

Report of the Durham District School Board  
Standing Committee Public Session  
November 5, 2018

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, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Linda Lowery, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters-Feret, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustees Sally Meseret, Tyler West, Risann Wright

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Superintendents Mohamed Hamid, Anne Marie Laginski, Margaret Lazarus, Jamila Maliha, Jim Markovski, Silvia Peterson, Martine Robinson, Camille Taylor, Associate Directors Mark Fisher, David Visser, Acting Superintendent John Bowyer, Communications Manager Peter Blake, Communications Officer Kim Brathwaite

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

2018:18

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Community Presentations

There were no community presentations at this time.

5. DDSB Presentations

(a) Literacy Leads: Promoting Culturally Responsive Literacy Learning

Superintendent Silvia Peterson introduced Heather Fry, Facilitator and Sharon Knights, Principal, Clara Hughes P.S. who provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the Literacy Leads system initiative and its emphasis on building equitable and inclusive classroom practices for all learners. Trustees watched a video of students exploring their identities by describing what they are, and what they are not.

(b) Dunbarton H.S. North Program: Experiential Learning Within an Indigenous Community

Superintendent Jim Markovski provided trustees with updates on the Dunbarton H.S. North Program: Experiential Learning within an Indigenous Community. He introduced Principal Lucy Sharp, Teachers Aimee Nelson and Dave Gordon and Students Jason Warren, Avery Rhind and Connor Abe Gocool. The group provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the Cooperative Education experiential learning program with a student work placement and skill development component in both Pickering and Churchill, Manitoba. Students earn two cooperative credits and six SHSM certifications. They also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Equity & Diversity Strategic Plan 2018-2021

Mohamid Hamid and Camille Taylor provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation on the release and implementation of the DDSB Equity and Diversity Strategic Plan 2018-2021. The DDSB continues to uphold equity and inclusivity as essential in ensuring excellence in all schools and departments. They highlighted the four key areas of focus within the 2018 Ontario's Education Equity Action Plan and identified the five key priorities of 2018-2021 Equity and Diversity Strategic Plan. They also answered questions of trustees.

5. Ministry Memorandums - Information

(a) Cancellation of PRO Grants

Director Lisa Millar advised trustees that the Government has put a pause on PRO grants. She noted that Principals are concerned and schools continue to engage parents in creative ways. She provided an update on Bill 36: Cannabis Statute Law and advised that Acting Superintendent John Bowyer is working with schools. A temporary cap has been put on Education Development Charges.

6. Recommended Actions

There were no recommended actions at this time.

Report from Committee of the Whole

Trustee Patrice Barnes reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with property matters.

7. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees Tyler West and Sally Meseret provided trustees with an overview of the Student Senate meeting held earlier in the evening. They noted that students discussed a wide variety of topics. They shared each schools' initiatives as they relate to equity, success, well-being, engagement, innovation and leadership. Steffanie Pelleboer, Mental Health Lead spoke to school senators about the Mental Health Strategic Plan. The student trustees recently attended the Ontario Student Trustees' Association conference and will be serving on the Advocacy sub committee.

(b) Update: Guide to the Interim Health & Physical Education Curriculum

Superintendent Silvia Peterson provided trustees with information on the Guide to the Interim Health and Physical Education Curriculum following the Ministry of Education directive to revert to the 2010 Elementary curriculum with the 1998 Growth and Development strand, now referred to as the Health and Physical Education Curriculum, Interim Edition Re-issued 2018.

(c) DDSB Student Census

Superintendent Mohamed Hamid informed trustees about the plan to deliver the DDSB Student Identity-Based Data Collection project. He outlined the proposed plan for enacting the commitment to Data Collection, Integration and Reporting. He also answered questions of trustees.

(b) OPSBA Report

Trustee Patrice Barnes advised that there was no OPSBA report at this time.

8. Committee Reports

(a) Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of October 24, 2018

Trustee Patrice Barnes provided trustees with an overview of the Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee meeting that was held on October 24, 2018. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on November 27, 2018.

(b) Incident Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of September 24, 2018

Chair Michael Barrett provided trustees with an overview of the Incident Ad Hoc Committee meeting of October 30, 2018. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on December 13, 2018

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

10. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

11. Adjournment

2018:19  
MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:03 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary