

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday, March 19, 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, Gordon Baxter, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters-Feret, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustee Samar Jeddi

Regrets: Trustee Linda Lowery, Student trustees Meghan Hanna, Sharuka Selliah

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

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

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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. Eagle Ridge P.S.

Trustee Patrice Barnes welcomed the Eagle Ridge P.S. Senior Band, Recorder Club and Bell Choir. The groups performed several selections to the delight of trustees. Trustee Patrice Barnes congratulated the groups, on behalf of the trustees, for their excellent performance.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2018:79

MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2018:80

MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

SECONDED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2018;

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2018; AND

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2018.

CARRIED

7. Presentations

(a) Future City Competition

Superintendents Silvia Peterson informed Trustees of the Future City Competition. The competition exposes students and teachers to the engineering design process and the project management cycle to successfully complete their inquiry.

(a) Future City Competition (Continued)

Danielle Denike, Acting Principal, and students from Alexander Graham Bell P.S. provided trustees with their Future City Competition final project submission. The team created the best strategic placement of residential zones to allow maximum returns for quality of life issues, and were awarded the prize for Best Residential Zone. They also answered questions of trustees.

(b) The Greatest Canadian History Learning Experience and Fair

Superintendent Martine Robinson shared the highlights of a unique learning opportunity for the Grade 8 students at Dr. Roberta Bondar P.S. She introduced Nancy Adams, Acting Principal, Janet Robinson, Vice Principal, Alec Sanderson and Susan Elliott, teachers, Dr. Roberta Bondar P.S. Three Grade 8 students, Laiba Rizwan, Reshawn Lofters and Victoria Arnold investigated the life of a Canadian individual who has made significant contributions to what we define as the Canadian identity. They researched how their chosen Canadian has positively affected society on a local, national and global level, and then defended what makes their individual the Greatest Canadian. The students presented their chosen Canadian to trustees and explained how they connected with the individual. They also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Honouring Facilities Services Staff

Chair Michael Barrett attended the recent Facilities Services Professional Development day. He noted that over 500 staff attended the event which is held annually. Staff participate in workshops throughout the day and also raised money for the Make a Difference Program raising over \$3500. Facilities Services staff go beyond keeping the schools clean and safe. They connect with students, staff and family. A video was shared with trustees highlighting the wonderful relationships between custodians and students

(d) Trustee Determination and Distribution 2018 Presentations

There were no presentations at this time.

8. Ministry Memorandums – Information

There were no Ministry Memorandums at this time.

9. Public Question Period

- (i) Sandra Forsyth stated that the Board recently unveiled the Compendium of Action for Black Student Success. She ask when the ideas will go from paper to action, and if all students will be involved, not just black students. She noted that to be successful in overcoming racism, everyone needs to be involved.

9. Public Question Period (Continued)

Superintendent Camille Taylor advised that the Board has already begun the work on bringing action to the Compendium of Action for black student success. Work is happening in schools. The Board has partnered with Tech Spark, led by Black entrepreneurs, in order to raise the number of young people being involved in technology, coding and coding activities. The impact of this partnership will be presented at the Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Steering Committee with a view on how the partnership will be extended. The compendium will officially launch next year. All superintendents are engaged and committed in how their leadership will activate some of their own initiatives. Examples include the Inspired Leaders and Racialized Leaders series which help build up Black leaders who are taking on leadership roles in their schools. There is continued growth in schools and the Board continues to see more black leaders. Inclusive programming is a focus through the work of a sub-committee of the Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Steering Committee. The group has developed black studies courses, beginning with three courses and moving to the launch of 12 Black studies courses that will be offered in more schools. This impacts all students and will allow students to engage in a number of perspectives. Work has begun on the contact of success for Principals. This was launched last February and shared with Principals directly. Tomorrow at the Director's meeting, steps will be shared with Principals, so that they can prepare to launch this work in their schools. The official launch of the Compendium is scheduled to take place in September, 2018.

Sandra Forsyth asked if the Board is willing to work with students and other stakeholders to develop a Durham Youth Charter. The Charter could also list the resources available and students could be involved in developing the Charter. She provided a copy of the Charter Peel Region has developed.

Director Lisa Millar stated that it was a great idea, and that the Board will continue to do more work with student voice and youth strategies.

10. Presentations - Staff

(a) DDSB Workforce Census

Director Lisa Millar and Superintendent Camille Taylor provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the responses from the 2017 We Are DDSB Workforce Census to provide insight into where workforce census-related initiatives should focus direction and identify appropriate follow-up actions. By conducting the workforce census, the DDSB is advancing its ability to foster workplace equity and inclusion through informed and focused measures. A video that was launched last year was shared with trustees highlighting increased diversity throughout the DDSB. Director Lisa Millar also answered questions of trustees.

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, leaves of absence, and administrative transfers and placements.

Superintendent Mark Fisher advised that the transfers and placements will be communicated to the system following the meeting.

12. Director's News from the System

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

- As part of Black History Month, Grade 11 students participating in the Increasing Equitable Access to Post-Secondary Education Initiative were asked to answer the question, "*What are you doing today to leave a legacy for tomorrow?*" for an opportunity to be selected to attend a Toronto Raptors Experience. Six students from five schools were selected and attended the pre-game shoot-around interacting with Toronto Raptors players. These students had a Raptors experience to remember as they also watched the Raptors defeat the Detroit Pistons.
- On February 28th students and schools celebrated Pink Shirt Day showing their support and commitment to foster safe and accepting schools. Students and staff at both elementary and secondary schools showed their support to bring awareness and dialogue to the issue of bullying prevention by wearing pink shirts and holding activities, events and assemblies throughout the day to send a powerful message of acceptance and "No to bullying."
- Over 120 Grade 7-9 students marked the recent International Women's Day by attending the first *Make Your Mark: Women's Empowerment Conference* at the Education Centre. The purpose of this conference was to provide students who identify as female with an opportunity to focus on the various roles females can embark on, how to create opportunities to grow leadership skills and use their voice to impact change. Definitely Durham recipient Nikki Shaffeeullah was the keynote speaker at this year's event.
- On Monday, March 5, the Durham Black Educators' Network (DBEN) hosted the 8th annual *And Still We Rise* student leadership conference. African-Canadian high school students attended this year's conference focussing on the theme of "*Redressing Internalized Oppression.*" Speaker presentations and workshops were aimed at motivating students to become agents for social change. Students heard from keynote speaker, brand builder, entrepreneur, TEDx speaker and DDSB O'Neill CVI graduate Ricardo McRae, founder of Canada's only digital platform for Black excellence, called *Black In Canada*.

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

- Recently, the Abilities Centre obtained funding to pilot a Therapeutic Recreation program in three DDSB high schools. The 10-week program will be offered to 45 students with special education needs and their teachers from three Durham District School Board secondary schools: Henry Street High School, J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate, and Uxbridge Secondary School. The location of the weekly sessions will alternate between Abilities Centre and these three schools.
- Brooklin High School students wrote and performed in a new play about anxiety disorders called, *"To Alex, with Love."* The play was performed at Brooklin High School in early March to students and the community. The play was written as a message to anyone struggling with anxiety who hasn't yet found a way to talk about it. Our student performers used the play as an opportunity to delve into the psychology behind anxiety. As part of their research, students received a tour of the Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences to learn about anxiety and its impact.
- Grade 8 students at Dr. Roberta Bondar Public School in Ajax once again did an amazing job researching and presenting their selection for the greatest Canadian at the Great Canadian History Fair held annually at the school.
- Brock High School students Vanessa and Meghan, two indigenous Grade 12 students and their teacher Erin Hannah provided a workshop at the very first Family Studies Student Conference on March 7th. Through this workshop, Vanessa and Meghan introduced the topic of the federal inquiry into the missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in Canada. This topic was brought home with the Faceless Dolls Project, where students had the opportunity to honour the lives of these women and girls with a personalized creation of a felt doll.
- Elisha Halladeen, Montana Thompson and Nolan Hornby were congratulated for qualifying to represent RS McLaughlin CVI and the DDSB at the Ontario Provincial Skills Competition at the Toronto Congress Centre May 7-9. The Provincial Skills Competition is Canada's largest skilled trade and technology competition. Montana and Elisha will be competing in the 2D Animation category, while Nolan will complete in 3D Animation. All three students have earned a gold medal in regional competitions. Good luck to Elisha, Montana and Nolan as they prepare for the competition.
- Dunbarton High School students' commitment to sustainability has been demonstrated through their many activities and was honoured for making Pickering a better place environmentally, socially and economically. The school won \$3500 allotted to be used for a future project.

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

- On March 9th, a professional development day took place for all Facilities Services staff and a video was shared on how staff ignite learning at the DDSB.
- Dates of Significance
 - March 20 Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
 - March 20-21 Naw-Ruz
 - March 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
 - March 21 World Down Syndrome Day
 - March 22 SEAC Meeting
 - March 25 International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
 - March 25 Palm Sunday
 - March 26 Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness
 - March 29 Holy Thursday
 - March 30 Good Friday
 - March 30-April 7 Pesach
 - April 1 Pascha
 - April 1 Easter
 - April 2 Easter Monday
 - April 2 World Autism Awareness Day
 - April 3 Standing Committee Meeting
 - April 7 Parents As Partners Symposium
 - April 10 Student Recognition Night
 - April 10 OSSLT
 - April 11-12 Yom HaShoah
 - April 14 Baisakhi/Vaisakhi
 - April 16-20 National Volunteer Week

13. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2018

Trustee Patrice Barnes presented the report of the Standing Committee Meeting of March 5, 2018.

2018:81

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

THAT ALL GRADES 7 & 8 STUDENTS FROM LORD ELGIN PS AND ROLAND MICHNER PS THAT CURRENTLY HAVE SIBLINGS ATTENDING J. CLARKE RICHARDSON COLLEGIATE BE GRANDFATHERED TO ATTEND J. CLARKE RICHARDSON COLLEGIATE, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2018; AND

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(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2018 (Continued)

THAT ALL GRANDFATHERED STUDENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM J. CLARKE RICHARDSON COLLEGIATE.

CARRIED

2018:82

MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri
SECONDED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

THAT THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2018 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2018:83

MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes
SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE RELOCATION OF GROVE SCHOOL REPORT BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(b) Report: SEAC Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2017

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the report of the SEAC meeting of December 21, 2017.

2018:84

Moved by Trustee Donna Edwards
Seconded by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE REPORT OF THE SEAC MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2017 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(c) Trustee Determination and Distribution 2018 – Supplemental Report

Christine Nancekivell, Chief Facilities Officer provided trustees with follow up information to the March 5, 2018 Special Board meeting report that was presented to Trustees on the determination and distribution of Trustees for the October 2018 election. She also answered questions of trustees. A discussion period ensued.

(c) Trustee Determination and Distribution 2018 – Supplemental Report (Continued)

2018:85

Moved by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret
Seconded by Trustee Chris Braney

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE OPTION 6. (B) AS FOLLOWS:

THAT ELEVEN TRUSTEES BE DISTRIBUTED AS OUTLINED AS OPTION 2 IN THE MARCH 5, 2018 DRAFT MOTION, WHICH ALLOCATES ONE TRUSTEE FOR THE THREE NORTHERN TOWNSHIPS COMBINED AND THREE TRUSTEES FOR WHITBY.

CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE
LATER IN THE MEETING (See
Following Motion)

2018:86

Moved by Trustee Christine Carolyn Morton
Seconded by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT THE FOREGOING MOTION (2018:85) OF TRUSTEES CHRISTINE WINTERS-FERET AND CHRIS BRANEY BE DEFERRED TO A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.

MOTION DEFEATED

Trustee Chris Braney requested a recorded vote on the main motion.

The motion (2018:85) of Trustees Christine Winters-Feret and Chris Braney was then put to a vote and CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE:

(c) Trustee Determination and Distribution 2018 – Supplemental Report (Continued)

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Barnes, Patrice	X			
Barrett, Michael	X			
Baxter, Gordon		X		
Braney, Chris	X			
Crawford, Paul		X		
Edwards, Donna	X			
Lowery, Linda		X	Electronic Vote	
Morton, Carolyn		X		
Stone, Linda	X			
Winters, Christine	X			
Kimberly Zeppieri	X			
TOTAL	7	4		
Students				
Meghan Hanna			X	
Samar Jeddi		X		
Sharuka Selliah			X	

14. Information Items

(a) Relocation of Grove School – Public Consultation Process, City of Oshawa

Carey Trombino, Accommodation Coordinator and Senior Planner provided trustees with information to commence a public consultation process to relocate Grove school, currently located in the Glenholme building at 1356 Simcoe Street South in Oshawa, to Durham Alternative Secondary School (2nd Floor) 240 Simcoe Street South in Oshawa, for September 2018.

(b) Education Development charges Complaint – 70 King Street East, City of Oshawa

Associate Director David Visser provided trustees with information regarding a complaint to an Education Development Charge for 70 King Street East Oshawa, former Genosha Hotel.

(c) Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report

Associate Director David Visser presented the Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress report for the information of trustees.

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15. Correspondence

(a) Action Requested

There was no correspondence at this time.

(b) Other

- (i) Niagara Catholic DSB
- (ii) OPSBA
- (iii) Halton DSB

The correspondence was listed for the information of trustees.

15. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

16. Adjournment

2018:87

MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

SECONDED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:47 p.m.

Chair

Secretary