

Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
June 4, 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 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Gordon Baxter, Chris Braney (left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.), Donna Edwards, Linda Lowery, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters-Feret, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Meghan Hanna, Samar Jeddi, Sharuka Selliah

Regrets: Trustee Paul Crawford

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, Martine Robinson, Camille Taylor, Associate Director David Visser

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

2018:12
MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Community Presentations

There were no community presentations at this time.

5. DDSB Presentations

(a) Ambitious 7s

Superintendent Anne Marie Laginski informed trustees about a program initiative for Grade 7 girls entitled, Ambitious 7s: An Opportunity for Grade 7 Girls – Discovering Your Best Self. She introduced Lisa Vanelst, Student Success Facilitator, Jennette Walton, Community Connected Experiential Learning Facilitator and Erin McLean, former DDSB student and 2008 Olympian. Erin is Senior Vice President of Marketing and Customer Service at Herjavec Group where she leads the Shark Tank portfolio for Robert Herjavec from ABC's Shark Tank. The group provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Ambitious 7s program, which was inspired by The Judy Project, a women's leadership program organized by Rotman School of Management for executive females aspiring for executive positions. They reviewed the program outline and shared student voice testimonials via video.

(b) Year End Parent Involvement Committee Report

Superintendent Martine Robinson introduced Roselyn Sagar-Lal and Nancy Mann Co-chairs, PIC who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the year-end report on the activities of the Durham District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) for the 2017-2018 school year. The Parent Involvement Committee supported a number of Parent Engagement and Community Outreach initiatives including the Volunteer of Distinction Awards Ceremony, Regional SCC's, Regional PRO Grant Outreach Initiatives and the Annual Parents as Partners Symposium.

(c) DEAA (Durham Elementary Athletic Association) – System Design Award

Director Lisa Millar introduced Rob Dymont, DEAA President and Teacher, Blair Ridge P.S. who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the award won by the Durham Elementary Athletic Association (DEAA) for System Design from the Ministry of Sport, Recreation and Tourism. He provided trustees with an overview of the historical beginnings of DEAA from supporting one sport to now supporting eleven sports. The award is in recognition of DEAA's development of student athletes through interschool sports, high quality coaching and meaningful competition for all skill levels. One of DEAA's core principles is to place the importance of skill development over winning so that students can experience the positive impact of sport throughout their lives. He also answered questions of trustees. Director Lisa Millar and Chair Michael Barrett presented a certificate of recognition to Rob Dymont in honour of receiving the DEAA award.

(d) Human Resources Professional Association Member of Excellence Award

Superintendent Camille Taylor provided trustees with information regarding a recent professional recognition received by a member of the Human Resource Services staff. She advised that the Human Resources Professional Association, Durham Chapter established a new award to recognize the outstanding achievement of its members. Arlene Walkes, Manager of Recruitment was conferred with the first Member of Excellence Award at the Human Resources Professional Association Dinner and AGM on May 16, 2018. Director Lisa Millar and Chair Michael Barrett presented Arlene Walkes with a certificate of recognition in honour of her achievement. Arlene Walkes thanked staff for their support and will continue to work hard to ensure schools and students are supported through recruitment.

(e) Heads Up! Durham

Trustee Linda Lowery provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation on Heads Up! Durham: a brain injury awareness and prevention community mobilization providing enhanced support for individuals with a brain injury. She shared with trustees that on October 16, 2008 her son, a 22-year-old Trent university student, suffered a catastrophic Brain Injury. During her son's 48 days in ICU at St. Michael's Hospital and years of rehabilitation, she became determined to one day devote her energy to saving other families from this largely preventable tragedy. She defined what it is to have a traumatic brain injury and/or concussion and their causes. She shared statistics relating to the death and disability for children, youth and young adults; emergency department visits in Ontario and Alberta; emergency department visits in Durham Region; and elementary and secondary school student head injuries. She noted that acquired brain injury is frequently referred to as a 'silent epidemic': In Ontario there are almost a half a million people living with a brain injury and 18,000 new cases are added every year. Heads Up! Durham was launched in 2015 and its mission is to weave brain injury awareness, prevention, policy and support into the fiber of Durham Region society through community action. She highlighted the goals, Steering Committee members, and advised that June is Brain Injury Awareness Month. She also answered questions of trustees.

(f) Group of Three

Superintendent Silvia Peterson provided an update to trustees on the work of the Group of Three. This committee, comprised of trustees, superintendents, principals, and Facilities personnel, has been exploring the enrollment trends at Brock H.S., G.L. Roberts C.V.I. and Henry St. H.S. with a view to interrupting the downward trend through positive interventions. She introduced James Klodnicki,

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Principal, Brock H.S., Alison Evanoff, Principal, G.L. Roberts C.V.I. and Chrystal Bryan, Principal, Henry Street H.S. who provided trustees with a PowerPoint Presentation on how each school has been proactive and action-oriented, tying their work closely to student achievement data and aligning with the five system priorities. Once the action plans have been implemented, ongoing research and monitoring will take place to ensure the established goals are being realized and to evaluate the impact of the intervention strategies. They also answered questions of trustees.

(g) Well-Being and Mental Health Strategic Plan Update

Superintendent Richard Kennelly introduced Stephanie Pelleboer, Mental Health Lead who provided trustees with a PowerPoint update on the development of the Well-Being and Mental Health Strategic Plan that will be in effect from 2018-2021. The new Well-Being and Mental Health Plan will align with the Operational Goals of the Board and through those and school-based goals, data will be collected to determine baseline data and ongoing data about the well-being of our students and the effectiveness of the work being done.

5. Ministry Memorandums - Information

There were no Ministry Memorandums at this time

6. Recommended Actions

There were no recommended actions at this time.

7. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student trustee Samar Jeddi advised trustees that Student Senate is at the end of their term and they have tied up their final projects and initiatives. The incoming student trustees are comfortable and prepared for their new role. The Ontario Student Trustees' Association held their annual general meeting at the end of May and it was a valuable learning experience. The students will be presenting their year-end report at the Board meeting scheduled to be held June 18, 2018.

(b) Bus Behaviour and Discipline Resource

Associate Director David Visser introduced John Bowyer, Project Superintendent and Christie Nancekivell, Chief Facilities Officer who provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the resource, Bus Behaviour and Discipline for their information. The purpose of the resource is designed to support school staff and Durham Student Transportation Services staff as they foster the development of safe and positive climates on school buses; for transportation to and from school and for field trips and excursions. They also answered questions of trustee.

(d) OPSBA Report

Trustee Patrice Barnes advised trustees that the OPSBA AGM took place May 31 – June 3, 2018. Trustees had the opportunity to network and share ideas and best practices from different Boards. Trustees attended workshops on diversity in education, or review the importance of creativity and imagination in schools. They also discussed upcoming labour relations. The OPSBA Board of Director's held their annual elections and Chair Michael Barrett was elected as the 1st Vice President.

8. Committee Reports

(a) Violence Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of May 14, 2018

Chair Michael Barrett provided trustees with an overview of the Violence Ad Hoc Committee meeting that was held on May 14, 2018. Coming forward next Board meeting.

(b) Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of May 24, 2018

Trustee Patrice Barnes provided trustees with an overview of the Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee meeting that was held on May 24, 2018. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on June 20, 2018.

(c) Mental Health & Well-Being Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of May 28, 2018

Trustees Christine Winters-Feret provided trustees with an overview of the Mental Health and Well-Being Ad Hoc Committee meeting of May 28, 2018. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on June 25, 2018.

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9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

10. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

11. Adjournment

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MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary