

Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
January 8, 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, Michael Barrett, Gordon Baxter, Chris Braney, Donna Edwards, Linda Lowery, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters-Feret, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Samar Jeddi, Sharuka Selliah

Regrets: Trustee Paul Crawford, Student Trustee Meghan Hanna

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Superintendent Mark Fisher, Mohamed Hamid, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, Margaret Lazarus, John Legere, Jamila Maliha, Jim Markovski, Silvia Peterson, Camille Taylor, Associate Director David Visser, Communications Manager Terry Simzer

Regrets: Superintendent Martine Robinson

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

Trustee Patrice Barnes welcomed Superintendents Margaret Lazarus and Jamila Maliha to the Superintendent team.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

2018:01
MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

The agenda was amended to include item 5. (a) Report from Committee of the Whole In Camera.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda (Continued)

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

(a) A Taste of Technology: Girls in Tech

Superintendent Anne Marie Laginski introduced Dawn White, Vice Principal, Anderson CVI, and Teachers Andrew Klir, Michael Melnichuk, and Mark Backman, and Facilitators Denise Stirton and Jennifer Parfitt who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation about a transition and pathways initiative at Anderson CVI called A Taste of Technology: Girls in Tech. This initiative involved female Grade 8 students from the Anderson CVI family of schools and was facilitated by Anderson staff in August 2017. Students Gillian and Kayley provided trustees with a personal account of their experiences in the program. They also answered questions of trustees.

(b) Choosing My Success

Superintendent Anne Marie Laginski introduced Kim Stuart, Student Success Lead who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation on the new DDSB guideline for providing support to Grade 8 students and their parents as students transition from elementary school to secondary school. She also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Developing Young Mathematics

Superintendent Silvia Peterson introduced Linda Ford-DeCunha, K-6 Officer who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation overview of Kindergarten programming supportive of early mathematics development and its importance to the future academic success for students. She also provided examples of how the Student Achievement Department, Early Years Department, and Leadership and Operations Department are working collaboratively to support educators and school administrators in developing learning environments which foster mathematical understanding aligned to developmental learning continuums. She shared a video of Lynn Odynski, teacher fostering early mathematics learning in her Kindergarten classroom at Glen Street P.S.

5. Recommended Actions

(a) Report from Committee of the Whole In Camera

Trustee Patrice Barnes reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with appointments, administrative 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 Sharuka Selliah provided trustees with an overview of the Student Senate meeting held earlier in the meeting. She noted that one of Senate's goals this year is ensuring equitable regional representation. Senators were split into regional groups to share ideas and ignite feedback about Senate and how they can establish a strong communication line. Students shared best practices and collectively found solutions to key challenges. This information will assist students with their planning moving forward.

(b) OPSBA Report

Trustee Patrice Barnes indicated that OPSBA is currently working with the Ministry to formulate human rights training for trustees. Details are not available at this point, although it is anticipated that it will take place in February. An update will be forthcoming.

7. Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports at this time.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

9. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

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10. Adjournment

2018:02

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary