

Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
October 5, 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, Student Trustees Michelina Aguanno, Melanie Manning (left at 8:05 pm)

Regrets: Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustee Kevin Zheng

Officials Present: Director Martyn Beckett, Superintendents Luigia Ayotte, John Bowyer, Richard Kennelly, John Legere, Lisa Millar, Camille Taylor, David Visser

Regrets: Superintendents Janet Edwards, Ed Hodgins, Anne Marie Laginski, Silvia Peterson

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approve Agenda

2015:13
MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

(a) Summer Literacy Program

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs provided trustees with information about the CODE/LNS Summer Literacy Program. She introduced Arlene Cole, Summer Literacy Camp Lead and Carolyn Porter, Aboriginal Officer. Arlene Cole highlighted this year's program and introduced Jaunna Rose and her son Landon Rose, and Tanya Greely and her daughter Abby Rose Greely who spoke highly of their personal summer literacy camp experience.

(b) Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Annual Report

Richard Kennelly, Superintendent, Special Education introduced Erin Hannah, SAL Facilitator and Heather Hawco-Grey, SAL Youth Worker who provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the Supervised Alternative Learning program from September 2014 to June 2015. Grade 11 student, Taye Traill, provided trustees with an overview of her personal experience while enrolled in the program.

5. Recommended Actions

(a) By-Law Review

Trustee Michael Barrett advised trustees that the Board by-laws are on a 5-year approval cycle. The by-laws are up for review in 2015. He suggested that a By-law Review Adhoc Committee be struck for the purpose of reviewing all by-laws. Meeting dates will be shared with trustees when they are determined.

2015:14

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT A BY-LAW REVIEW ADHOC COMMITTEE BE FORMED FOR THE
PURPOSE OF REVIEWING BOARD BY-LAWS.

CARRIED

6. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Melanie Manning advised that the first Student Senate meeting of the year was held earlier in the evening. The meeting was well attended by 35 students. The students established ideas and goals for the year. They broke into small groups to discuss communication, collaboration and how marginalized groups can be included in the process.

(b) Analysis and Overview of Community Hubs

Lisa Millar, Superintendent, Operations/Leadership/Early Years provided trustees with an update on the Premier's Strategic Framework and Action Plan on Community Hubs in Ontario, and an analysis of Hub operations within the Board. She also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Full Day Kindergarten Registration

Lisa Millar, Superintendent, Operations/Leadership/Early Years provided trustees with information regarding registration requirements relating to Full Day Kindergarten. She also answered questions of trustees.

(d) Parents Reaching Out Grants 2015-16

Camille Taylor, Superintendent, Ajax/School Councils/Parent Engagement provided trustees with an update on the Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grants for the Durham District School Board in the school year 2015-2016. She also answered questions of trustees.

(e) Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2015 Results

Luigia Ayotte, Superintendent, Programs presented the results of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) conducted in the Durham District School Board on March 26, 2015 and were publicly released on September 23, 2015. She also answered questions of trustees.

(f) Creekwood Subdivision – Community Member Concerns

David Visser, Associate Director provided trustees with an overview of the community member concerns that have been received and responded to. He also answered questions of trustees.

(g) French Immersion Status Report

David Visser, Associate Director provided trustees with an update on French Immersion program locations and enrolments. He also answered questions of trustees. Trustees agreed that an information report would be welcome regarding JK/SK registration and programming at single and dual track schools. He also answered questions of trustees.

7. Committee Reports

(a) Special Education Adhoc Committee

Trustee Donna Edwards advised that the Special Education Adhoc Committee met on September 16, 2015. Richard Kennelly, Superintendent, Special Education provided the group with an update on data related to student needs and Special Education funding. Andrea Pidwerbecki, Communications Manager provided trustees with an overview of the Peel District School Board campaign. The group discussed next steps and explored additional campaign considerations. The group will look at types of messaging to the public regarding special education funding and further discussion will take place at the next meeting, which is scheduled to be held on October 28, 2015.

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

2015:15

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary