

Board Highlights

DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

On Monday, June 15, 2020, the Durham District School Board held its monthly Board Meeting in a virtual online format. View the streamed broadcast of the [Board Meeting](#) in its entirety.

DDSB Students Perform Virtual O' Canada



Students throughout the DDSB contributed to a mash-up of O' Canada for the June 15, 2020 Virtual Board Meeting.

Ministry Memorandums and Information Update



Acting Director of Education Norah Marsh updates the Board of Trustees on recent Ministry of Education memorandums.

Ministry Memorandums and Information Update con't

Acting Director of Education Norah Marsh informed the Board of Trustees that we have received positive news on the reopening of Child Care Centres. We are pleased to work with our partners to make this service once again available to the community. District School Boards across the province have been asked not to charge rent for the summer period until the end of August 2020.

We have not yet received the Ministry Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Memo and are expecting it soon.

Student Trustee Recognition



Student Trustees Sally Meseret, Tyler West and Arlene Wang are recognized as providing a voice for their peers during the 2019-2020 school year.

Chair Braney spoke to the Trustees regarding the extensive work that outgoing 2019-2020 Student Trustees Sally Meseret, Tyler West and Arlene Wang have done, which has been highly beneficial to the students to whom they were elected to serve.

Chairperson Scholarship Award



Dhruv Upadhyay of Anderson CVI accepts the 2020 Chairperson's Scholarship award.

Chair of the Board Chris Braney presented the 2020 Chairperson's Scholarship award to Dhruv Upadhyay, a student at Anderson CVI. The Chairperson's Scholarship Fund was established by the DDSB in May 2003 to be awarded by the Chair of the Board to a graduating student.

The prize is awarded annually to a student who:

- is a graduating student
- exemplifies excellent leadership and citizenship
- has well represented student issues to others.

Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy and the Human Rights of 2SLGBTQ+ Students and Families



Equity Officer Merrill Mathews, Equity Facilitator Camille Ali, and Teacher Lauren Chapple presented on support of two LGBTQ families with our district.

Human Rights of 2SLGBTQ+ con't

Superintendent Officers Mohamed Hamid, and Margaret Lazarus spoke to purpose of the report updating our support of two LGBTQ families within our district. Work is centered on the students we serve, and built around their identities.

The DDSB continues to uphold equity and inclusivity as essential in ensuring excellence in all schools and departments. In accordance with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms principles, the Ontario Human Rights Code, and as outlined in PPM No. 119, and in the Education Equity Action

Plan, the Board and our staff are committed to ensuring that all students reach their full potential by eliminating all discriminatory barriers that may exist, whether because of commission or omission.

Annual Operating Plan – End of Year Update

Acting Director Marsh and various Superintendents spoke to the Annual Operating Plan document. Their report provided information to Trustees as an end-of-year update and captured the work completed from January to June 2020. Each core priority and operational goal as outlined in the DDSB Strategic Plan was reviewed.

Anti-Black Racism Strategy Update

Superintendent Officers Margaret Lazarus and Mohamed Hamid presented the report to provide Trustees with an update on the work that DDSB is doing in its ongoing efforts to address Anti-Black Racism and also to highlight initiatives implemented to address the recent events that occurred in the United States.

The DDSB's commitment to the Anti-Black Racism Strategy has been communicated clearly through the release of the Compendium of Action for Black Student Success. The eight strategies outlined in the compendium exist within the context of the importance of how we need to respond to the social and cultural realities of families. For that reason, it is critical that the DDSB be responsive to events that occur in society. The DDSB must be ready to provide support, and resources as well as facilitate critical conversations to address feelings of outrage, sadness, and defeat. With this reality facing many members of our school community daily, as a system of education, we cannot simply condemn Anti-Black Racism, instead, we must actively challenge it wherever and whenever possible.

DDSB Good News from the System



Click on the image to watch the Good News that was presented to the Board on Monday, June 15, 2020, narrated by Port Perry High School students Lilly and John.

Recommendations and Information Items

The Board approved the following recommendations:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 20, 2020
- Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 4, 2020
- DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 19, 2020
- Report: Standing Committee Meeting of June 1, 2020
- Report: SEAC Meeting of April 16, 2020
- Report: Equity & Diversity Ad-Hoc Steering Committee Meeting June 4, 2020

The following Information Items were brought forward:

Update on Summer School 2020

This report provided the Board of Trustees with an update to the Board of Trustees on plans for Summer School 2020.

Durham Continuing Education remains flexible to provide the best programming possible for students to achieve their credits through historical and new eLearning/remote learning opportunities in the summer of 2020.

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Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report

This report provided an update to the Board of Trustees with a quarterly report of the current construction and major projects progress, as information.

On April 3, the list of Essential Workplaces was revised by the province. As a result, all DDSB construction projects were reclassified as non-essential and were required to cease construction as of midnight April 4, 2020.

On May 1, the province announced that school and child care construction may restart. As of May 4, all DDSB construction projects resumed work. Any changes to schedules affecting school operations, accommodation of students and child care operations will be brought to the attention of the Board as soon as they are known.

Integrity Commissioner Ad-Hoc Committee

A report from the Integrity Commissioner Ad-Hoc Hiring Committee was referred back to committee for amendments.

Regular Board and Committee Meetings

Standing Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Public Session — 7:00 pm

Board Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2020
Public Session — 7:00 pm



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