

# APPROVED

## MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday, October 20, 2014

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 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Joe Allin, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Yvonne Forbes, Kathleen Hopper, Larry Jacula, Carolyn Morton, Kimberly Zeppieri, Christine Winters, Student Trustees Naleesha Giga, James Hare, Aidan Woodcock-Russell (the students left at 8:30 p.m.)

Officials Present: Director Martyn Beckett, Superintendents Luigia Ayotte, John Bowyer, Doug Crichton, Janet Edwards, Ed Hodgins, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, 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 Joe Allin suggested that the moment of silence could be used to consider the effort taken to promote the Year of the Ally and to continue to discourage any kind of bullying. There may be a time in the future when this type of behavior has disappeared.

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5. McCaskill's Mills P.S.

Chair Joe Allin welcomed the McCaskill's Mills P.S. Grade 5/6 French Immersion students. The students, directed by Lindsay Bauer, performed several selections entitled "Au Clair De La Lune", "Old MacDonald Had a Farm", "Ode to Joy" and "O Susanna". Chair Joe Allin congratulated the group, on behalf of the trustees, for their excellent performance.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2014:102

MOVED by Trustee Kathleen Hopper

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2014:103

MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney

SECONDED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2014;

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2014.

CARRIED

7. Presentations

- (a) Port Perry H.S. – School Self Review – Leverage Clicker Technology to Include Student Voice in the School Self Review Process

Anne Marie Laginski, Superintendent, Brock/Uxbridge/Scugog/DCE/DASS provided trustees with information about a process used by Port Perry High School's School Improvement Team to monitor and collect data on the implementation and effectiveness of the 2013-2014 School Improvement Plan and to effectively embed the Assessment Loop into classrooms. She introduced Caysi Stark, former Principal, Port Perry H.S., Kandis Thompson, Principal, Jeannette Walton, Jon Lepage, and Jennifer O'Neill, teachers, Port Perry H.S. Caysi Stark and Jeannette Walton provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the process for the School Self Review (SSR) and

(a) Port Perry H.S. – School Self Review – Leverage Clicker Technology to Include Student Voice in the School Self Review Process (Continued)

the Building Collaborative Inquiry (BCI) Research Project. A video was shown highlighting student experiences as they relate to clicker quizzes. Caysi Stark also answered questions of trustees.

(b) Educational Services Staff Award 2014

Janet Edwards, Superintendent, Employee Relations advised that at the June 2013 Board meeting, the Board approved the establishment of an annual Educational Services Staff Award. The award is to recognize a staff member/team affiliated with CUPE, consisting of office-clerical-technical staff, custodial and maintenance staff, and Educational Assistants. These staff support the safe operation of schools, keep schools clean and systems operating, and provide program support to teachers and students. The award provides the Board with the opportunity to recognize an educational services staff member who has made an exceptional contribution to the support of students, schools or the growth of others in the Board. The winner receives an award and \$500 to be allocated by the winner in a manner related to his/her project/program or initiative. A Committee consisting of the Chair of the Board, Joe Allin, Vice-Chairperson, Chris Braney, Don Bryans, President of CUPE Local 218, and Janet Edwards, Superintendent of Education/Employee Relations reviewed nominations and have selected Shawn Patrick, Chief Custodian, Sunderland P.S., as the recipient for the 2013/2014 school year. Shawn Patrick is invested in creating a safe and clean environment in which to learn and work at Sunderland P.S. and works with administration and his colleagues to ensure the school and yard are safe. He arrived at Sunderland P.S. in June of 2012 as it was undergoing major renovations and helped to ensure that school was ready to begin in September. He works tirelessly and with exceptional good humour, helping to create a pleasant, positive school environment. As an individual who has demonstrated dedication to his team, the Board and the system, Shawn Patrick is a most deserving recipient of the Educational Services Staff Award.

Shawn Patrick thanked the Board and Committee members for selecting him to be the recipient of the Educational Services Staff Award for 2014. He also thanked his Vice Principal, Mrs. Nichol, staff, students and community members for his nomination.

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, appointments, leaves of absence, administrative transfers, and property matters.

Doug Crichton, Superintendent, Operations/Transportation announced the following transfer:

8. Report from the Committee of the Whole in Camera (Continued)

Secondary Vice Principal

- (i) Fiona Tokic, Vice Principal, J. Clarke Richardson, to Vice Principal, Unnamed Brooklin P.S. effective February 2, 2015.

9. (a) Public Question Period

- (i) Akilah Haneef-Jabari, Whitby asked if the Board is interested in improving transparency for the public by improving awareness of Board meetings and extending public question period.

Chair Joe Allin advised that public question period is one mechanism for the public to access information. Public question period is part of Bylaw #3 and in the bylaw are the provisions that guide public question period. It is Board policy that members of the Board can move to have by-laws revised at any point. The last time the by-laws were reviewed was May 2013. By-laws require a notice of motion and this will be the responsibility of the incoming Board if there is interest and will to build further provisions into the by-law.

Akilah Haneef-Jabari asked if the Board is interested in providing awareness of public meetings in an effort to increase attendance and extending the public question period.

Chair Joe Allin advised that as part of the communications review a number of mechanisms to interface with the public have been initiated. There is no information regarding a specific concern on public attendance at Board meetings.

- (ii) Gerald Parker, Whitby stated that it was recently noted that walking distances, safe school routes and maintenance issues are creating absenteeism and late arrivals at Whitby schools. He also stated that administrative staff have indicated that absenteeism and late arrival information is not gathered by schools or the Board. He asked if the Board is required to gather enrollment information including absenteeism.

Doug Crichton, Superintendent, Operations/Transportation indicated that it is a key priority that we have safe welcoming and inclusive schools. Every school has a safe arrival program so that it is known if a student is absent, and the family is contacted to determine why the student is absent. The Board has access to that information. Durham Student Transportation Services has a process to gather information regarding the timely execution of bus routes which is monitored by school, administration and the safe arrival team. This information is gathered on a daily basis.

Gerald Parker asked if the Education Act states that the ministry/province requires Boards to gather late arrival and absentee information.

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9. (a) Public Question Period (Continued)

Doug Crichton indicated that there is a requirement for the school to complete an attendance register that is required by the Education Act.

Gerald Parker requested that the minutes reflect that he felt his question was not answered.

- (iii) Gerald Parker stated that pharmaceutical prescriptions kill more people in North America than motor vehicle collisions, affecting students most acutely. He stated that at the recent Safety Week launch, a pharmaceutical lobby group "Gen RX" was in the launch and in the Education Centre Lobby. He asked how and why this group was invited to the launch.

John Bowyer, Superintendent, Whitby/Safe Schools advised that Safety Week occurred from September 15-19, 2014. The forum highlighted safety issues in schools and the community, with a focus on smoking and electronic devices. Over one hundred community agencies had a booth at Safety Week. The group in question was not on the list of invitees to participate in Safety Week. There was information available on the danger of using prescription drugs, but an invitation was not given to "Gen RX."

Gerald Parker asked how Gen RX got into the building.

John Bowyer indicated that he confirmed with all groups at Safety Week and no one displayed information from Gen RX. He noted that information from the Regional Municipality of Durham Health Department included a flyer on the use of prescription drugs.

(b) Director's News from the System

Director Martyn Beckett congratulated Asa Schoonderbeek, grade one teacher at Williamsburg Public School on winning the Prime Minister's Certificate of Achievement in Teaching Excellence. This is one of fifty-four Teaching Awards of Excellence that are awarded by the Prime Minister annually. Mr. Schoonderbeek has taught for ten years at Williamsburg Public School in Whitby. He was nominated by a parent and School Community Council member for the award. When asked about the award, Mr. Schoonderbeek said that although it is a real honour just to be nominated, he believes that this award could have been won by any teacher at Williamsburg.

The Director offered his congratulations to Joseph Gould Public School in Uxbridge on being one of 14 schools in Ontario recognized by EQAO for its success in using EQAO data to improve teaching and learning. Principal Gayle Gailitis and a school team will attend the Dr. Bette Stephenson Recognition of Achievement Ceremony and EQAO Learning Forum in November to receive an award. Joseph Gould Public School is being recognized for adopting an action plan based on their unique circumstances,

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

their commitment to student success and hard work to ensure that students have the supports they need to achieve this success.

Director Beckett also offered his congratulations to Dunbarton High School in Pickering for being named 2014's Greenest School in Canada by the Canada Green Building Council. The DDSB school was selected by a jury comprised of green building industry experts from across the country, for its "exemplary level of commitment to sustainability," exemplified by an array of environmental awareness projects undertaken by students and staff. Schools from across Canada were invited to make submissions to the Canada Green Building Council based on criteria that examined the schools' efficient use of resources and reduced environmental impact. Among the projects Dunbarton High School has participated in is creation of "bee condos" to encourage pollination, local park rehabilitation efforts, and rain barrel sales. Beyond that, the school's EnviroClub has worked on an on-campus biodiversity program and a number of other impressive projects that focus on both sustainability as well as on shifting attitudes. For their efforts, Dunbarton HS's EnviroClub was also recently recognized by the City of Pickering's Celebrating Sustainable Neighbourhoods program. More information about the awards can be found on the DDSB's website at [www.ddsb.ca](http://www.ddsb.ca).

Director Martyn Beckett highlighted that the DDSB was honoured with the Friends of Threads of Life Award in recognition of all of the support given by the Board. The Association of Workplace Tragedy Family Support (known as Threads of Life) is a national registered Canadian charity dedicated to supporting families along their journey of healing who have suffered from a workplace fatality, life-altering illness or occupational disease. The organization recognized the DDSB's Occupational Health and Safety Officer Kerri Stewart with the Threads of Life Volunteer Award for 2014. Ms. Stewart was recognized for her dedication as the volunteer committee chair and for her hard work on the annual Steps for Life Walk held in communities across the country including here in Durham Region. The award was presented to Ms. Stewart at the Family Forum held on September 26, 2014. The Director congratulated and thanked the Health and Safety Department on this well-deserved recognition.

The Director noted that October 20-24, 2014 marks Ally Week at the DDSB. In keeping with our long-standing commitment to supporting all dimensions of diversity, the Durham District School Board (DDSB) declared the 2014-2015 school year the Year of the Ally. The Year of the Ally celebrates and reinforces the Durham District School Board's goal of creating and maintaining caring communities by facilitating the three A's: awareness; advocacy; and action for our students, staff and school communities. Allies are people who are able to identify marginalization and barriers to equity and are equipped to create change together. The notion of the ally has been rooted in the LGBTQ communities and has grown to include all diverse communities where discrimination exists. Throughout Ally Week and beyond the Durham District School Board is committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment that supports student achievement and well-being. During Ally Week students and staff will have many opportunities for related

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

learning. Students will have the opportunity to participate in activities such as Students and Teachers Against Racism (STAR) retreat for students from 25 DDSB schools.

On October 23, 2014 the DDSB will host the Reaching and Teaching Students in Poverty Conference for educators which will focus on the misconceptions and educational practices that undercut the achievement of low income students. Throughout the year, a number of activities will take place focussed on creating awareness, advocacy and action in school communities. Activities include LGBTQ Families Engaged sessions, Junior STAR leadership conferences, Kids for Change Leadership in Equity and Diversity and Social Justice and the DDSB's annual Equity Institute focused on social justice ally. More information can be found at [www.ddsb.ca](http://www.ddsb.ca)

10. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting of October 6, 2014

Trustee Chris Braney presented the Report of the Standing Committee Meeting of October 6, 2014.

2014:104

MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney

SECONDED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A LETTER TO THE MINISTRY EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD HAS BEEN PENALIZED FOR CHANGING THE PARAMETERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY, FROM THAT WHICH EXISTED TWO YEARS AGO, AND REDUCING SERVICE TO PARENTS ACROSS THE REGION.

CARRIED

2014:105

MOVED by Trustee Yvonne Forbes

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

AT THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2014, THE ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECIDED:

- (a) THAT THE ATTENDANCE OF FIRST NATION TRUSTEES AT THE ANNUAL AUGUST PLANNING SESSION OF THE OPSBA FIRST NATION TRUSTEES COUNCIL BE SUPPORTED AND ENCOURAGED BY MEMBER BOARDS;

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- (a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting of October 6, 2014 (Continued)
- (b) THAT OPSBA COMMUNICATE A REQUEST TO ITS MEMBER BOARDS TO FACILITATE ATTENDANCE OF FIRST NATION TRUSTEES AT THE JANUARY 2015 PUBLIC EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM;
- (c) THAT A FIRST NATION COUNCIL MEETING BE SUPPORTED AT THE JANUARY 2015 PUBLIC EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM AS AN ORIENTATION FOR FIRST NATION TRUSTEES IN THE FORM OF A MEET-AND-GREET OPEN TO OTHER TRUSTEES;
- (d) THAT A POSITION PAPER BE DEVELOPED TO ADVOCATE FOR MANDATORY ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY CURRICULUM COMPONENTS IN FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT HISTORY THAT INCLUDES TREATY EDUCATION, THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS AND THE IMPACT OF THE *INDIAN ACT*.

CARRIED

2014:106  
MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett  
SECONDED by Trustee Larry Jacula

THAT THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2014 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

- (b) Report: SEAC Meeting of June 12, 2014

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the Report of the SEAC Meeting of June 12, 2014.

2014:107  
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards  
SECONDED by Trustee Christine Winters

THAT THE REPORT OF THE SEAC MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2014 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED



(c) Budget Policy 3110 and Block Budgeting Policy and Regulation 3171

Ed Hodgins, Superintendent, Business & Financial Services provided trustees with information to update the Budget Policy and Regulation.

2014:108

MOVED by Trustee Larry Jacula

SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT BOARD POLICY 3110: BUDGET AND BOARD REGULATION 3110: SCHOOL BLCOK BUDGETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED, AND THAT BOARD POLICY AND REGULATION 3171: BLOCK BUDGETING BE RESCINDED.

CARRIED

(d) Ignite Learning – Draft Strategic Plan

Director Martyn Beckett provided trustees with information regarding the new multi-year strategic plan entitled “Ignite Learning,” and the new logo for the Durham District School Board.

2014:109

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Yvonne Forbes

THAT THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD:

- (i) APPROVE THE DDSB MULTI-YEAR PLAN, ENTITLED “IGNITE LEARNING”
- (ii) APPROVE THE LENGTH OF THE MULTI-YEAR PLAN TO BE 3 YEARS
- (iii) APPROVE THE NEW LOGO FOR THE DDSB
- (iv) APPROVE “IGNITE LEARNING” AS THE DDSB MISSION, REPLACING THE CURRENT MISSION STATEMENT AND DDSB MOTTO.

CARRIED

11. Information Items

(a) Summer School 2014 Summary

Anne Marie Laginski, Superintendent, Brock/Uxbridge/Scugog/DCE/DASS provided trustees with an overview of the Summer School 2014 Summary. Paul Brown, Principal, Durham Continuing Education also answered questions of trustees.

(b) Strategic Communications Plan Update

Director Martyn Beckett introduced Andrea Pidwerbecki, Communications Manager who provided trustees with an update on the progress made with the Durham District School Board's Strategic Communications Plan. She also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Kindergarten/Early Years Update

Lisa Millar, Superintendent, Pickering/Early Years & Child Care provided trustees with an updated overview of the Kindergarten and Early Years programs at Year 5 of the implementation process. She also answered questions of trustees.

(d) School's Cool and Early Years Readiness Summer School Programs

Lisa Millar, Superintendent, Pickering/Early Years & Child Care provided trustees with an overview of the Durham District School Board's nine Early Years Summer School Readiness Programs. She also answered questions of trustees.

12. Correspondence

(a) Action Requested:

There were no actions requested at this time.

(b) Other

There was no correspondence at this time.

13. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

14. Adjournment

2014:110  
MOVED by Trustee Kathleen Hopper  
SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary