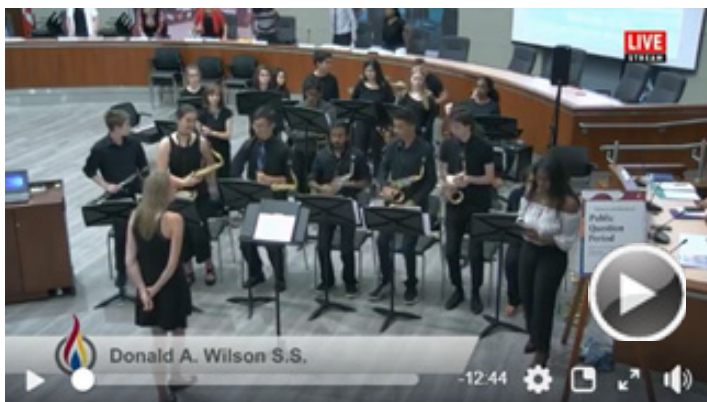


# Board Highlights

DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

On Monday, September 17, 2018, the Durham District School Board held its monthly Board meeting.

## Donald A. Wilson Secondary School



Students from Donald A. Wilson SS perform O Canada, Whirlybird, and Cry Me a River for the audience in attendance.

## Bruce Mather Award 2017-2018

Chair of the Board Michael Barrett and Vice Chair of the Board Patrice Barnes presented the Bruce Mather Award to Krista Telford, Literacy/Numeracy Coach K-6. Krista is described as an individual who has made a significant impact on her school and community demonstrating leadership and also serving as a life coach. She is connected with her students and is respectful of all and brings excitement to everything with which she is involved. Krista started an “Ally Activist” group for students to gather donations for local shelters and food banks. She has also lead several other school groups and initiatives including Student Council, the Terry Fox Run, School Spirit events, Pink Shirt Day, Winter Olympics, “I AM” videos and Students and Teachers Against Racism (STAR).

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## Transitioning Planning: Choosing My Success, Refining My Pathway and Designing My Future

Superintendent Anne Marie Laginski and Education Officer Kim Stuart updated the Board on the Transitioning Planning: Choosing My Success, Refining My Pathway and Designing My Future initiative. The Transitioning Planning: Choosing My Success team presented their initiative to inform the Board of the continued implementation of the new DDSB guidelines for providing enhanced transition support for Grade 7 to 12 students as they move from elementary to secondary school and plan for their initial post-secondary destination.

## Transitioning Planning: Choosing My Success, Refining My Pathway and Designing My Future

In 2017–2018, the team continued efforts to increase equitable outcomes for all with a Choosing My Success system-wide response to ensure that all students transitioning to Grade 9 throughout our district make careful and evidence-informed pathway choices. A continued and enhanced transition focus for Grade 7 to Grade 12 students will be implemented to promote a pathway plan that ensures all students have the opportunity to see their future program as viable and select educational goals that align with their goals for the future.



*Transitioning Planning: Choosing My Success, Refining My Pathway and Designing My Future team present their initiative to the Board of Trustees.*

## Focusing on the Fundamentals of Mathematics

Superintendent Silvia Peterson and Education Officer Linda Ford-Decuhna updated the Board of Trustees, outlining the plans of the Student Achievement and Curriculum Department, in collaboration with the Early Years Department and Leadership and Operations Department, for providing system professional learning and resources.

These professional learning resources are focused on supporting student attainment of the Ontario curriculum expectations that deal with fundamental math concepts and skills found within the strands of Number Sense and Numeration and Patterning and Algebra.

Evidence of impact will be measured through student growth in becoming proficient in number sense and numeration.

## Ignite Learning Strategic Plan

Lisa Millar, Director of Education, Secretary to the Board provided Trustees with the Ignite Learning Strategic Action Plan to support the implementation of the new Ignite Learning Strategic Priorities and Operational Goals.

Beginning in January 2018, Trustees and senior staff worked with Cundari Marketing and Communications to engage stakeholder input for the development of a new three-year strategic plan.

On June 18, 2018, The Durham District School Board Trustees approved the new Ignite Learning Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

The input/consultation process resulted in key themes emerging regarding the implementation of new strategic priorities and annual goals.

**The emerging six key strategic priorities are:**

- Success
- Well-Being
- Leadership
- Equity
- Engagement
- Innovation

Staff will report back on the stage of implementation of the operational goals with supporting data in January and June 2019 as part of the Ministry process for accountability for multi-year strategic planning.

## Recommendations and Information Items

The Board approved the following recommendations:

### **Proposed Amendment to Regulation #1350**

It is recommended that the revisions to Regulations #1350 – Definitely Durham (Appendix B) be approved.

### **Ontario Regulation 357/06, Honoraria for Board Members**

It is recommended that Honoraria for Trustees for the Durham District School Board for the term of office December 1, 2018 to November 14, 2022, be approved as presented.

### **2018 Municipal Elections Compliance Audit Committee**

It is recommended that the persons identified in Appendix B of the Board Meeting agenda be appointed to the Compliance Audit Committee for the Durham District School Board for the 2018–2022 term of the Board be approved as presented.

## Recommendations and Information Items

### **Education Development Charges (EDC) Policies on Arrangements for Alternative Accommodations and Operating Surpluses**

To approve Education Development Charge statements on Application of Operating Surpluses and Alternative Accommodation Arrangement in accordance with Ontario Regulation 20/98.

That the Board of Trustees approved the statement that the “Durham District School Board has implemented the policy of Alternative Arrangements for School Accommodation, as outlined in Table 1 of report. Where possible and advantageous to students, the Durham District School Board will continue to pursue appropriate alternative arrangements for school accommodation, as per Policy and Regulation #7235, and to consider whether any of the proposals would serve to reduce the education development charges imposed by the Board.”

That the Board of Trustees approve the statement that “Appendix 2 of Policy #7234, by Board Motion does not designate any non-classroom surplus to acquiring school sites. Instead the surplus will be moved to working reserves so that these funds are deployed to direct classroom operating expenditures, therefore there is no surplus of operating funds available for capital expenditures and therefore there are no savings available to apply to growth-related Net Education Land Costs.”

### **Notice of Motion: Chairperson’s Scholarship – Revision to Eligibility Guidelines**

It is recommended that an additional eligibility requirement be added to the Chairperson’s Scholarship as follows: “The Chairperson’s Scholarship is not open to current Student Trustees.”

### **Notice of Motion: Revisions to Regulation #7551 – Naming of Schools**

It is recommended that the report for proposed revisions to Regulation #7551 – Naming of Schools serve as a Notice of Motion.

### **Notice of Motion: Policy and Regulation #5148 – Positive School Climate**

It is recommended that the Policy, Regulation and Procedure #5148 – Positive School Climate is presented to Trustees as a Notice of Motion for approval at the October Board Meeting.

### **Notice of Motion on Regulation #7235 – Alternative Arrangements for School Accommodations**

It is recommended that Regulation #7235 serve as a Notice of Motion to be tabled for approval at the October 15, 2018 Board Meeting.

### **Bullying Prevention and Intervention Campaign**

To inform Trustees about the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Campaign, We are Better Together.

It was recommended that this report be provided to Trustees for information.

### **2018-2019 Education Funding Updates**

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Board on the updates to 2018-2019 Education Funding.

This report is provided for information only.

### **Draft Accommodation Plan: Trends, Issues and Future Opportunities 2018-2022**

The purpose of this report is to provide Trustees with information regarding short and long term accommodation, enrolment trends and school utilization information.

It was recommended that this report be provided to Trustees for information.

## Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with a quarterly report of the current construction and major projects progress, as information.

It was recommended that this report be provided to Trustees for information.

## Director's Good News



Click on the 'Director's Good News' image to watch the Director, Lisa Millar deliver good news to the Board on Monday, September 17, 2018.

## Regular Board and Committee Meetings

### Standing Committee Meeting

Monday, October 1, 2018

Public Session — 7:00 p.m.

### Board Meeting

Monday, October 15, 2018

Public Session — 7:00 p.m.



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