

Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
October 1, 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, Donna Edwards, Linda Lowery, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters-Feret, Student Trustees Sally Meseret, Tyler West, Risann Wright

Regrets: Trustees Paul Crawford, Kimberly Zeppieri

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

2018:16
MOVED by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Community Presentations

There were no community presentations at this time.

5. DDSB Presentations

(a) World Teachers' Day

Nancy Loraine, President, Teacher Mentors Abroad (TMA), provided trustees with an overview of the Teacher Mentors Abroad organization. The organization is comprised of administrators, business people and individuals dedicated to providing mentorship and professional development to teachers in under resourced parts of the world. Their goal is to equip educators and grow their leadership abilities to ensure children receive the highest quality education regardless of where they live and learn. She introduced Bonnie Noble, Principal, who provided trustees with an overview of the partnership with Santa Domingo and Santiago, Dominican Republic. Trustees watched a video highlighting the partnership. They also answered questions of trustees.

(b) Well-Being and Mental Health Strategic Plan Update

Acting Superintendent John Bowyer introduced Steffanie Pelleboer, Mental Health Lead and they provided trustees with a PowerPoint update on the first phase of the implementation of the Well-Being and Mental Health Strategic Plan 2018-2021, "Well-Being, Everyone, Every day." The Plan is influenced and aligns with the Ministry's definition of well-being, and it is based upon four domains of well-being: Cognitive, Social, Emotional and Physical. They also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Update of 2018 Cypher Conference, Strong Academy Compendium of Action for Black Student Success

Superintendents Mohamid Hamid and Camille Taylor introduced Melissa Hunte, Vice Principal, Pickering H.S., and Eleanor McIntosh, Principal, Ajax H.S., who provided trustees with a PowerPoint update on the 2018 Cypher Conference and 100 Strong Academy, an integrated implementation of commitments contained in the Compendium of Action for Black Students 2018-2021. They introduced staff from the Strong Academy and also answered questions of trustees.

(d) Leveraging Digital Update

Superintendent Jamila Maliha introduced Amanda Paterson, Curriculum Officer and David Rule, Chief Technology Officer who provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the state of the DDSB Leveraging Digital Initiative within the Innovation Strategic Priorities. They also answered questions of trustees.

5. Ministry Memorandums - Information

There were no Ministry Memorandums at this time

6. Recommended Actions

There were no recommended actions at this time.

7. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees Risann Wright and Tyler West provided trustees with an overview of the first Student Senate meeting held earlier in the evening. They noted that two students from each secondary school were in attendance. Students became familiar with one another and discussed the importance of ensuring that student voice is channeled effectively from Senate to the board room. The Leadership Symposium was a success. The group heard presentations from Director Lisa Millar and Associate Director Mark Fisher on how students can affect positive change in their communities. The student trustees received feedback from the students that attended the symposium on ways the event can be improved. They brainstormed ideas for student well-being and leveraging digital. Senators will report back to Senate regarding the questions they were given on mental health at their schools. The students discussed their three goals this year in keeping with the strategic plan; well-being, equity and diversity, and leveraging digital. The focus will be on well-being and working with Mental Health Lead, Steffanie Pelleboer to look into the use of video conferencing for the next Mental Health and Well Being conference in order to increase student engagement.

(b) Release of EQAO and OSSLT Results

Superintendents Silvia Peterson and Anne Marie Laginski provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the results of the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Assessments for 2017-2018 Primary (Grades 1-2), Junior (Grades 4-6), Grade 9 Mathematics (Academic and Applied) and Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). They also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Parent Involvement Committee Report – 2018-2019 Committee Representatives

Superintendent Martine Robinson presented trustees with the membership for the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) 2018-2019 for the Board's information. She also introduced Co-chair Roslyn Sagar Lal who was in attendance at the meeting.

(b) OPSBA Report

Trustee Patrice Barnes provided trustees with an overview of the OPSBA Board meeting held this past weekend. OPSBA provided trustees with an overview on governance and a presentation was received from the Ontario Student Trustees' Association.

8. Committee Reports

(a) Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of June 20, 2018

Trustee Patrice Barnes provided trustees with an overview of the Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee meeting that was held on September 19, 2018. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on October 24, 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 September 24, 2018. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on October 30, 2018

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

10. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

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11. Adjournment

2018:17
MOVED by Trustee Gordon Baxter

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary