

Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
April 3, 2017

The regular meeting of the Standing Committee of the Durham District School Board was held this date in Room 1017, 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, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Avery Jackman, Kofi Richter, Kevin Zheng (students arrived at 7:15 pm)

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Superintendent Luigia Ayotte, John Bowyer, Mark Fisher, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, John Legere, Jim Markovski, Silvia Peterson, Martine Robinson, Camille Taylor, Associate Director David Visser, Communications Manager Terry Simzer

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

Chair Michael Barrett asked trustees to participate in a moment of silence in honour of Trustee Larry Jacula. He noted that Larry would not want us to mourn his passing, but celebrate his achievements in his community. He held the role of trustee since 2006, spent 32 years in the classroom, was the voice of the Generals for 24 years, worked with the Boy Scouts and AA, and announced many community events around Oshawa and Durham. He was known for his off-beat sense of humour. Larry was devoted to his community, and trustees and staff are reeling from the sense of loss they are experiencing. It is a time to celebrate the late Elinor Hansen and Larry Jacula for what they have contributed to us. Larry was a proud father, loving husband and friend. He saw the best in everyone and truly cared how people felt.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

2017:07

MOVED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

(a) The Third Teacher: Academic Achievement and the 21st Century Classroom

Silvia Peterson, Superintendent, Family of Schools introduced Jamila Maliha, Principal, Jon LePage, Vice Principal, Stacey Kocjan and David Leich, Teachers, O'Neill C.V.I. who provided trustees with a PowerPoint and video presentation on the development and implementation of the 21st Century Classroom as the third teacher to support student achievement, engagement and foster self-regulation. The third teacher is the open, dynamic, interdependent, diverse and adaptive physical and social space where the walls reflect the learning and student voice and high quality teaching facilitate student success. They also answered questions of trustees.

(b) Durham Black Educators' Network (DBEN) And Still We Rise Student Leadership Conference

Mark Fisher, Superintendent, Operations/Leadership introduced Eleanor McIntosh, Administrative Officer and Chair, DBEN, Cheryl Rock, Vice Principal, Maxwell Heights S.S./Vice Chair DBEN and Co-Chair of the Student Conference Committee who provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the Durham Black Educators' Network (DBEN) student leadership program and the And Still We Rise conference for secondary students held annually in the Durham District School Board. Students from Maxwell Heights SS, Brooklin HS, Eastdale CVI, Donald A Wilson SS and Henry Street HS provided trustees with an overview of their experiences at the conference. They also answered questions of trustees.

(c) “Our Voice” Black Males – Mentoring Through Hip Hop

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs introduced Tina Thomas, Facilitator, Equity and Inclusive Education, Artimis Chartier, and Dale Russell who provided trustees with information as it relates to a project that has been initiated to provide black male students with an authentic experience that promotes creativity and connects them to positive role models within our community. A video was also shown highlighting mentoring and music production. Two students from Maxwell Heights SS shared what they have accomplished in the program. They also answered questions of trustees.

(d) Lynde House Museum – School Programming

Trina Astor-Stewart introduced Monica Ethinburger, Assistant Curator, and Sara Marshall, Teacher, John Dryden PS and they provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the educational and cultural enrichment programs provided by Lynde House Museum. The school programs, available for Grades 1 – 8, highlight many areas including interactive small group activities that increase cultural understanding and a deeper understanding of First Nations people. She thanked Lauri Geuzebroek, Program Facilitator, Social Studies for developing the school program and provided trustees with a slide show of historical photos.

5. Recommended Actions

There were no recommended actions at this time.

6. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student trustee Kofi Richter provided trustees with an overview of the Student Senate meeting held earlier in the evening. He noted that the group focused on presentations from the senators representing Sinclair SS and J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate. The group received a presentation from Barbara Oram, Partnership Development regarding youth hubs and their operating goals. Senate also broke into small groups to discuss recommendations for youth hub programming ie. garden, gaming room, yoga classes, music. Student Senate reflected on how senate has impacted individual senators throughout the year, a better use of the student voice when advocating for student needs, and building communication skills between administrators. With the last Senate meeting approaching, the group will not be taking on anything new at this point as they begin to wrap up their year of working together.

(b) Former F.M. Heard P.S. Demolition

David Visser, Associate Director and Treasurer provided trustees with information surrounding the demolition of the former Florence M. hard P.S., Whitby. He also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Opportunities to Support Families During the Transition of DDSB Bell Times

Jim Markovski, Superintendent, Family of Schools, Early Years/Poverty provided trustees with an overview of the transitional program opportunities to support families and school communities with the implementation of the new bell times for the 2017/2018 school year. He also answered questions of trustees.

7. Committee Reports

(a) OPSBA Report

There was no OPSBA report at this time.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

9. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

10. Adjournment

2017:08
MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary