

Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
January 7, 2019

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, Chris Braney, Donna Edwards, Donna Forbes, Niki Lundquist, Carolyn Morton, Ashley Noble, Scott Templeton, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Sally Meseret, Tyler West, Risann Wright

Regrets: Trustee Paul Crawford

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Associate Directors David Visser and Mark Fisher, Superintendents Mohamed Hamid, Anne Marie Laginski, Margaret Lazarus, Jamila Maliha, Jim Markovski, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Silvia Peterson, Acting Superintendent John Bowyer, Communications Manager Peter Blake, Communications Officer Charles Senior

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

The agenda was amended to include Item 5. (a) This Is My Story and Item 7. (a) Report from Committee of the Whole In Camera.

2019:01

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

4. Community Presentations

There were no community presentations at this time.

5. DDSB Presentations

(a) This Is My Story

Trustee Carolyn Morton advised trustees that traditionally, an episode of This Is My Story is shared at each Board meeting and then shared at all school staff meetings. As the December Board meeting was the Inaugural Board meeting, the third episode of This Is My Story will be shared tonight. Our commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusive practices is a core priority at the DDSB. Celebrating the diversity of our students, staff and families is part of our commitment. We celebrate and we are proud of our DDSB family. The This Is My Story video featured Joseph Stellflug, Teacher, Centre for Success.

(b) Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Acting Superintendent John Bowyer introduced Ken MacNaughton, Safe Schools Officer, Dan Hogan, Substance Abuse Coordinator, and Holly Richard, Safe Schools Facilitator who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation about the 10th Annual Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week that included the Student Conference; Be The Voice. The group highlighted various activities, shared a safe schools video highlighting core values and the impact of bullying, and highlighted next steps. Student Trustee Tyler West provided trustees with a student perspective and noted the importance of student voice when looking at long lasting solutions. They also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Ignite Learning Mid-Year Operational Goals Update

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation overview of the mid-year update regarding the Ignite Learning Annual Operating Goals and Implementation Plan. She shared a video of students from Julie Payette P.S. highlighting how they ignite learning in the classroom. The following staff from Julie Payette P.S. were introduced: Principal Andrea Williams, Vice Principal Amy Atkinson, Teachers Kim Belmonte, Jennifer Hannah, and Justin Heenan. Julie Payette P.S. Grade 4 and 5 students Adrian C.J. Senda, Abigail Sprague, Chloe Law, Roger Foltak, Asia King, Amir Gafoor, Lylah Stephens and Olivia Johnson were introduced and provided trustees with an overview of the importance of the six strategic priorities from a student perspective.

(d) French Programs at the Durham District School Board

Superintendent Margaret Lazarus introduced Sarah Mitchell, FSL Facilitator, and Shannon Wood, FSL Coach who provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the French program at the Durham District School Board and how it supports teachers and students in fostering a productive and engaging learning community in schools. They also answered questions of trustees.

(e) Kindergarten Educator Collaborative Learning Hubs

Superintendent Silvia Peterson introduced Linda Ford Decunha, Education Officer K-8, Jennifer Sheehan, teacher, and Shermina Nelson, ECE, da Vinci P.S. who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation overview of examples of how the Student Achievement and Curriculum Department in partnership with the Early Years Department are working to support educators and school administrators in developing Kindergarten learning environments which foster mathematical understanding aligned to developmental learning progressions. They provided an overview of the 2018-2019 Kindergarten Collaborative Learning Hubs structured to deepen the school-based professional partnerships and practices of the DDSB Kindergarten educator teams. A video was shared highlighting the learning hubs at da Vinci P.S. They also answered questions of trustees.

6. Ministry Memorandums - Information

There were no ministry memorandums at this time.

7. Recommended Actions

There were no recommended actions at this time.

(a) Report from Committee of the Whole

Trustee Carolyn Morton reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with appointments and administrative transfers and placements.

Director Lisa Millar introduced Interim Executive Coordinator of Equity Jacqui Steer. Jacqui is a former principal and education officer and will be working in the Leadership Department in mentoring and leading new principals.

(a) Report from Committee of the Whole (Continued)

Director Lisa Millar advised that Georgette Davis is the new Superintendent of Education of Safe Schools and Well-Being. She will support the family of schools of Anderson CVI, Sinclair S.S. and Henry Street H.S. effective January 14, 2019.

Acting Superintendent John Bowyer will be working on special projects for Safe Schools.

8. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Tyler West provided trustees with an overview of the Student Senate meeting held earlier in the evening. Students discussed a wide variety of topics including consultation with respect to the Ignite Learning Strategic Plan and how it can be implemented at the secondary school level to create awareness and leverage student voice regarding achievement.

Student Trustee Sally Meseret advised that Student Senate will be restructured with the introduction of three new committees ie. well-being, student voice and equity committees. Elections for positions for these committees were held within Student Senate. Senate will also be managing social media.

(b) Ministry of Education Adjustment to 2018-2019 Budget Year

Associate Director David Visser provided trustees with handout information regarding an analysis of the Ministry of Education adjustments for the 2018 – 2019 budget year that were received on Friday, December 14, 2018. He also answered questions of trustees.

(b) OPSBA Report

Trustee Donna Edwards advised that the OPSBA Board of Directors met during the first week of December. Key areas of development included work to improve or increase the role of trustee. A document was created and provided to municipalities and clerks to promote the role of trustee. This campaign was successful as the last election saw an increase in the number of individuals running for trustee. The number of candidates per positions in Durham saw the third highest numbers surpassing Toronto. Exit surveys are also being completed to see what trustees need and trustees who ran will be surveyed to see what they needed during the election. There was a 51% turnover in trustees across the

(b) OPSBA Report (Continued)

Province. New trustees were at the Board table and time was taken for orientation. Additional topics for discussion included: adjustments to budget, key concerns around all boards, legislative updates, the legalization of marijuana, and the implications for schools, and contracts, as they end in August this year. The roles of trustee and OPSBA regarding negotiations was also discussed. The OPSBA PES is scheduled to take place in January. The focus will be on educating trustees, labour relations and negotiations.

8. Committee Reports

(a) Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of November 27, 2018

Trustee Patrice Barnes provided trustees with an overview of the Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee meeting that was held on October 24, 2019. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on January 17, 2019.

(b) Incident Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of December 13, 2018

Chair Michael Barrett provided trustees with an overview of the Incident Ad Hoc Committee meeting of October 30, 2019. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on February 28, 2019

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

10. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

11. Adjournment

2019:02

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:22 p.m.

Chair

Secretary