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the report of the SEAC meeting of April 19, 2018.

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(b) Report: SEAC Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2018 (Continued)

2018:108

Moved by Trustee Donna Edwards
Seconded by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT THE REPORT OF THE SEAC MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2018 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(c) Report: Education Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of May 23, 29, June 5, 2019

Trustee Carolyn Morton presented the report of the Education Finance Committee meetings of May 23, 29, June 5, 2019.

2018:109

Moved by Trustee Carolyn Morton
Seconded by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT RATE BE CONFIRMED AT \$0.45/KM.
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2018.

CARRIED

2018:110

Moved by Trustee Carolyn Morton
Seconded by Trustee Linda Lowery

THAT THE 2018-2019 DRAFT BUDGET CONTAINING TOTAL REVENUES OF
\$854,582,795 AND TOTAL EXPENSES OF \$848,491,635 PREPARED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING BOARD (PSAB)
STANDARDS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED

2018:111

Moved by Trustee Carolyn Morton
Seconded by Trustee Linda Lowery

THAT THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
MAY 23, 29 AND JUNE 5, 20018 BE RECEIVED.

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(d) Revision of Regulation #3318 – Public Concerns

Superintendent Camille Taylor provided trustees with information regarding the proposed revision of Regulation #3318 – Public Concerns to align with the current needs of the Durham District School Board.

2018:112

Moved by Trustee Chris Braney

Seconded by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLICY & REGULATION #3318 – PUBLIC CONCERNS BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

(e) Brooklin Village P.S. French Immersion Program Boundary

Associate Director David Visser provided trustees with information regarding the regular program and French Immersion program boundary at Brooklin Village P.S.

2018:113

Moved by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

Seconded by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

THAT THE FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENT(S) WITH A FAMILY MEMBER FROM THE SAME ADDRESS ATTENDING BROOKLIN VILLAGE P.S. REGULAR PROGRAM HAS THE OPTION TO ATTEND BROOKLIN VILLAGE P.S. FOR FRENCH IMMERSION;

THAT IF THE HOME ADDRESS FOR THE REGULAR PROGRAM STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR BUSSING, UNDER TRANSPORTATION POLICY CRITERIA, BUSSING WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE FAMILY MEMBER(S) FROM THE SAME ADDRESS ATTENDING BROOKLIN VILLAGE P.S. FOR FRENCH IMMERSION.

CARRIED

(f) New Ignite Learning Strategic Plan

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with information regarding the new multi-year strategic plan, Ignite Learning. The strategic priorities and operating goals are a reflection of student, staff and community voice. This input has helped to prioritize and set direction for the next three years. She also answered questions of trustees.

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(g) New Ignite Learning Strategic Plan (Continued)

2018:114

Moved by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri
Seconded by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT THE 2018-2021 IGNITE LEARNING STRATEGIC PLAN BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

(h) Notice of Motion – Definitely Durham

Director Lisa Millar presented the following Notice of Motion:

THAT THE REVISIONS TO REGULATION #1350 – DEFINITELY DURHAM BE APPROVED.

14. Information Items

(a) Accommodating Creed in Schools

Superintendent Mohamed Hamid provided trustees with information on the development and implementation of the Accommodating Creed in Schools document, a companion document to the DDSB Equity and Diversity Strategic Framework.

2018:115

Moved by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret
Seconded by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE ACCOMMODATING CREED IN SCHOOLS REPORT BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(b) 2018-2022 Official Enrolment Projections

Associate Director David Visser introduced Christine Nancekivell, Chief Facilities Officer who provided trustees with information on the October 31, 2018 Official Enrolment Projections (OEP).

2018:116

Moved by Trustee Linda Lowery
Seconded by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE 2018-2022 OFFICIAL ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS REPORT BE RECEIVED.

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(c) Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report

Associate Director David Visser presented the Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report.

2018:117

Moved by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

Seconded by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT THE QUARTERLY CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

15. Correspondence

(a) Action Requested

There was no correspondence at this time.

16. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

15. Correspondence

(b) Other

(i) Region of Durham

The correspondence was listed for the information of trustees.

17. Adjournment

Chair Michael Barrett, on behalf of trustees, expressed his best wishes to Superintendent Richard Kennelly as he embarks on an educational journey.

2018:118

MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:56 p.m.

Chair

Secretary