

Report of the Durham District School Board  
Standing Committee Public Session  
April 3, 2018

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 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Gordon Baxter, Chris Braney, Donna Edwards, Linda Lowery, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters-Feret, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Meghan Hanna, Samar Jeddi, Sharuka Selliah

Regrets: Trustees Michael Barrett, Paul Crawford

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Superintendent Mark Fisher, Mohamed Hamid, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, Margaret Lazarus, Jamila Maliha, Jim Markovski, Silvia Peterson, Martine Robinson, Camille Taylor, Associate Director David Visser

Regrets: Superintendent John Legere

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

2018:07  
MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

(a) Leveraging Digital at Seneca Trail P.S.

Superintendent Richard Kennelly introduced Cristina Cox, Principal and Martina Walton, Teacher, Seneca Trail P.S. who provided trustees with PowerPoint information on one school's approach to leveraging digital within a flexible seating environment and the impact it has had on student engagement and teacher practice. Martina Walton spoke about the chrome book pilot and the positive impact it has had on staff and students. She shared a video highlighting interviews with staff and students on how this initiative has changed the way they teach and learn. They also answered questions of trustees.

5. Ministry Memorandums - Information

(a) Ministry of Education 2017 Governance Engagement

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with information regarding the Ministry of Education 2017 Governance Engagement memo received from Deputy Minister Bruce Rodrigues.

6. Recommended Actions

There were no recommended actions at this time.

7. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student trustee Samar Jeddi provided trustees with an overview of the Student Senate meeting held earlier in the meeting. With only two student senate meetings remaining, the group shifted their focus to their other two main goals; Mental Health Advocacy and Regional Representation. At the April meeting, they collaborated with a DDSB mental health leader to implement student voice in the mental health strategic plan. They have also been implementing student insight, gathered from the senate meetings, and throughout the region in various outlets and projects, such as the Mental Health and Well-Being Ad Hoc Committee and the Violence Ad Hoc Committee. As well as joint collaborations with the Equity and Diversity Department, the Women's Empowerment Conference engaged young girls in the Durham District School Board with their leadership potential. Student trustees will share their upcoming projects in their May report.

(b) Suspension and Expulsion Trends

Superintendent Richard Kennelly introduced Ken MacNaughton, Safe Schools Officer who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation about suspension and expulsion trends in the Durham District School Board. They also answered questions of trustees.

(c) OPSBA Report

Trustee Patrice Barnes advised trustees that the OPSBA Regional meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Bloorview School Authority in East York. All trustees are welcome to attend.

8. Committee Reports

(a) Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of February 21, 2018

Trustee Patrice Barnes provided trustees with an overview of the Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee meeting that was held on March 21, 2018. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on April 18, 2018.

(b) Mental Health & Well-Being Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of February 26, 2018

Trustee Christine Winters-Feret provided trustees with an overview of the Mental Health and Well-Being Ad Hoc Committee meeting of March 26, 2018. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on April 9, 2018.

(c) Group of 3 – Secondary Enrolment Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of March 6, 2018

Superintendent Silvia Peterson provided trustees with an overview of the Group of 3 – Secondary Enrolment Ad Hoc Committee meeting of March 6, 2018. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on April 17, 2018.

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

10. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

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11. Adjournment

2018:08  
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:56 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary