

Report of the Durham District School Board  
Standing Committee Public Session  
January 9, 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 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Elinor Hansen, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters, Student Trustees Avery Jackman, Kofi Richter, Kevin Zheng (left at 8:40 p.m.)

Regrets: Trustees Larry Jacula, Kimberly Zeppieri

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

Trustee Chris Braney acknowledged that we are on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation which is under the Williams Treaty.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

2017:01  
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

The agenda was amended by moving Item 4. (d) to 4. (a)

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

(a) Community Voice, Equity and Diversity Strategic Plan

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with an update on the partnership with Justice Donald McLeod in order to support the Equity and Diversity Strategic Plan, and provided trustees with a handout report and recommendations completed by Justice McLeod that were developed from the Community Voice Consultation. She introduced Justice Donald McLeod who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the Town Hall Community Voice Sessions, methodology, participant survey overview, results and recommendations. He also answered questions of trustees.

The following notice of motion was presented:

THAT THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD:

- (a) ACCEPT AND REVIEW THE REPORT COMPLETED BY JUSTICE DONALD MCLEOD ON THE RESULTS OF THE COMMUNITY VOICE SESSIONS; AND
- (b) ESTABLISH AN EQUITY AND DIVERSITY STEERING COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

(c) Ignite Leadership – Strategic Plan 2016-2018 Implementation Update

Mark Fisher, Superintendent, Operations/Leadership introduced Karla Torrente, Leadership Development Officer and they provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation on the implementation of targeted Ignite Leadership initiatives designed to address succession planning challenges and to promote leadership development in the Durham District School Board. They also answered questions of trustees.

(d) Learning Journey: Making Teaching and Learning Visible

Silvia Peterson, Superintendent, Family of Schools introduced Linda Ford-DeCunha, Principal Cornation P.S. who provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of Learning Journeys in both elementary and secondary schools and provided an example of what it looks like in Oshawa. She also answered questions of trustees.

(e) Special Education Review – Implementation Update #1

John Legere, Superintendent, Special Education introduced Andrea McAuley, Special Education Officer and they provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation on the Special Education Review Implementation. 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 Kofi Richter provided trustees with an overview of the Student Senate meeting held earlier in the evening. He noted that students received a presentation from Karen Kettle on how to be more convincing as a student leader by addressing key strategies such as purpose, involvement, logistics, cause and connection to school core values when convincing administration to support an initiative. Anderson CVI and Brock HS presented their best practices for the group. Students discussed three sections focused on addressing challenges when hosting events; funding, advertising, and strategies for planning as a student leader. Student Senate will invite Karen Kettle to return to share Part 2 of her presentation on taking the initiative as a student leader, and an invitation will be extended to Allison Potts, Mental Health Lead to present on mental health initiatives. Creative Services is preparing a logo for Student Senate and it should be received shortly. Student trustees are planning an information session, to be held in February, for future student trustee candidates.

(b) Early Years Update

Jim Markovski, Superintendent, Family of Schools/Poverty Strategy introduced Stacey Lepine, Manager, Early Years and Poverty Strategy and provided trustees with an updated overview on Early Years.

(c) Student Attitude Survey

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs provided trustees with the trends of the regional findings resulting from the 2016 Student Attitude Survey of all Durham students in Grades 4 to 11. She also answered questions of trustees.

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7. Committee Reports

(a) OPSBA Report

Trustee Linda Stone advised trustees that there was nothing to report at this time.

8. Correspondence

The correspondence was listed for the information of trustees.

9. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

10. Adjournment

2017:02

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:04 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary