

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board Monday September 19, 2022

A hybrid Regular Meeting of the Durham District School Board was held on this date.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Carolyn Morton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Kate Bird, Donna Edwards, Darlene Forbes, Linda Lowery, Niki Lundquist, Scott Templeton, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Ben Cameron, Lauren Edwards and Gwen Kuyt

Officials Present: Director Norah Marsh, Associate Directors Jim Markovski, David Wright, Superintendents Gary Crossdale, Georgette Davis, Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills, Jack Nigro, Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec, General Counsel Patrick Cotter

Recording Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick

Chair Carolyn Morton shared that Queen Elizabeth the Second passed away on September 8, 2022, and the funeral took place today. Flags at all Durham District School Board (DDSB) schools and buildings have been at half-mast in honour of the Queen and will be until sunset on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Moment of Silence/Acknowledgement

Chair Carolyn Morton advised that the Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island (North America). We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.

4. O Canada

Chair Carolyn Morton introduced and thanked the students from G.L. Roberts CVI and their teacher Rachel Birney who performed O Canada.

5. Adoption of Agenda

- (a) The agenda was amended to add Trustee Matter which would be the first item following the approval of the amended agenda.

2022:RB78

MOVED by Chair Carolyn Morton

THAT THE AMENDED AGENDA IS APPROVED.

CARRIED

Chair Carolyn Morton shared that she received an email from Trustee Paul Crawford resigning from the Board of Trustees effective September 19, 2022, due to unforeseen personal reasons. The Education Act provides that a member of the Board may resign with the consent of a majority of members present.

Chair Carolyn Morton put forward the following motion:

2022:RB79

MOVED by Trustee Scott Templeton

SECONDED by Trustee Kate Bird

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE PAUL CRAWFORD EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 19, 2022.

CARRIED

6. Minutes

2022:RB80

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

SECONDED by Trustee Scott Templeton

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

- (a) THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF May 16, 2022.
- (b) THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2022.

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

- (c) THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2022.
- (d) THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2022.
- (e) THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2022.
- (f) THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2022.

CARRIED

7. Community Presentations

There were no community presentations at this time.

8. Ministry Memorandums-Information Update

Director Norah Marsh provided trustees with the following update:

School staff continue to work on creating a sense of belonging for every child across the District by getting to know who their students are and where their students are in their learning so that staff can offer appropriate learning and assist students in their academic achievement and their mental health and well-being.

The most pressing issue with school start-up continues to be increased enrolment. Staff are working through approximately 1400 additional students by restructuring classes as required to ensure classes are at the appropriate size. Staff understand that this is not an ideal situation for students, families and staff as classes are adjusted. This is part of the regular September start-up, however it is somewhat extensive this year due to the increased enrolment. The restructuring will continue until the end of September. A finalized enrolment and staffing report will be shared at the October 3, 2022, Standing Committee meeting.

Busing continues to be a concern especially in the North Region. Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) has assured staff that they are continuing to work through the challenges. Unlike many Districts across the province, DDSB has not had permanent bus routes cancelled due to driver shortages because of the work we did last year on adjusting bell times for the 2022-2023 school year.

Trustee questions were answered.

9. Public Question Period

Dylan R., a student of DDSB presented a question virtually with regards to bell times. Staff responded to the question.

Akuah Frempong presented a question virtually with regards to French Immersion and the DELF exam for 2023. Staff responded to the question.

Melissa Bertrand presented a question virtually with regards to Ormiston Public School's population growth. Staff responded to the question.

Kathryn Waugh presented a question virtually with regards to school capacity. Staff responded to the question.

Adrian Binksma presented a question virtually with regards to Ormiston Public school's population growth. Staff responded to the question.

Mike Alford presented a question virtually with regards to library resources. Staff responded to the question.

Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec read the following questions:

Lisa Binksma provided a written question with regards to Ormiston Public School's population growth. Staff responded to the question.

John Kost provided a written question with regards to self-identity. Staff responded to the question.

Lynda Yardley provided a written question with regards to suspensions. Staff responded to the question.

10. DDSB Presentations

(a) 2022 Summer Learning Programs

Superintendent Jack Nigro introduced Senior Manager of Speech, Language and Hearing Lisa Drake, Principal Tricia Frolic and Early Years Manager, Amanda Glee, who provided trustees with a presentation on the Durham District School Board's 2022 Summer Learning Opportunities and Mental Health Supports for students (Early Years to Grade 12).

Trustee questions were answered.

11. Report from the Committee of the Whole In Camera

Trustee Christine Thatcher reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole In Camera meeting and confirmed that the following matters were discussed: the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian.

2022:RB81

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

12. Good News from the System

Keana Eagle-Ellis-Sawyer and Ryan Gough from Eastdale Collegiate Vocational Institute shared good news from across the system on behalf of DDSB students.

Students from across the District were excited to get back to school for the first day of the 2022-2023 school year.

Students had a summer full of fun, learning, and adventure at Durham Forest Summer Camp. The camp featured outdoor and experiential learning activities designed to inspire, educate, and reconnect children to the world around them.

On August 26, 2022, the Graduation Coach for Black students from Pine Ridge Secondary School hosted a community BBQ. It was attended by students & families as well as Pine Ridge staff, DDSB staff, and community organization members. It was a day of fun, food, information sharing and community building. Students from G.L. Roberts Collegiate Vocational Institute and Sinclair Secondary School volunteered at the event.

On Friday, August 26th, 2022, the DDSB had the honour of hosting the Mississaugas of Scugog Island community as well as the DDSB community, to celebrate the unveiling of the newly named Biidassige Mandamin Public School. Biidassige was an Anishinaabe elder, a world-renowned water advocate and residential school survivor.

On August 6, 2022, Teacher Mentors Abroad's (TMA) first post-pandemic teacher training team returned from the Dominican Republic (co-leader Wendy Chan, a DDSB teacher and member of TMA's Program Committee). The theme was Creating Conditions for Student Centred Learning after the devastating impact of the pandemic on students in the Dominican Republic.

McCaskill's Mills Public School staff were presented with the Township of Brock Accessibility Award, for their ongoing commitment to making the school facilities and community a welcoming and inclusive place for all.

It was a busy school year for the students and staff at Seneca Trail Public School. They held two fundraising events to support cancer care and children's mental health at Lakeridge Health, raising \$2,454.70.

Every year, the MusiCounts BandAid Program gives up to \$15,000 to schools across Canada to help them purchase new, or repair old, musical instruments and equipment. Mx. Shannon, music teacher at Mary Street Community School, advocated strongly for the school and they were lucky enough to receive the full \$15,000 to buy new Orff instruments.

Over the summer, many schools with the help of staff and community members grew and tended to school vegetable gardens.

- At Saywell Public School, Chief Custodian Thompson and her garden club created and maintained flower boxes.

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- At Waverly Public School, students worked hard to create a vegetable garden as they welcomed families to enjoy and care for it over the summer.
- At Coronation Public School, staff from We Grow Food informed everyone about harvesting techniques and summer care.

On July 19th, 2022, the Ignite Learning Durham Foundation welcomed representatives from the Royal Bank of Canada to the Village Union Make a Difference Depot. They presented a generous donation of \$10,000 to help support DDSB students who face socioeconomic barriers.

Facilities Services kept busy over the summer with heating and ventilation upgrades, classroom renovations, window replacements, and roofing and masonry projects.

Some highlights include:

- The soon-to-be completed new roof, bell tower, and weather vane on the original Uxbridge Public School building which will replicate the historic style from 1911.
- Roof replacements at Anderson Collegiate Vocational Institute and Dr. Robert Thornton Public School.
- Renovations in the art, science, and music classrooms at Harmony Heights Public School.
- Washroom renovations and classroom upgrades at Vincent Massey Public School.
- The entire exterior of Biidaasige Mandamin Public School is in the process of being re-cladded.

The Great Beginnings Student Success program for young Black students was once again offered at Viola Desmond Public School this summer. The program had six educators, and 42 students enrolled. Interest in the program was overwhelming with educators offering cultural themes tied into curriculum and school programming.

DDSB is thrilled to announce that the Government of Ontario has provided approval to proceed with a new Beaverton Thorah Elementary School. The new school will be located at 270 King Street in Beaverton. The new building will include 418 student spaces, 49 childcare spaces, three child care rooms and one EarlyON room.

Dates of Significance:

Sept. 26-30	Safety Week
Sept. 21	International Day of Peace
Sept. 23	Terry Fox National Run Day
Sept. 25	Rosh Hashanah
Sept. 25	Franco-Ontarian Day
Sept 26-Oct 5	Navratri
Sept. 28	Rowan's Law Day
Sept. 22	Autumn Equinox
Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day
Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October	Islamic Heritage Month
	Latin American Heritage Month

	Women's History Month
	Dyslexia Awareness Month
	LGBTQ+ History Month
	Autism Awareness Month
	Learning Disabilities Awareness Month
	National Principal's Month
	Child Abuse Prevention Month
	Disabilities Awareness Month
	Cyber Security Awareness Month
Oct. 1	Durga Puja begins
Oct. 2	National Custodial Workers' Day
Oct. 3	Standing Committee Meeting
Oct. 4	National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
Oct. 4	Yom Kippur begins
Oct. 5	World Teachers' Day
Oct. 5	International Walk to School Day
Oct. 5	Dussehra
Oct. 7	Eid-Milad-un-Nabi begins
Oct. 9	Sukkot
Oct. 10	World Mental Health Day
Oct. 11	National Coming Out Day
Oct. 11	International Day of the Girl
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving
Oct. 16-22	National Teen Driver Safety Week
Oct. 17	Simchat Torah begins
Oct. 17	Board Meeting
Oct. 18	Early Childhood Educators' Appreciation Day
Oct. 20	Special Education Advisory Committee
Oct. 22-26	Bus Safety Week
Oct. 24	Diwali
Oct. 24	PA Day - all schools
Oct. 26	Birth of the Bab begins
Oct. 27	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh begins
Oct. 27	Ontario Dress Purple Day
Oct. 31	Halloween
Oct. 31	Samhain begins

13. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022

Trustee Christine Thatcher shared with trustees the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting on September 6, 2022.

2022:RB82

MOVED by Trustee Scott Templeton

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND APPROVE THE ACTIONS OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING.

CARRIED

(b) Amber Report Communication

Chair Carolyn Morton shared with trustees information on the tragic event which occurred in June with regards to an 11-year-old youth and how their disappearance did not warrant an Amber Alert to be issued by the Province of Ontario. Chair Morton proposed that the Board write a letter to the Province, asking that they broaden their scope of the Amber Alert System to include children and youth with special needs or develop a new community warning program, similar to the Amber Alert.

2022:RB82

MOVED by Chair Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES REQUEST THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO TO REVIEW THE CURRENT AMBER ALERT PROGRAM AND CRITERIA TO INCLUDE MISSING AND AT-RISK VULNERABLE PERSONS OR ESTABLISH A NEW PROGRAM.

CARRIED

(c) Trustee Vacancies

Chair Carolyn Morton and General Counsel Cotter provided trustees with information as to the establishment of a Vacancy Committee.

2022:RB83

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

SECONDED by Trustee Kate Bird

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ESTABLISH A VACANCY COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6.2.1 OF THE CONSOLIDATED BYLAWS.

CARRIED

(d) Election of Audit Committee Members

Chair Carolyn Morton called for nominations to the position of Audit Committee Member

2022:RB84

TRUSTEE SCOTT TEMPLETON SELF NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER.

2022:RB85

TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON SELF NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF
AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Carolyn Morton, and there being none, nominations for the position of Audit Committee Member were closed.

Trustee Scott Templeton and Carolyn Morton were acclaimed as Members of the Audit Committee.

- (e) Election of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), Liaison Trustee Second Member

2021:RB86

TRUSTEE LINDA LOWERY SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION SEAC, LIAISON TRUSTEE, SECOND MEMBER OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Carolyn Morton, and there being none, nominations for the position of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), Liaison Trustee, Second Member were closed.

Trustee Linda Lowery was acclaimed to the position of SEAC Liaison Trustee, Second Member.

- (f) 2022 Municipal Election: Appointment of Members to the Compliance Audit Committee

Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec provided trustees with an overview of the report and shared that it is a requirement under the Municipal Elections Act to establish a Compliance Audit Committee.

2022:RB87

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist
SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS OUTLINED IN APPENDIX A, AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE AS OUTLINED IN APPENDIX B.

CARRIED

(g) Short Term Borrowing Resolution

Associate Director David Wright provided trustees with information on the resolution for short-term borrowing for the 2022-2023 school year, for the Board of Trustees' consideration.

2022:RB88

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE BORROWING RESOLUTION FOR THE 2022- 2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

CARRIED

(h) Honoraria for Board Members

Associate Director David Wright provided trustees with information on the 2022-2026 honoraria for DDSB Board Members.

2022:RB89

MOVED by Trustee Scott Templeton

SECONDED by Trustee Kate Bird

THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION IS PROVIDED FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' CONSIDERATION:

THAT THE HONORARIA FOR BOARD MEMBERS FOR DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE NOVEMBER 15, 2022 TO NOVEMBER 14, 2026, SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

A) BASE AMOUNT

- I. THE ANNUAL BASE AMOUNT PER TRUSTEE FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 15, 2022 TO NOVEMBER 14, 2026 SHALL BE \$5,900.00.
- II. THE ANNUAL BASE AMOUNT FOR THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR IN ALL YEARS OF THE TERM SHALL BE THE AMOUNT SET OUT ABOVE, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$2,500 FOR THE VICE-CHAIR AND AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000 FOR THE CHAIR.

B) THE ENROLMENT AMOUNT PER TRUSTEE WILL BE CALCULATED ANNUALLY, AND SHALL BE 100% OF THE AMOUNT DETERMINED WHEN MULTIPLYING THE BOARD'S DAY SCHOOL AVERAGE DAILY ENROLMENT (ADE) FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S ESTIMATES BY \$1.75 AND DIVIDING BY THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$0.025 X ADE FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR, AND \$0.05 X ADE FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD (IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.REG 357/06).

CARRIED

(i) Draft Learning Resource Selection Policy

Trustee Niki Lundquist provided trustees with an overview of the Draft Learning Resource Selection Policy that came before the Board as a Notice of Motion on June 20, 2022.

2022:RB90

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSIDER AND, AS IT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE, APPROVE THE DRAFT LEARNING RESOURCE SELECTION POLICY.

CARRIED

(j) Revised Bylaw, Receiving Board Correspondence/Letters

Trustee Niki Lundquist shared with trustees the proposed amendment to Section 2.2.2 (h) of the Consolidated Bylaws to address the Chair's obligations with respect to correspondence received in the capacity as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

2022:RB91

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

SECONDED by Trustee Scott Templeton

THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE REVISED BYLAW ON RECEIVING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE.

CARRIED

Trustee Niki Lundquist accepted Trustee Donna Edward's friendly amendment to Section 2.2.2 (h).

2022: RB92

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

TO STRIKE "IF AT ALL" FROM SECTION 2.2.2, SECTION H.

2022:RB93

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

SECONDED by Trustee Scott Templeton

THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE REVISED BYLAW ON RECEIVING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND TO STRIKE "IF AT ALL" FROM SECTION 2.2.2 AT THE END OF SECTION H.

CARRIED

15. Information Items

(a) Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report

Associate Director David Wright introduced Head of Facilities Lisa Bianca who provided trustees with an update on the status of construction and major projects. Updates to this report will be provided to Trustees on a quarterly basis (September, January, March, and June), and will be posted on the Board's website.

Trustee questions were answered.

(b) Draft Accommodation Plan: Trends Issues and Future Opportunities 2022-2026

Associate Director David Wright introduced Head of Facilities Services Lisa Bianca and Manager of Property and Planning Carey Trombino who provided trustees with an overview of the draft annual Accommodation Plan: Trends, Issues and Future Opportunities for 2022-2026. The plan is updated annually and provides a broad spectrum of information related to accommodation planning, for both the short and long-term.

Trustee questions were answered.

2022:RB94

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

SECONDED by Trustee Scott Templeton

THAT THE DDSB BOARD OF TRUSTEES DRAFT URGENT CORRESPONDENCE TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION EXPRESSING THE NEED FOR CAPITAL FUNDING ON AN URGENT BASIS FOR AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN WEST WHITBY.

CARRIED

(c) Report: SEAC Meeting, June 16, 2022

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the SEAC meeting minutes of June 16, 2022.

(d) Governance and Policy Committee Meeting, May 10, 2022

Trustee Niki Lundquist provided trustees with the May 10, 2022, Governance and Policy Committee meeting report.

(e) OPSBA Report

There was nothing to report at this time.

16. Correspondence

- i. Thames Valley District School Board
- ii. Municipality of Clarington
- iii. York Region District School Board

17. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

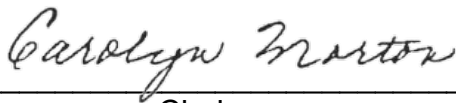
18. Adjournment

2022:RB95

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.



Chair



Secretary