

Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
April 4, 2016

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 Michael Barrett, Patrice Barnes, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Elinor Hansen, Larry Jacula, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Michelina Aguanno, Kevin Zheng

Regrets: Student Trustee Melanie Manning

Officials Present: Interim Director Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent Janet Edwards, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, John Legere, Lisa Millar, Silvia Peterson, Camille Taylor, David Visser, Communications Officer Charles Senior

Regrets: Communications Manager Andrea Pidwerbecki

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

2016:08
MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

The agenda was amended by adding Items 9. (a) Parents as Partners, (b) One in Four: Fund the Need, and (c) OPSBA Labour Relations Conference.

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

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4. Presentations

(a) UNCOMMON LEARNING PART 2: Experiential Learning and Adult World Connections at Port Perry H.S.

Anne Marie Laginski provided trustees with information about UNCOMMON Learning Part 2: Experiential Learning and Adult World Connections at Port Perry H.S. and introduced Alyson van Beinum, Vice Principal, Alan Bailey, Department Head and Jake Smith, Department Head, Port Perry H.S. The group provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation and videos highlighting the business and technology pathways that are integrated, experiential and have a connection and application to the adult world and local community. They also answered questions of trustees.

5. Recommended Actions

There were no recommended actions at this time.

6. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Michelina Aguanno advised trustees that a Student Senate meeting was held earlier in the evening. Students ran through one of the collaboration activities planned for the Ignite Connections Conference scheduled to be held on April 25. Students provided feedback in order to improve the methods in which the student-run discussions at the conference are facilitated. Students split into smaller groups and addressed questions stemming from the topics of mental health, leadership and engagement, and equity and inclusion. Many students expressed interest in taking on a leadership role by facilitating part of the student-run activities for the conference on April 25.

(b) Update on Transitional Supports from June 15, 2016 Budget Motion

Richard Kennelly, Superintendent, Special Education introduced Andrea McAuley, Special Education Officer and provided trustees with information related to the transitional supports included in the June 15, 2016 budget motion. He also answered questions of trustees.

7. Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports at this time.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

9. Other Business

(a) Parents as Partners Conference

Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri provided trustees with an overview of the Parents as Partners Conference that was held on Saturday, April 2, 2016. The event was hosted at Chris Hadfield P.S. in Brooklin. The conference was well organized and well attended. Keynote speaker Karen Gordon spoke about inspiring and motivating kids and teens. Several schools provided entertainment for the event and parents left with tangible information. She thanked the organizers of the event for their work.

(b) One in Four: Fund the Need

Trustee Donna Edwards provided trustees with an update since the launch of the One in Four: Fund the Need campaign. She noted that she has presented the campaign to the Regional SCC group, the Learning Disability Association of Ontario, and Parents as Partners. She will also present at SEAC and a Student Senate Meeting in May. Trustees have been forwarded any questions. At last count, 1400 people signed the petition.

(c) OPSBA Labour Relations Conference

Trustee Linda Stone advised that several trustees attended the recent OPSBA Labour Relations Symposium on April 1. Peter Simpson, Director of Dispute Resolution Services and Assistant Deputy Minister, Labour Relations Solutions Division spoke about the impact of the first collective agreements under the SBCBA on labour relations. Minister Liz Sandals spoke about class sizes and special education. Sheila McKenna spoke about human rights issues followed by a discussion panel on local bargaining under SBCBA. She also answered questions of trustees.

10. Adjournment

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MOVED by Trustee Elinor Hansen

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Chair

Secretary