

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday, October 15, 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 Gordon Baxter, Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney (left at 9:40 p.m.), Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Linda Lowery, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters-Feret (left at 8:40 p.m.), Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Sally Meseret, Tyler West, Risann Wright (left at 9:45 p.m.)

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Associate Directors David Visser and Mark Fisher, Superintendents Mohamed Hamid, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, Margaret Lazarus, John Legere, Jamila Maliha, Jim Markovski, Silvia Peterson, Martine Robinson, Camille Taylor, Communications Manager Peter Blake, and Communications Officer 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. Port Perry H.S.

Trustee Carolyn Morton welcomed the Port Perry H.S. Girls' Ensemble. The group performed two selections entitled "Frobisher Bay" and "Imagine." Trustee Carolyn Morton congratulated the group, on behalf of the trustees, for their excellent performance.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2018:132

MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2018:133

MOVED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2018; AND

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2018.

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2018.

CARRIED

7. This is My Story

Chair Michael Barrett advised trustees that at the September Board meeting, This Is My Story was introduced as a new Board meeting agenda item that will be shared at each Board meeting to recognize and celebrate the identities of students, staff and families. Understanding identity and the richness of the diverse and unique DDSB community helps us appreciate the incredible individuals in the DDSB family. This Is My Story demonstrates our commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusive Practices. The This Is My Story video featured Alfonso Garcia, DDSB Math Facilitator.

Chair Michael Barrett congratulated Superintendent Camille Taylor on her appointment to Director of the Ottawa Carleton District School Board.

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8. Presentations

There were no public presentations at this time.

9. Ministry Memorandums – Information

There were no Ministry memorandums at this time.

10. Public Question Period

There were no public questions at this time.

11. (a) Awards

(b) Presentations

(i) Igniting Teacher Efficacy & Student Ownership for Learning

Superintendent Margaret Lazarus introduced Elizabeth Thompson, Principal, Eagle Ridge P.S. and Jennifer Wells, Vice Principal, Captain Michael VandenBos P.S. who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting one school's commitment to igniting teacher efficacy and student ownership of learning to support student achievement and engagement. Trustees also watched a student video highlighting the strategies that they use to be successful.

(ii) Faces on the Data Case Conferences

Superintendents Silvia Peterson introduced Linda Ford-DeCunha, Officer, K-6 and Kandis Thompson, Administrator, eLearning who provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the Faces on the Data system priority and its impact on student achievement. They provided examples of how the Student Achievement and Curriculum Department, Early Years Department, Inclusive Student Services, and Leadership Department are working collaboratively to support educators and school administrators in their implementation of Faces on the Data case conferences.

(iii) Equitable Leadership Program

Superintendent Jamila Maliha introduced Melissa Hunte, Vice Principal, Pickering H.S. and Alicia Russell, Pathways Facilitator who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the work of the Equitable Leadership Program specifically the systematic recruitment of teachers into the Aspiring Leadership Program, with an emphasis on attracting Indigenous and Racialized candidates. A video, capturing program testimonials was shown. They also answered questions of trustees.

12. 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 property matters and a Ministry update on Education Development Charges.

13. Director's News from the System

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

On September 17th, Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard visited Viola Desmond Public School. She spoke to both the junior and intermediate students about her experiences championing the fight against racism and what it is like to be a Senator on Parliament Hill.

From August 22nd – 31st, students from Dunbarton High School visited Churchill, Manitoba as part of the Experiential Learning Program. They saw polar bears, whales, and interacted with scientists. The students also learned about the life of Indigenous people from colonialism to present day. It is a trip they will never forget.

On September 13, two thousand DDSB students gathered at UOIT to spend a Day with Dav Pilkey, author of the Captain Underpants and Dog Man series. Pilkey shared personal stories and hilarious insights with students. He also promoted his new book *Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas*, and signed copies of his books.

The DDSB acknowledged the progressive work of the Safe Schools Team. The Safe Schools Team was featured on PREVNet's website for their safe schools' student safety planning. PREVNet is Canada's authority on research and resources for bullying prevention.

Students and staff took the time on September 28th to recognize Orange Shirt Day and joined the spirit of reconciliation across the country by honouring survivors impacted by the residential school system. Students learned about Orange Shirt Day and recognized survivors with drum circles, talks with elders, displays and by sharing positive messages of how every child matters.

September 25th was chosen by the Ontario government to officially recognize the contribution of Ontario's Francophone community to the historical, social, and political life in the province. Bobby Orr Public School held a flag raising ceremony to celebrate these contributions. Students sang and read poems in French, explained the significance of the Franco-Ontarian flag, and proudly raised the flag at the front of their school.

On September 21st, members of the Durham District School Board's Student Senate gathered to talk about leadership and development at the Education Centre. Student Trustees Sally Meseret, Tyler West, and Risann Wright led their peers in various discussions, games, and brainstorming activities to inspire ideas and build relationships. They discussed team-building, student voice, and the responsibilities and expectations that come with being a part of Student Senate.

13. Director's News from the System

On October 1st the Durham Regional Police Service announced that Grade 5 student, Olivia Baker from CE Broughton Public School will be Chief for a Day on October 23rd. Olivia wrote a compelling essay stating why it is important to have women on the police force. The Board congratulated Olivia on her achievement.

On October 2nd Durham College opened a beautiful new building that will house the Centre for Collaborative Education. It's an amazing facility that offers incredible design and is state-of-the-art. The DDSB is thrilled to be a part of this new venture. We've been a Centres for Success partner with Durham College for over 10 years. In that time approximately 2000 students have earned their Ontario Secondary School Diploma through this program.

Camille Williams Taylor was congratulated on her recent appointment as Director of Education for the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. Camille has 29 years of experience in public education. She worked with the Durham District School Board since 2011. Prior to her seven years as a Superintendent at the DDSB, she was a coordinating Principal at the Toronto District School Board, and held leadership positions at the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat and in the Teacher Education Program at York University. Camille transitions to her new role at OCDSB on December 1st.

Maryam and Nivaal Rehman, from Sinclair Secondary School were featured on Good Morning America as participants in Disney's Dream Big, Princess initiative that helped to support Girl Up. Girl Up is dedicated to gender equality and empowering young women. An exclusive, select group of girls from around the world recorded videos with their heroines and discussed what it means to dream.

The DDSB celebrated and raised awareness for the following significant dates in October. Learning Disabilities, and Dyslexia Awareness Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Women's History Month, and Islamic Heritage Month.

DDSB students are amazing. The Board watched a video featuring Pickering High School student Alex Thorne voice of Zuma on Paw Patrol and Romeo on PJ Masks.

- Dates of Significance:

October 16	Early Childhood Education Appreciation Day
October 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
October 18	SEAC Meeting
October 19	Dussehra/Dasara
October 22	PA Day – All Schools
October 24	United Nations Day
October 25	Volunteer of Distinction Awards
Oct 29-Nov 2	English as a Second Language Week
November	Albanian Heritage Month
November	Hindu Heritage Month
November 1	All Saints' Day

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

November 5	Standing Committee Meeting
November 6	Diwali
November 7	Inuit Day / Bandi Chhor Divas
November 9	Birth of the Bab
November 10	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13	Regional SCC Meeting
November 14	Take Our Kids to Work Day
November 16	PA Day – All Schools
November 16	International Day of Tolerance / Louis Riel Day

14. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2018

Trustee Patrice Barnes presented the report of the Standing Committee Meeting of October 1, 2018.

2018:134

MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes
SECONDED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

THAT THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER
1, 2018 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(b) Report: SEAC Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2018

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the report of the SEAC meeting of June 14, 2018.

2018:135

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards
SECONDED by Trustee Linda Lowery

THAT THE REPORT OF THE SEAC MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2018 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(c) Proposed Amendment to Regulation #1350 – Definitely Durham

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with information to approve a change to Regulation #1350 – Definitely Durham. She also answered questions of trustees.

2018:136

MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

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

CARRIED

(d) Chairperson's Scholarship – Revision to Eligibility Guidelines

Chair Michael Barrett provided trustees with information to approve the proposed revisions to the eligibility for the Chairpersons Scholarship. Student trustee Sally Meseret suggested the following amendment to the motion and answered questions of trustees:

- i. THAT THE CRITERIA SECTION SHALL NOW INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES:
 - (a) THAT THE STUDENTS AWARDED FROM YEAR TO YEAR WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATION OF THE DDSB;
 - (b) THAT WINNERS SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVERSE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE DDSB; AND
 - (c) THAT WINNERS WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF A DIVERSITY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LEADERSHIP ENDEAVOURS.
- ii. THAT THE APPLICATION ITSELF SHALL NOW POSE THE QUESTION TO STUDENTS ASKING:

WHAT SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES, DIFFICULTIES, OR CHALLENGES HAVE YOU OVERCOME OR WITNESSED THAT HAVE INSPIRED YOU TO ACT.

(d) Chairperson's Scholarship – Revision to Eligibility Guidelines (Continued)

2018:137

MOVED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT AN ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT BE ADDED TO THE CHAIRPERSON'S SCHOLARSHIP AS FOLLOWS: "THE CHAIRPERSON'S SCHOLARSHIP IS NOT OPEN TO CURRENT STUDENT TRUSTEES;"

THAT THE CRITERIA SECTION SHALL NOW INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES:

- (i) THAT THE STUDENTS AWARDED FROM YEAR TO YEAR WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATION OF THE DDSB;
- (ii) THAT WINNERS SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVERSE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE DDSB; AND
- (iii) THAT WINNERS WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF A DIVERSITY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LEADERSHIP ENDEAVOURS.

THAT THE APPLICATION ITSELF SHALL NOW POSE THE QUESTION TO STUDENTS ASKING:

WHAT SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES, DIFFICULTIES, OR CHALLENGES HAVE YOU OVERCOME OR WITNESSED THAT HAVE INSPIRED YOU TO ACT.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

(e) Revisions to Regulation #7551 – Naming of Schools

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with information to approve proposed revisions to Regulation #7551 – Naming of Schools. She also answered questions of trustees.

2018:138

MOVED by Trustee Linda lowery

SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes as amended by Linda stone.

THAT THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO REGULATION #7551 – NAMING OF SCHOOLS BE APPROVED.

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(f) Policy, Regulation and Procedure #5148 – Positive School Climate

Acting Superintendent John Bowyer provided trustees with information to approve the proposed revisions to Policy and Regulation #5148 – Positive School Climate.

2018:139

MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri
SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO POLICY AND REGULATION #5148 – POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

(g) Regulation #7235 – Alternative Arrangements for School Accommodation

Associate Director David Visser provided trustees with information to approve Regulation #7235 – Alternative Arrangements for School Accommodations.

2018:140

MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri
SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE REVISIONS TO REGULATION #7235 – ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

(h) Short-Term Borrowing By-Law

Associate Director David Visser provided trustees with information to approve the resolution for short-term borrowing for the 2018-2019 school year. He also answered questions of trustees.

2018:141

MOVED by Trustee Gordon Baxter
SECONDED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT THE BORROWING RESOLUTION FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR BE APPROVED.

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(i) Integrity Commissioner

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with information regarding the establishment of an Integrity Commissioner. She also answered questions of trustees.

2018:141

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE ROLE OF INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER AND THE CHAIR APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW AND HIRE FOR THE POSITION; AND

THAT THE CODE OF CONDUCT BY-LAW #12 BE AMENDED AND UPDATED TO INCLUDE THE ROLE OF INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER.

CARRIED

(j) Notice of Motion: Revisions to By-Law #12 – School Board Member (Trustee) Code of Conduct

Director Lisa Millar presented the following Notice of Motion:

THAT REVISED BY-LAW #12: SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (TRUSTEE) CODE OF CONDUCT BE APPROVED.

(k) Notice of Motion: Review of Policies #6160 Students and #6320 Instruction

Superintendent Anne Marie Laginski presented the following Notice of Motion:

THAT THE REVISIONS TO POLICY #6160 AND #6320 BE APPROVED.

(l) Notice of Motion: Regulation #1305 Accessible Customer Service

Superintendent Camille Taylor presented the following Notice of Motion:

THAT THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO REGULATION #1305 BE APPROVED.

(m) Notice of Motion: Review of Policies, Procedures and Regulations

- Regulation #1219 School Community Council
- Regulation #1220 Parent Involvement Committee
- Regulation #5131 Fundraising

Superintendent Martine Robinson presented the following Notice of Motion:

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- (m) Notice of Motion: Review of Policies, Procedures and Regulations (Continued)
- Regulation #1219 School Community Council
 - Regulation #1220 Parent Involvement Committee
 - Regulation #5131 Fundraising

THAT THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO REGULATIONS #1219 SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL, #1220 PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE, #5131 FUNDRAISING BE APPROVED.

- (n) Notice of Motion: Creation of New Policy to Support Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions in Schools

Associate Director Mark Fisher presented the following Notice of Motion:

THAT THE PROPOSED NEW POLICY SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND STUDENTS WITH PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS IN SCHOOLS BE APPROVED.

- (o) Notice of Motion: Policy Updates
- #4107 Equity and Inclusive Education
 - #4245 Workplace Harassment and Workplace Sexual Harassment

Associate Director David Visser presented the following Notice of Motion:

THAT THE REVISIONS TO POLICIES #4107 EQUITY AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND #4245 WORKPLACE HARASSMENT AND WORKPLACE SEXUAL HARASSMENT BE APPROVED.

15. Information Items

- (a) Elementary Staffing and Enrolment 2018-2019

Associate Director Mark Fisher provided trustees with an overview and hand out information on current elementary staffing and an update on Primary Class Size (PCS) and elementary enrolment that will be submitted to the Ministry of Education prior to October 31, 2018.

- (c) Summer Learning Programs

Superintendent Jim Markovski provided trustees with updates on the Summer Learning Programs.

- (b) Cannabis Legislation Update

Acting Superintendent John Bowyer introduced Dan Hogan, Substance Abuse/Violence Prevention Coordinator who provided trustees with a PowerPoint update on the proposed Cannabis Legislation – Federal Bill C45, Provincial Bills 174 and 36. He also answered questions of trustees.

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16. Correspondence

(a) Action Requested

There was no correspondence at this time.

(b) Other

- (i) Mississaugas of Scugog Island First nation
- (ii) Lindsey Park, MPP, Durham

The correspondence was listed for the information of trustees.

17. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

18. Adjournment

2018:142
MOVED by Trustee Paul Crawford
SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:48 p.m.

Chair

Secretary