

Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
March 7, 2016

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.

Roll Call: Trustee Carolyn Morton, Chair

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Donna Edwards, Elinor Hansen, Larry Jacula, Linda Stone, Christine Winters, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Michelina Aguanno, Melanie Manning, Kevin Zheng

Regrets: Student Trustee Melanie Manning, Trustee Paul Crawford

Officials Present: Director Martyn Beckett, Superintendents Luigia Ayotte, John Bowyer, Janet Edwards, Ed Hodgins, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, John Legere, Lisa Millar, Silvia Peterson, Camille Taylor, David Visser, Communications Manager Andrea Pidwerbecki

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approve Agenda

2016:05
MOVED by Trustee Elinor Hansen

The agenda was amended by adding Item 5. (a) Director Search Adhoc Committee Formation.

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Chair Michael Barrett advised that this is the last meeting for Director Martyn Beckett and Ed Hodgins, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services. He thanked them both for their contributions to the Board and indicated that the Board appreciated their guidance and leadership. He wished them both the best in their future endeavours.

Ed Hodgins indicated that he appreciated the support of trustees through the good and challenging years.

4. Presentations

(a) Integrated Inquiry Based Learning Across the Curriculum

Silvia Peterson, Superintendent, Oshawa introduced Barb Speed, Vice Principal and Travis Guile, Teacher, Clara Hughes P.S. who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation providing information on Inquiry Based Learning: Integrate Literacy Across the Curriculum. The group highlighted their approach to inquiry-based learning through both a literacy/geography lens. They also answered questions of trustees.

(b) Building a Community of Learners Through Parent and Community Outreach

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs introduced Martine Robinson, and Jim Markovski, Staff Development Officers, who provided trustees with information about building a community of learners through parent and community outreach. They introduced Roselyn Sagar-Lal, and Oliver Forbes who noted the importance of supporting the work of the Program Services department to ensure that all members of the learning community work collectively to meet the unique needs of all of our students.

5. Recommended Actions

(a) Director Search Adhoc Committee Formation

2016:06

MOVED by Trustee Larry Jacula

THAT AN ADHOC COMMITTEE BE FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMENCING THE DIRECTOR'S SEARCH; AND

(b) Director Search Adhoc Committee Establishment (Continued)

THAT THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD CHAIR THE ADHOC COMMITTEE.

CARRIED

6. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Kevin Zheng advised trustees that the Student Senate meeting was held earlier in the evening. The group spent time working on the United Nations Conference scheduled to be held on April 25. He highlighted various sessions that will be offered, as well as a keynote speaker from Google. Students discussed collaborative and network practices, and the different areas of the OSTA.

(b) Ignite Learning – Implementation Plan and Next Steps 2016/2018

Lisa Millar, Superintendent, Operations/Leadership/Early Years provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation and video regarding the Ignite Learning Implementation Plan and next steps to support the strategic plan.

(c) Supplementary Funds Summary 2015-2016

Ed Hodgins, Superintendent, Business & Financial Services provided trustees with an update on Supplementary Funding announced or received to date for 2015-2016.

(d) Dangerous Student Car Drop-off Behaviours and Child Pedestrian – Motor Vehicle Collisions

David Visser, Associate Director provided trustees with information surrounding the January 13, 2016 study entitled “Dangerous student car drop-off behaviours and child pedestrian-motor vehicle collisions: an observational study” completed by The Hospital for Sick Children and York University.

(e) Claremont P.S. Addition, City of Pickering Seeking Heritage Designation

David Visser, Associate Director provided trustees with updated information related to the City of Pickering's Heritage Committee requesting City Staff to review the historical significance of the 1923 portion of Claremont P.S. He also answered questions of trustees.

(f) Former Dr. F.J. Donevan C.I. – Declaration of Surplus

David Visser, Associate Director provided public information that the Board of trustees declared the former Dr. F.J. Donevan C.I. surplus to the Board's needs, and staff will proceed with the disposition, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 444/98. He also answered questions of trustees.

(g) DCYPN (Durham Child and Youth Planning Network)

Trustee Carolyn Morton advised trustees that Barbara Oram, Partnership Development Leader and Alison Potts, Mental Health Leader recently attended the Durham Children and Youth Planning Network, Community Information Session. The session discussed the five links of influence. One link is working collaboratively with community partners which aligns with the strategic planning tables. The Durham team is fulfilling all its responsibilities. An agenda, including a list of all community partners, was provided to trustees. She is available to answer questions if trustees would like more information about the planning network.

7. Committee Reports

Report from Committee of the Whole In Camera

Trustee Michael Barrett reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole In Camera. Trustees dealt with transfers and employee relations issues.

Lisa Millar, Superintendent, Operations/Leadership/Early Years noted that the list of transfers is available on the Board website.

(a) OPSBA Report

Trustee Linda Stone advised trustees that the Board of Directors meeting was held on February 19 and 20. An Early Years update was given regarding the Tier 2 Regulation Proposal. In Late November of 2015 OPSBA hosted a technical briefing for Early Learning Leads to discuss the next steps of the Child Care

(b) OPSBA Report (Continued)

Modernization Act and the creation of the new Child Care and Early Years Act. Feedback regarding the Tier 2 proposal was requested. The Tier 2 implementation includes the requirement for school boards to ensure before and/or after school programs to be available to students ages 6-12 to be provided by boards alone or by a third party provider. OPSBA will be collecting feedback from Early Learning leads at member boards and the Policy Development Work Teams. The effective date for the Tier 2 regulatory proposal pertaining to before and/or after school programming will not be put into place before September 2017.

Part of the update regarding community hubs included Regulation 444/98, disposition of surplus real property. The ministry is looking at two proposed reforms:

1. Extending the property circulation period; and
2. Expanding the list of public entities to receive notification of surplus property disposition.

OPSBA staff have been advised that a discussion on the fair market value provision will occur over the next few months. OPSBA has created an email contact list of school board community hubs staff representatives as a go-to resource when seeking feedback on further implementation items.

A report from First Nations Director Peter Garrow brought forth a recommendation that OPSBA open its Board meetings, conferences and gatherings with an acknowledgement that the event is being held on traditional territory. That motion was passed. The First Nation trustee council continue to advocate with the Ministry of Education for action on OPSBA's Advocacy paper calling for mandatory education regarding the First Nation, Metis, and Inuit histories in elementary and secondary schools. The Ontario curriculum would address treaty education, the history and legacy of the residential schools and the impact of the Indian Act. Also, OPSBA has been notified that a steering committee on the Truth & Reconciliation commission is being convened and the committee will include two First Nation trustee representatives from OPSBA.

The Policy Development work team have ongoing discussions regarding police record checks, Board of Directors code of conduct, and of possible municipal and school board elections coinciding with PA/PD days.

(b) OPSBA Report (Continued)

The Finance Director gave reports on the School Energy Coalition status report for December 2015, Student Transportation, the OPSBA Brief on the 2016-2017 Grants for Student Needs, and the new guide to Pupil Accommodation Reviews.

The Director of Policy gave an update on the Ombudsman's Office announcing that Paul Dube has been appointed to a five year term beginning April 1, 2016.

A reminder was provided indicating that the 2016 Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health is on April 7 & 8, 2016.

(c) Communications Adhoc Committee Meeting of February 8, 2016

Trustee Elinor Hansen advised trustees that the Communications Adhoc Committee met on February 8, 2016 to review a draft of the communications document. The final draft will be presented at an upcoming Board meeting.

(d) Special Education Adhoc Committee Meetings of January 11 and February 22, 2016

Trustee Donna Edwards advised trustees that the Special Education Adhoc Committee met on January 11 and February 22, 2016. She noted that the DDSB logo, the templates to the minister, and all draft materials for promotion of the campaign were finalized and will be presented at the Board meeting scheduled to be held on March 21, 2016.

Trustee Carolyn Morton wished Director Martyn Beckett and Ed Hodgins, Superintendent, Business & Financial Services well in their future endeavours. She indicated that it was an honour to work with both individuals and that they will be missed.

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

2016:07

MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary