

Report of the Durham District School Board  
Standing Committee Public Session  
June 5, 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, Gordon Baxter, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Linda Lowery, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Avery Jackman (left at 8:45 p.m.), Kofi Richter (left at 8:15 p.m.), Kevin Zheng

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Superintendent Luigia Ayotte, Mark Fisher, Mohamed Hamid, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, John Legere, Jim Markovski, Silvia Peterson, Martine Robinson, Camille Taylor, Associate Director 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

2017:12

MOVED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

(a) DDSB Youth Strategy – Research Partnership With Brock University

Jim Markovski, Superintendent, Family of Schools/Early Years/Poverty introduced students from Brock H.S., G.L. Roberts C.V.I., and Pine Ridge S.S., Barbara Oram, Partnership Development Coordinator, Allison Potts, Mental Health Lead and also Dr. Darlene Ciufetelli Parker, Brock University. The group provided trustees with a PowerPoint update on the research being conducted in partnership with Brock University to support the development of the DDSB Youth Strategy. They also answered questions of trustees.

(b) Vimy 100 Celebrations 2017

Richard Kennelly, Superintendent, Family of Schools introduced Eleanor McIntosh, Administrative Officer, Steven Nevills, Principal, Donald A. Wilson S.S., Peter Creer, Principal, Vimy Ridge P.S. and students who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the experiences and events leading up to and during the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge April 9<sup>th</sup> in France. The Vimy Ridge P.S. Choir sang a song composed by Anne Walker, Teacher, Vimy Ridge P.S. and trustees viewed a video about WW1.

(c) The Cypher, Black Male Empowerment Conference

Martine Robinson, Superintendent, Family of Schools/Community Engagement/PIC highlighted for Trustees the collaborative work that the Equity Department, DBEN (Durham Black Educators' Network) and Parent Engagement have done to purposefully and positively engage our young black males in Grades 8-11. She introduced Avery Jackman, Student Trustee, Mr. Goodrich, parent, and his son Marshall Goodrich, student, Bayview Heights P.S. The group provided trustees with a parent and student perspective of the experiences at the conference.

(d) Well-Being Strategic Plan and Mental Health Strategic Plan

John Bowyer, Acting Superintendent, Safety & Security introduced Allison Potts, Mental Health Lead and Ken MacNaughton, Safe Schools Officer who provided trustees with a PowerPoint update on the Well-Being Strategic Plan, and the review of the Mental Health Strategic Plan. They also answered questions of trustees.

(e) Nuclear Emergency Procedures

Mark Fisher, Superintendent, Operations/Leadership introduced Gary Gibson, Manager of Health and Safety who provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the DDSB Nuclear Emergency Procedures and recent/future preparedness activities. He also answered questions of trustees.

(f) Year End Parent Involvement Committee Report

Martine Robinson, Superintendent, Family of Schools/Community Engagement/PIC introduced Susan Jasper, Staff Development Officer and Mary Hindle and Nancy Mann, Co-Chairs, PIC. Mary Hindle and Nancy Mann 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 2016-2017 school year. 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 Kevin Zheng provided trustees with an overview of the Student Senate meeting held earlier in the evening. He noted that the year-end report will be presented at the next Board meeting. The group focused on the closure of any unfinished loose ends. Senators do continue to sit on the steering committees.

(b) Business/Community Accessibility Improvement Award

Chair Michael Barrett advised trustees that the Durham District School Board received the Business/Community Accessibility Improvement Award for improving accessibility for people with disabilities in the City of Oshawa.

(c) OPSBA Report

Trustee Patrice Barnes advised trustees that OPSBA was involved in the 2017 two-day Health Summit event Held on May 1-2. Operator service providers and not-for-profit providers are to discuss the use of public spaces and provide services. They are also developing a trustee professional development module for indigenous culture. The truth and reconciliation work on the existing curriculum is

(c) OPSBA Report (Continued)

near completion. Consideration is being given to implementing the curriculum in Civics and History classes. OPSBA thanked all Boards for their contribution on the Ministry well-being strategy. Feedback on the survey has been compiled and submitted to the Ministry.

7. Committee Reports

Chair Michael Barrett reported on the actions from the Special Board Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with property matters.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

9. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

10. Adjournment

2017:13  
MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary