

Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
February 6, 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 Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Larry Jacula, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Avery Jackman, Kofi Richter, Kevin Zheng (students arrived at 7:05)

Regrets: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Elinor Hansen, Christine Winters

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, David Visser, Communications Manager Terry Simzer

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

2017:03
MOVED by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

(a) The Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History

Jim Markovski, Superintendent, Family of Schools/Poverty/Early Years introduced Warren Palmer, Principal, Brooklin H.S. and Holly Richard, Teacher, Brooklin H.S. Warren Palmer, congratulated Holly Richard for being the recipient of the Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History. Holly Richard provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation overview of her program which takes students through three components which covers First Nations history and issues such as residential schools from a social and historical perspective to the reconciliation with people from Indigenous communities, and, the legacy of the residential school system. Chair Michael Barrett, Vice Chair Chris Braney and Director Lisa Millar participated in a photo opportunity and presented Holly Richard with a certificate acknowledging her excellent work.

(b) Black History Month

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs advised trustees that Black History Month is a time to learn more about the role of people of African descent in shaping Canada's heritage, the contributions of Black Canadians to the settlement, growth and development of Canada, and about the diversity of Black communities in Canada and their importance to the history of this country. The Femme Tones from Pickering H.S., led by Chandell Paris, performed The Black National Anthem – Lift Every Voice and Sing, written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson.

Trustee Chris Braney reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with retirements, leaves of absence, transfers, placements and employee relations issues.

Mark Fisher, Superintendent, Operations advised that the transfers and promotions will be communicated to the system.

(c) ARC Township of Brock

Jim Clarke did not make a presentation at this time.

5. Recommended Actions

There were no recommended actions at this time.

6. Information Items

(a) 2016-2017 Interim Financial Report

David Visser, Associate Director and Treasurer provided trustees with an update on enrolment information and budget changes as part of the 2016-2017 Revised Estimates and on operating expenditures as at November 30, 2016 (Quarter 1). He also answered questions of trustees.

(b) Student Trustee Report

Student trustee Kevin Zheng provided trustees with an overview of the Student Senate meeting held earlier in the evening. He noted that the group focused on a presentation from Mrs. Kettle on how to best work with school administration. The group had collaborative discussions where senators reflected on experiential learning and transition. Several points were highlighted on the importance of accommodating advisors/volunteers and expressing gratitude. Student leaders will take suggestions back to their school and report back on their successes.

(c) French Immersion Program Delivery

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs provide trustees with information as it relates to the adjustment and balancing of the allocation of time for program delivery in the French Immersion Program. She also answered questions of trustees.

(d) Pilot External Elementary Principal and Vice Principal Selection Process

Mark Fisher, Superintendent, Programs provided trustees with a PowerPoint update on the implementation of the Pilot External Principal and Vice Principal Selection Process designed to address succession planning challenges and to promote leadership development in the Durham District School.

(e) Special Education Review Implementation Update #2
Communication/Implementation Plan

John Legere, Superintendent, Special Education introduced Andrea McAuley, Special Education Officer and they provided trustees with an update on the Special Education Review implementation process and communication plan. They also answered questions of trustees.

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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

2017:04

MOVED by Trustee Larry Jacula

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:44 p.m.

Chair

Secretary