

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

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Donna Edwards, Larry Jacula, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Avery Jackman, Kevin Zheng (left at 7:50 pm)

Regrets: Trustees Paul Crawford, Elinor Hansen, Student Trustee Kofi Richter

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Superintendent Luigia Ayotte, John Bowyer, Mark Fisher, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, John Legere, Jim Markovski, Silvia Peterson, Camille Taylor, David Visser, Communications Manager Terry Simzer

Regrets: Superintendent Martine Robinson

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

2017:05
MOVED by Trustee Larry Jacula

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

(a) Future City S.T.E.M. Project (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs provided trustees with information as it relates to the opportunity that was provided for students in Grades six to eight to engage in the Future City Project/Competition. She introduced Joan Schlotzhauser, Staff Development Officer and Lisa Lim Cole, Science and Technology Facilitator who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation and introduced teams from Alexander Graham Bell P.S., Lincoln Alexander P.S. and Village Union P.S. The teacher and student teams provided trustees with an overview of their learning experiences in the Future City Project/Competition.

(b) Reach Ahead Math Program Pilot – Summer School 2017

Richard Kennelly, Superintendent, Family of Schools provided trustees with information about a pilot program which will provide math instruction to students that will support them to be successful in grade nine academic math. He introduced David Sasseville, Principal, Durham Continuing Education and they provided a PowerPoint overview of the math program and how it will change the outcome trajectories for students who are disengaged or marginalized within the system. They also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Update on New Teacher Induction Program

Camille Taylor, Superintendent, Employee Relations provided trustees with an update on the delivery of the New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP) to date. She introduced Joan Schlotzhauer, Staff Development Office, Evelyn Ferris, Vice Principal, Valley Farm P.S., and Jonathan Ross, Vice Principal, Maple Ridge P.S. who provided trustee with a PowerPoint overview of NTIP induction elements including orientation, professional development, and mentoring. A video supporting the mentoring program and technology was also shown. They also answered questions of trustees.

(d) Principal as Change Agent

Mark Fisher, Superintendent, Operations/Leadership introduced Karla Torrente, Leadership Officer, Stephen Nevills, Principal, Donald A. Wilson S.S. and Jacqueline Crosby, Vice Principal, Anderson C.V.I. who provided trustees with a PowerPoint update about the on-going efforts of the Leadership Development Department to build the capacity of experienced school leaders, through the implementation of the Administrator Growth Track Series partnership with Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. They also answered questions of trustees.

(e) Eagle Ridge PS Bell Time Change

Andrew Lubczynski, Eagle Ridge PS and Sherry McClary provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview regarding the proposed bell time changes at Eagle Ridge P.S. and Pickering H.S. They also provided trustees with a petition in opposition to the proposed changes. They expressed concerns with the volume of traffic, the impact of day care needs, and students' need for sleep. Trustee Chris Braney asked that a copy of the petition be left with the Chair, or an electronic copy be forwarded.

5. Recommended Actions

There were no recommended actions at this time.

6. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student trustee Avery Jackman provided trustees with an overview of the Student Senate meeting held earlier in the evening. He noted that the group focused on sharing best practices and Eastdale CVI, G.L. Roberts CVI and Brooklin HS provided an overview. Allison Potts, Mental Health Lead spoke about the Mental Health Project and the key message was to encourage students to find strategies to face mental health and incorporate mental health into student leadership. Charles Senior, Communications Officer, also attended the meeting in order to listen to the various initiatives of Student Senate.

(b) Supplementary Funds Summary 2016-2017

David Visser, Associate Director and Treasurer provided trustees with an update on Supplementary Funding announced or received to date for 2016-2017.

(c) Special Education Review Implementation Update #4 – Small Class Placements for 2017-2018

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. They also answered questions of trustees.

7. Committee Reports

(a) OPSBA Report

Trustee Patrice Barnes provided trustees with an overview of the recent OPSBA meeting. She highlighted the update on Early Years, the new focus on students aged 6 -12, and the set-up of a system that is similar to the Early Years model. She advised that there is a mandate for all Boards to offer care for the 6 -12 year group in areas where it is viable. She also commented on the summit on community hubs which is scheduled to be held from May 1-3, 2017 in Toronto. This summit will bring together the partners needed to address the new focus. She noted that the Indigenous Council is working hard on the integration of Indigenous information being embedded in the curriculum.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

9. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

10. Adjournment

2017:06
MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary