

Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
February 5, 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 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Gordon Baxter, Chris Braney, Donna Edwards, Linda Lowery, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Student Trustees Meghan Hanna, Samar Jeddi, Sharuka Selliah

Regrets: Trustees Christine Winters-Feret, Kimberly Zeppieri

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

Regrets: Superintendents John Legere, Jim Markovski

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

2018:03

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

(a) Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)

Superintendent Richard Kennelly introduced Nicole Rands, SAL Facilitator and Heather Hawco-Gray, SAL Youth Worker who provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the Supervised Alternative Learning program from September 2016 to June 2017. Students Joseph Hebert-Gray and Ashleigh Trotman (via video) provided trustees with an overview of their personal experience while enrolled in the program. Staff also answered questions of trustees.

(b) Development of Youth Hubs in Secondary Schools

Superintendent Anne Marie Laginski provided trustees with information about the youth hubs being established in six Durham District School Board (DDSB) secondary schools. She introduced Barbara Oram, Partnership Development Coordinator who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the goals of the youth hubs, the guiding principles, and collective engagement of the community through the work of a collaborative. Student Ambassadors Connor Jones and Ben Grace, from Henry Street H.S., shared a video with trustees highlighting the Henry Street H.S. youth hub. Ajax H.S. students Alexia Nguyen and Trevor Noble provided trustees with an overview of the Ajax H.S. youth hub. They also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Compendium of Action for Black* Student Success

Superintendent Camille Taylor provided trustees with information on the Compendium of Action for Black Student Success and recognized the staff writing team. She introduced Trustee Patrice Barnes and Mary Hindle, who are part of the Ad Hoc Steering Committee to provide a PowerPoint overview on the implementation and development of the Compendium of Action for Black Student Success, a support document to the DDSB Equity and Diversity Strategic Framework. Closing comments, via video, were received from Amanda Henry, Literacy and Numeracy Coach who stressed the importance of students being reflected in the curriculum. They also answered questions of trustees

(d) Update on the Process for the New Secondary Special Education Model

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with an update on the Special Education Review specific to redesign of the secondary special education class structure. The redesign of programs at the secondary level is congruent with the changes communicated to the community through year one implementation changes in elementary. She Introduced Andrea McAuley, Special Education Officer who provided trustees with an overview of the current model, the work of the Secondary Steering Committee, process, the significant strides made in the professional development program for teachers, next steps and the communication plan. She also answered questions of trustees

(e) Mentoring For All Program

Superintendent Mark Fisher introduced Stacey Lepine-Fisher, Senior Manager Early Years and Poverty Strategy and Karla Torrente, Education Officer Leadership. The group provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the impact of the Mentoring for All Program, highlighting the key aspects of mentorship in the DDSB, with a focus on supports for administrators in acting roles through the Mentor Coach Program and mentoring for Early Childhood Educators. Video interviews with Jacqui Steer, Josh Raycroft, Principals, and Sanya Cardoza and Karen Kehoe, Early Childhood Educators were shared with trustees highlighting the impact the mentoring program has had on their roles. They also answered questions of trustees.

5. Recommended Actions

(a) Report from Committee of the Whole In Camera

Trustee Michael Barrett reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with appointments, transfers and placements, property matters and contractual issues. Trustee Gordon Baxter made a declaration of interest with respect to compensation.

Superintendent Mark Fisher advised that the Transfers and Placements will be communicated to the system following the meeting.

6. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student trustee Meghan Hanna provided trustees with an overview of the Student Senate meeting held earlier in the meeting. She noted that students provided their voice for the Re-ignite Learning Plan and encouraged senators to take the link back to their schools for further input. There was an opportunity to collaborate with student senators around the Board's three main priorities; leveraging digital, equity and diversity and well-being. Students connected on various common themes and ideas that they felt would make an impact in the future at the DDSB. They worked with a graphic designer and look forward to sharing the results in the near future.

(b) Supplementary Funds Summary

Associate Director David Visser provided an update on Supplementary Funding announced or received to date for 2017-218. He also answered questions of trustees.

(c) OPSBA Report

Trustee Patrice Barnes indicated that OPSBA's 2018 Public Education Symposium was held from January 25 to 27 at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto. The conference provided an engaging and informative professional development opportunity for more than 210 public school trustees, student trustees and senior staff. The event featured several outstanding speakers covering topics such as Equity and Human Rights, Truth and Reconciliation, Mental Health and Well-being, Education in the Age of Smart Machines, fostering student creativity, collective bargaining, drug use among Ontario students, as well as Trustee and Board Governance speakers, Professor Yong Zhao of the University of Oregon and University of Kansas, Kevin Lamoureux of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, Dr. Hayley Hamilton of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and Minister of Education Indira Naidoo-Harris. Students from the DDSB were in great form when the Chamber Choir from O'Neill C.V.I. performed for OPSBA members. Their performance was outstanding and attendees were very impressed. DDSB Trustees in attendance were quite proud. O'Neill C.V.I. students and Choir Director Erin Collins were congratulated for their performance.

7. Committee Reports

(a) Mental Health & Well-Being Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of January 16, 2018

There was no Mental Health & Well-Being Ad Hoc Committee report at this time.

(b) Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of January 17, 2018

Trustee Patrice Barnes provided trustees with an overview of the Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee meeting that was held on January 17, 2018.

(c) Violence Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of January 18, 2018

Chair Michael Barrett provided trustees with an overview of the Violence Ad Hoc Committee meeting of January 18, 2018. He also answered questions of trustees.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

9. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

10. Adjournment

2018:04
MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:27 p.m.

Chair

Secretary