

Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
April 7, 2015

The regular meeting of the Standing Committee of the Durham District School Board was held this date in Room 2007, Education Centre, 400 Taunton Road East, Whitby:

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Trustee Donna Edwards, Chair

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Paul Crawford, Elinor Hansen, Larry Jacula, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters, Student Trustees James Hare, Aidan Woodcock-Russell

Regrets: Trustees Chris Braney, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustee Naleesha Giga

Officials Present: Director Martyn Beckett, Superintendents Luigia Ayotte, John Bowyer, Doug Crichton, Janet Edwards, Ed Hodgins, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, Lisa Millar, Silvia Peterson, Camille Taylor, David Visser

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approve Agenda

2015:07
MOVED by Trustee Elinor Hansen

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

(a) Pink Shirt Day

John Bowyer, Superintendent, Whitby/Safe Schools provided trustees with information regarding the activities that occurred in the Durham District School Board on Pink Shirt Day – February 25, 2015. Ken MacNaughton, Administrative Officer, Safe Schools introduced the team from C.E. Broughton P.S., Principal Ann Wilhelm, Vice Principal Karen McCready, Teacher Timothy Ashton, SERT Janice Lawrence, and students Johnathan Cowan, Dallas Poynter, Emma Webb, and Ales Thamir. The group provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the bullying awareness and prevention initiatives underway in their school to create a positive space where everyone feels safe and included.

(b) Tribute to the Troops

Chuck Mercier, Honorary Colonel, Ontario Regiment provided trustees with information regarding the Tribute to the Troops dinner. He noted that the dinner recognizes the contributions of local troops and raises money for the Ontario Regiment Foundation, which provides support to soldiers and their families. The local regiment provides a link to the community in Durham Region and is not funded by the forces. He introduced Nadia Abrahams, Ariana Neceski, and Spero Kanello, all Grade 9 students from Dunbarton H.S., who donated their hand-painted helmets to be auctioned at the upcoming dinner. The students provided an overview of the theme of their respective helmets. To date, the helmets have raised several thousand dollars to support the Ontario Foundation. Chuck Mercier thanked the Board for allowing students to be involved in the initiative. He also answered questions of trustees.

Dave Robinson, National Advisor and Co-ordinator with EF Educational Tours provided trustees with a video presentation highlighting the commemorative anniversaries of D-Day. He noted that prior to approval for schools to visit the battlefields, officials were looking at reducing visiting time at the memorial. Since then, over 15,000 students from across Canada have participated on the tours. He thanked teachers Brent Birchard, Maxwell Heights S.S. and Kristen St. Louis, Brock H.S. for their support. Over 1 million people/year visit the Vimy Ridge memorial and it will commemorate 100 years in 2017. He also answered questions of trustees and invited Chair Michael Barrett to the Vimy Foundation meeting on April 27, 2015.

(c) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee James Hare advised trustees that the Student Senate meeting was held earlier in the evening. Students received an update from Director Martyn Beckett and Brian Jones provided students with an overview of Stage 2 of the upcoming student trustee elections. Leadership activities are scheduled to take place at the elections. Students discussed the regional olympics event and are encouraging all schools to participate. The Mental Health Symposium is scheduled to be held on June 2, 2015 and students reviewed the event proposal and planning. Students participated in break out sessions divided by region and discussed how student councils can leave a legacy at their school ie. donating a bench or rock. They discussed the use of a student council award to promote continuity with leadership.

5. Recommended Actions

There were no recommended actions at this time.

6. Information Items

(a) Hairstyling Apprenticeship Program

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs provided trustees with information as it relates to the Hairstyling Apprenticeship program being provided for day students and adults, by the Durham District School Board. She introduced Jill Frazer, Facilitator, Co-op/OYAP, who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation and noted that the Board was approved by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities as the Training Delivery Agent for Hairstyling Apprenticeship in the Eastern G.T.A. This opportunity is available to adult apprentices in the area and to secondary students from our five surrounding school boards, through the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program. She introduced Anna Bourke, the Hairstyling instructor, OCT Member and Certified Hairstylist, adult students Roxanne Henderson and Ariel Noble who discussed the opportunity that this program has given them to complete their apprenticeship locally. They also answered questions of trustees.

7. Committee Reports

(a) OPSBA Report

Trustee Donna Edwards advised that the OPSBA Central East Regional meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 in Lindsay.

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8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

9. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

10. Upcoming Events

The upcoming events were listed for the information of trustees.

11. Adjournment

2015:08

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary