

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday, March 21, 2016

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 7:07 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney (left at 7:30 p.m.), Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Elinor Hansen, Larry Jacula, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters, Kimberly Zeppieri (left at 8:20 p.m.), Student Trustees Michelina Aguanno, Kevin Zheng

Regrets: Student Trustee Melanie Manning

Officials Present: Interim Director Luigia Ayotte, Superintendents, Janet Edwards, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, John Legere, Lisa Millar, Silvia Peterson, Camille Taylor, David Visser, Communications Manager Andrea Pidwerbecki

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 moment of silence can be used to remember the two students that passed away recently in our schools. Our thoughts are with the families, schools, and classmates.

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5. Bolton C. Falby P.S. and Terry Fox P.S.

Trustees Donna Edwards and Patrice Barnes welcomed the step teams from Bolton C. Falby P.S. and Terry Fox P.S. and the Choir from Terry Fox P.S., directed by Andrea James, Yvette Spinks-Hinds and Melissa Agnew. The groups entertained trustees with two step numbers, the history of step dance, and a Black history musical mash-up. Trustees Donna Edwards and Patrice Barnes congratulated the groups, on behalf of the trustees, for their excellent performances.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2016:43

MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters

SECONDED by Trustee Larry Jacula

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2016:44

MOVED by Trustee Elinor Hansen

SECONDED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2016; AND

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2016

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016.

CARRIED

7. Presentation

(a) UNCOMMON Learning: Creating Learning Opportunities that Work for Students and Teachers Through the Use of Pedagogy and Technology

Anne Marie Laginski, Superintendent, Brock/Uxbridge/Scugog/DCE/DASS introduced Gayle Gailits, Principal, Steve Robertson, Vice Principal, Lindsay McGowan, Librarian and Kirk Giffan, Teacher, Joseph Gould P.S. and Lucy Black, Principal, and Tracey Running, Vice Principal, Brock H.S. who provided trustees with information on how schools are using technology with purposeful pedagogy to create learning opportunities for students and teachers which not only engages the learner but also prepares the

(a) UNCOMMON Learning: Creating Learning Opportunities that Work for Students and Teachers Through the Use of Pedagogy and Technology (Continued)

learner to interact and compete in a global society. They also provided trustees with a video highlighting both elementary and secondary students, in action, using the Aurasma application. They also answered questions of trustees.

(b) Special Education Adhoc Committee, One in Four: Fund the Need Campaign

Trustee Donna Edwards, Chair, Special Education Adhoc Committee provided trustees with information to launch the Durham District School Board Special Education Adhoc Committee's public awareness campaign, One in Four: Fund the Need. She provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of the Adhoc Committee highlighting the need for increased funding for services to support students and a video summarizing the concerns outlined in the campaign. She also answered questions of trustees. Trustee Donna Edwards requested that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Education, including the video, outlining our concerns. Trustees agreed that a letter will be forwarded.

(c) DDSB Succession Plan

Lisa Millar, Superintendent, Operations/Leadership/Early Years provided trustees with an overview of the DDSB Succession Planning Analysis and Report. She introduced Karla Torrente, Leadership Officer, Glen Regier, Manager, Budget and Ministry Reporting and Sharon Knights, Vice Principal, Pringle Creek P.S. who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the succession planning process, context and data, onboarding and training, implications for succession planning, recommendations and talent development. They also answered questions of trustees.

8. Report from the Committee of the Whole in Camera

Trustee Carolyn Morton reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with resignations, retirements, appointments, leaves of absence, personnel issues, and employee relations issues.

9. (a) Public Question Period

- (i) Faelyne Templer, Pickering asked what specific goals the Board has for Fund the Need and what obstacles are foreseen in attaining them, given the provincial landscape of steady decline in special education funding.

Trustee Donna Edwards confirmed that the ultimate goal is to fund our need. The focus is on the DDSB and to somehow increase the funds for the Board. The obstacle is that the ministry will say that they have increased special education funding, and they have, but the background data indicates that increases have only been in specific envelopes, not pertaining to students in the classroom.

9. (a) Public Question Period (Continued)

Faelyne Templer asked how she can help.

Trustee Donna Edwards advised that all of the material is on the website. She recommended the use of the template letters. Trustees can do presentations to associations and/or SCC's to bring information forward, if needed. It is important to inform the public. A petition is available on-line and the Committee is looking at partnerships to disseminate the information to all community members.

- (ii) Simon Maggi, Pickering understands that more special education classes (gifted and BAC) are slated to close in the 2016/2017 school year. He asked how the Board will engage students to provide their feedback on these closures and mitigate negative impacts to exceptional children's learning.

Richard Kennelly, Superintendent, Special Education advised that while classes are closing this year, they are closing due to the lack of students for that specific classroom. Students in the BAC class and the gifted class have been accommodated in another class, so closures are being offset by opening classes of different types.

Simon Maggi asked if classes will reopen if students experience a significant impact ie. grades going down.

Richard Kennelly advised that no students will be affected by closures next year, as they will all have a placement in a class. Next month a report will be presented on how students fared last year. There has been no significant decrease.

(b) Director's News from the System

Interim Director Luigia Ayotte advised that Dr. Roberta Bondar Public School recently hosted a History Fair on the theme of Our Greatest Canadian. The event ignited learning about our country's history. This year's history fair had a special focus after Grade 8 student, Midhat Naeems, demonstrated great initiative and sent a letter that inspired the Canadian War Museum to arrange a special visit of a two-century-old tunic worn by General Isaac Brock. The Fair included the students' displays featuring the Canadian they believed to be Canada's greatest. Students also welcomed Mrs. Alexander, widow of the late Lincoln Alexander, as well as veterans from The Royal Canadian Legion, to their Fair. Interim Director Luigia Ayotte thanked all of the event organizers and especially, the Canadian War Museum for making this incredible effort for our students. It certainly had an impact on the young historians of Dr. Roberta Bondar Public School.

The Interim Director also highlighted the "And Still We Rise" student leadership conference, held at the Education Centre. This was the sixth annual conference hosted by the Durham Black Educators' Network (DBEN), supported and sponsored by the Durham District School Board.

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

This year's conference focussed on ***Cultivating Courageous Change*** and featured a day of speaker presentations and workshops for DDSB students. The conference was designed to motivate students to become agents for social change. The conference ignites leadership in students by supporting 'And Still We Rise' student ambassadors in organizing and running the event. Student ambassadors worked with staff to develop the conference and volunteered their time to share their input, develop their skills and help coordinate the conference. Students developed workshops for their peers, including **#BlackYouthAreYouListening** and black empowerment. Interim Director Ayotte offered her congratulations to the student ambassadors and all of the people involved in making this year's conference a huge success.

Recently, students from Anderson C.V.I. and Henry Street H.S. competed in the much anticipated Rivalry Week where students vie for bragging rights to be the Rivalry Week School of the Year. Interim Director Ayotte shared that Rivalry Week started in 2009. Since that time, students and school teams have come together to show tremendous pride and school spirit with the goal of being crowned Rivalry Week champions. Anderson CVI and Henry Street HS competed in girls' volleyball, boys' basketball and boys' hockey, in friendly, but competitive match-ups. This year's hockey game was played at the GM Centre and included students from the respective feeder schools in the excitement. This year, Henry Street High School took the trophy home. The Interim Director congratulated both schools for a fun and fiercely fought Rivalry Week. You can see the highlights from Rivalry Week in a video posted on the DDSB's website, www.ddsb.ca.

10. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting of March 7, 2016

Trustee Carolyn Morton presented the report of the Standing Committee meeting of March 7, 2016.

2016:45

MOVED by Trustee Larry Jacula

SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT AN ADHOC COMMITTEE BE FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMENCING THE DIRECTOR'S SEARCH; AND

THAT THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD CHAIR THE ADHOC COMMITTEE.

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- (a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting of March 7, 2016 (Continued)

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MOVED by Trustee Larry Jacula

SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2016 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

- (b) Report: SEAC Meeting of January 21, 2016
Report: SEAC Meeting of February 18, 2016

Trustee Linda Stone presented the reports of the SEAC meetings of January 21, 2016 and February 18, 2016.

2016:47

MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE REPORTS OF THE SEAC MEETINGS OF JANUARY 21 AND FEBRUARY 18, 2016 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2016:48

MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

SECONDED by Trustee Elinor Hansen

THAT DARLENE FORBES WILL BE THE SEAC REPRESENTATIVE AND LAURA MITCHELL WILL BE THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF DURHAM REGION.

CARRIED

11. Information Items

- (a) Business Case Submission – School Consolidation Capital Projects and New Construction of child Care

David Visser, Associate Director provided trustees with information surrounding the February 29, 2016 School Consolidation Capital Projects and New Construction of Child Care Business Case Submission to the Ministry of Education.

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(b) Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report

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

12. Correspondence

(a) Action Requested:

The correspondence was listed for the information of trustees.

(b) Other

13. Other Business

14. Adjournment

2016:49

MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes
SECONDED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:07 p.m.

Chair

Secretary