

Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
May 1, 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 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Gordon Baxter, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Avery Jackman (left the meeting at 9:07 pm), Kofi Richter, Kevin Zheng

Regrets: Trustee Chris Braney

Officials Present: 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

Regrets: Director Lisa Millar

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

2017:09

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

(a) O Canada in Ojibwe

Richard Kennelly, Superintendent, Family of Schools introduced Jane Northey, Teacher, Sherwood P.S. The Kindergarten class from Sherwood P.S. provided trustees with information about learning O Canada in Ojibwe and entertained trustees with the singing of O Canada.

(b) Williamsburg Public School's STEM Initiative

Mohamed Hamid, Superintendent, Family of Schools/Safe Schools introduced the team from Williamsburg P.S., Brad Savard, Principal, Kristin Plue, Librarian, and two students who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the STEM learning journey at Williamsburg P.S. They also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Early Years Update

Jim Markovski, Superintendent, Family of Schools, Early Years and Poverty Strategy introduced Stacey Lepine, Manager, Early Years and Poverty Strategy, Tammy Abramczuk, Facilitator, and Diane Hollywood, ECE who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation and video update on the Kindergarten Educator Team Steering Committee and a complete analysis of Cycle Four-Early Development Instrument (EDI) results. Trustees were also provided with handout information. They also answered questions of trustees.

(d) Transitions: The Outcome for Oshawa Central CI Students

Silvia Peterson, Superintendent, Family of Schools introduced Jamila Maliha, Principal, O'Neill CVI, Joyce Thomas, Principal, RS McLaughlin CVI, Alison Evanoff, Principal, GL Roberts CVI, and Steve Rae, Vice Principal, McLaughlin CVI/Eastdale CVI who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation and video on the transition of Oshawa Central Collegiate Institute students to O'Neill CVI, RS McLaughlin CVI, Eastdale CVI, and GL Roberts CVI as a result of the closing of Oshawa Central CI in June, 2016. They also answered questions of trustees.

Trustees expressed interest in a comparison of academic performance and attendance for this year vs. last year for the students that transitioned from Oshawa Central CI.

(e) Educational Technology Pilot – Chromebooks

David Visser, Associate Director/Treasurer introduced Amanda Paterson, Curriculum Officer, Programs and David Rule, Interim Chief Information Officer who provided trustees with PowerPoint information about the Chromebook pilot currently running at two DDSB schools and about to launch at two more schools. They also answered questions of trustees.

5. Recommended Actions

Chair Michael Barrett reported on the actions from the Special Board Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with resignations, transfers and staffing issues.

2017:10

MOVED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

THAT THE REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN
CAMERA BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

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 group wrapped up their final meeting of Student Senate and reflected on their journey for the year. In September, the group set up their strategic plan with the ultimate goal of having schools have the opportunity to share best practices from their student leadership teams. The group looked back onto each milestone and debriefed the successes and areas of improvement to ensure continual growth in the future. The first goal, mental health, saw a partnership with DDSB mental health lead Allison Potts and youth hubs, both of which equipped senators with the skills and knowledge necessary to create effective change at their schools. To support the change, senate is continuing to work with students of DDSB platform to showcase the results. This platform ties into the second area, connectivity, which was highlighted this year with the sharing best practices segment which truly ignited connections. In closing, he noted that he is confident senators will continue to serve their peers for the remainder of this year and their lives.

(b) OPSBA Report

Trustee Patrice Barnes advised trustees that OPSBA appointed their new Executive Director, Rusty Hick from the Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB. The MOE launched a series of consultations on rural education as it relates to which strategies work best. A series of information sessions will be held in the north to obtain feedback. There is an upcoming review of the transportation funding model and it will be 18-24 months before the feedback is available. There is a review of the healthy schools 20 minutes of DPA. Teachers are being engaged on what they do for their DPA and if they break the time into smaller increments. A new education model regarding Indigenous trustees is being developed. The next OPSBA meeting is scheduled to be held at the AGM on June 8, 2017.

7. Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports at this time.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

9. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

10. Adjournment

2017:11
MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Chair

Secretary