

Report of the Durham District School Board  
Standing Committee Public Session  
November 2, 2015

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.

Roll Call: Trustee Donna Edwards, Chair

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Elinor Hansen, Larry Jacula, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Michelina Aguanno, Kevin Zheng

Regrets: Student Trustee Melanie Manning

Officials Present: Director Martyn Beckett, Superintendents Luigia Ayotte, John Bowyer, Janet Edwards (attended at 7:45 p.m.), Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, John Legere, Lisa Millar, Silvia Peterson, Camille Taylor, David Visser, Communications Manager Andrea Pidwerbecki

Regrets: Superintendent Ed Hodgins

Recording Secretary: Andrea Pidwerbecki

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approve Agenda

2015:16  
MOVED by Trustee Hansen,

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

The agenda was amended by adding Item 9. (a) Secondary Enrollment/Class Size.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

(a) Safety Week

John Bowyer, Superintendent, Whitby/Safe Schools provided trustees with information about the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Durham District School Board's Safety Week. John Bowyer provided an overview of the events highlighting keeping our *Schools, Homes, and Communities Safe*. He introduced Kerri Stewart, Health & Safety Officer and Ken MacNaughton, Administrative Officer, School Effectiveness who also provided trustees with an overview. Janet Taylor, Teacher, Pickering H.S. and Student Maya Mahabir provided an overview on health and safety in the work place, and the rights and responsibilities of young people. Student Maya Mahabir provided information on the Threads of Life presentation by Patty Penny. Three students from Norman G. Powers PS in Oshawa presented information regarding learning about fire safety and thanked the Board for making safety important.

(b) P.E.A.C.E. Programmes

Deydra Baptiste, P.E.A.C.E. Programme provided trustees with information regarding the P.E.A.C.E. Programme. She noted that the programme enables students to find positive outlets to express and/or relieve anxiety through spoken word, dance, visual arts and music workshops in a safe and inclusive space for self expression. She also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Connections, Interventions & Practices for Students in Risk

Silvia Peterson, Superintendent, Oshawa provided trustees with information on the intervention and monitoring strategies to support student achievement of students in-risk. She introduced Jamila Maliha, Principal, O'Neill CVI, Lisa Aunger, Head of Guidance, Lisa Kenny, Student Success Teacher/Guidance Counsellor, and Scott Paterson, Student Success Teacher/Guidance Counsellor who provided trustees with overview of the programs, services and focused interventions utilized to help supports students in risk and increase their success levels. Included professional development for staff called, connect the dot, a discussion of what it means to be a caring adult for students in risk. Presenters answered questions of Trustees.

5. Recommended Actions

There were no recommended actions at this time.

6. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Michelina Aguanno advised that the Student Senate meeting held earlier in the evening was well attended. The students discussed goals for student senate and a possible project to undertake surveys and goals regarding students with special needs. The group also discussed the goal of increasing awareness of Senate and the desire for increased collaboration between schools and ways to achieve these goals.

7. Committee Reports

(a) By-Law Review Adhoc Committee

Trustee Michael Barrett advised that the Committee met on October 26, 2015 and discussed by-law changes. The amendments will be coming forward for discussion.

(b) Special Education Adhoc Committee

Chair Donna Edwards advised that the Committee met on October 28, 2015 and reviewed data and charts, high needs amount audit information and discussed the special education funding campaign relating to next steps and the information required. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on November 30, 2015.

(c) OPSBA Report

Chair Donna Edwards advised that the OPSBA Central East Regional Meeting was held on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at the Education Centre. The group discussed labour and legislative updates and other reports.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

9. Other Business

(a) Secondary Enrolment/Class Size

Trustee Elinor Hansen advised that the Board requested a report regarding secondary enrolment and classroom sizes. Director Beckett agreed staff would bring a report based on semester one data.

Trustee Michael Barrett highlighted the first annual DDSB Poverty Symposium. Trustees from many Boards attended making for a successful symposium. Trustee Michael Barrett thanked all of the organizers for their organizational abilities and vision to make the symposium happen and ensure its success.

10. Adjournment

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MOVED by Trustee Barrett.

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary