

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board Monday, November 21, 2022

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

1. Call to Order:

Chair Donna Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michelle Arseneault, Tracy Brown, Emma Cunningham, Stephen Linton, Kelly Miller, Carolyn Morton, Deb Oldfield, Shailene Panylo, Linda Stone, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Ben Cameron, Lauren Edwards, Gwen Kuyt

Officials Present: Director of Education and Secretary to the Board 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, Kandis Thompson, Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec, General Counsel Patrick Cotter

Recording Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Donna Edwards 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.

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5. Adoption of Agenda

2022:RB146

MOVED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE AGENDA IS APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. Minutes

2022:RB147

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Tracy Brown

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

(a) THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2022.

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

(b) THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2022.

(c) THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2022.

CARRIED

7. Ministry Memorandums-Information Update

Director Norah Marsh provided trustees with the following update:

There was an announcement that CUPE has reached a tentative agreement pending ratification. Director Marsh thanked all staff and families for their flexibility and understanding during this process.

Superintendent Jack Nigro has accepted a position at the Toronto District School Board as Executive Superintendent. Director Marsh welcomed Kandis Thompson to the position of Superintendent of Equitable Education.

Director Norah Marsh shared that the first of two DELF Exam Sessions are taking place this week at the Education Centre. This was something that has not been possible during the pandemic.

Trustee questions were answered.

8. Public Question Period

Dylan R., a student of DDSB presented a question regarding virtual learning. Staff responded to the question.

Two written questions were provided with regards to masking and public health measures. Staff responded to the questions.

9. 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, administrative transfer and placements and employee relations.

2022:RB148

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

SECONDED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE ACTIONS OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2022, IN
CAMERA MEETING.

CARRIED

10. Good News from the System

Anna and Tyler from Brock High School shared good news from across the system on behalf of DDSB students.

On October 5th, over 100 DDSB students attended "Dreamer Day" in Toronto. The International Day of the Girl empowerment event featured interactive booths on trades, technology, STEM, apprenticeships, and engineering.

Guest speakers were strong examples of successful, self-driven women. Students walked away with an understanding of potential pathways for their future.

Students and staff across the DDSB recognized November as Hindu Heritage Month. Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 at Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Seneca Trail, and Sherwood public schools also participated in Diwali with the help of Teacher-Librarians Jason Wiggins and Jennifer Montgomery. Educators created invitations for learning with the goal of uplifting and affirming identities of those who celebrate Diwali. Students were excited to engage in learning that connects to their own identity as well as learning about different perspectives.

Twenty-six community partners joined DDSB families and Inclusive Student Services staff at the Education Centre for *Life Beyond High School: Community connections for young adults with accommodation needs*. Organizations including Lakeridge Community Support Services and Developmental Services Ontario shared

resources, services, and programs that respond to the social-emotional, developmental, and community needs of students and their families.

Congratulations to Eagle Ridge Public School student 10-year-old Aysha on being selected as Ajax Fire Chief for the Day. Aysha's poster entry illustrated her knowledge and understanding of key fire safety messages.

Congratulations to Grade 7 student Adrien from Glen Dhu Public School who was selected as Whitby Junior Fire Chief for 2022 out of the graduates from this year's Junior Firefighter Summer Camp.

Staff and students at Pickering High School forged ahead with their 16th Annual Hungry for Halloween Food Drive this year. The drive took place October 17 to November 1, 2022 with a drive-through food drop off on Saturday October 29, 2022. Together, the school community raised:

- 2,888 pounds of food, equal to 2,406 meals;
- \$7,000.00 in donations; and
- \$50.00 in grocery store gift cards.

All proceeds were donated to Feed the Need in Durham.

As part of Remembrance Week, DDSB schools created art and hosted impactful events to honour all who served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict, and peace.

Students and staff at Sinclair Secondary School took a moment to remember, reflect, and honour veterans and those currently serving with an in-school assembly. Sinclair alumni, Sub Lieutenant Holmes from the Canadian Navy shared her journey.

The 2022-2023 Student Trustees welcomed student leaders from across DDSB to the Student Senate Symposium hosted at the Education Centre in Whitby. Together, Student Trustees Gwen, Lauren, and Ben led open discussion about well-being and equity, explained each of the roles in Student Senate, and planned for a successful school year with peers.

On November 2, 2022, staff at the Education Centre welcomed Grade 9 students for *Take Our Kids to Work Day*. Students heard from Student Success team members, a DDSB Psychometrist, and representatives from the Communications Department about their professional journeys and educational pathways. Students took a tour, visiting the boardroom where they met with the video team, explored the photography and video equipment in the media studio, as well as the graphic design and courier departments.

To end the morning students participated in a culinary activity, learning how to decorate cupcakes using a variety of icing techniques. They also explored Specialist High Skills Major kits that focused on technology, construction, and electricity. These opportunities gave students a chance to explore a wide range of potential career pathways and try their hand at related activities.

Grade 11 Pickering High School student Jacob A. hosted a session with Shell's executives at the Web Summit 2022, in Lisbon, Portugal in early November. The

Web Summit is the largest emerging tech conference in the world with 80,000 - 100,000 attendees.

Dr. Kiley Kapuscinski, English teacher at Maxwell Heights recently published *Moved* - a book that examines child development and self-regulation in a technical age.

Emma Gray, teacher at Seneca Trail Public School, has also written a book titled *Kindness is Worth the Effort*. The book is about a young boy who grows in confidence through his ability to be kind after facing his school bully.

G.L. Roberts CVI current/past staff, alumni and students celebrated the school's 50th anniversary, October 21–23, 2022.

In attendance was G.L. Roberts' first principal from 50 years ago, Mr. Chuck Powers. Many of his former students and current staff were thrilled to connect with the leader who created such a strong legacy of community within the school.

Mr. Dave Brown, Head of Culinary at Uxbridge Secondary School has developed a Culinary Program that has turned heads in the community.

Mr. Brown's program started very small with just one classroom and now has grown into eight. As of this year, the program has included Practical Learning Program students and Specialist High Skills Major students.

On November 15, 2022, students from Sinclair's Culinary program catered a reception to welcome the DDSB's new Board of Trustees led by Culinary Arts teacher John MacKinnon and his extremely talented culinary students.

Students from Glen Dhu Public Schools Junior/Intermediate Choir entertained those in attendance with beautiful music led by teachers, Emily Parliament and Melissa Arkell.

Dates of Significance:

Nov. 25	Day of the Covenant begins
Nov. 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
Nov. 26	Holodomor Memorial Day
Nov. 28	Ascension Of Abdu'l-Bahá begins
Nov. 29	First day of Advent begins
Nov. 29	Giving Tuesday
Dec. 1	World Aids Day
Dec. 2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (UN)
Dec. 3	International Day for Disabled Persons (UN)
Dec. 5	International Volunteer Day
Dec. 8	Bodhi Day
Dec. 10	Human Rights Day (UN)
Dec. 13	Aga Khan's Birthday
Dec. 16	Las Posadas
Dec. 18	Hanukkah
Dec. 21	Solstice International

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Dec. 21	Yule
Dec. 21	Tohji-Tasai
Dec. 25	Christmas
Dec. 26	Boxing Day
Dec. 26-Jan 1	Kwanzaa

11. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2022

Trustee Christine Thatcher shared with trustees the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting on November 7, 2022.

2022:RB149

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

SECONDED by Trustee Deb Oldfield

THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND APPROVE THE ACTIONS OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2022, STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING.

CARRIED

(b) Financial Process and the 2021-2022 Financial Statements

Associate Director David Wright introduced Senior Manager Melissa Durward and Jennifer Machin who provided trustees with an overview of the 2021-2022 Financial Statements for their approval in accordance with the recommendation from the Audit Committee.

2022:RB150

MOVED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

SECONDED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE 2021-2022 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD, INCLUDING TRANSFERS TO AND FROM INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS.

CARRIED

(c) SEAC Motion: November 10, 2022

Trustee Christine Thatcher shared that the following motion was carried, and the resolutions were adopted at the SEAC meeting on November 10, 2022;

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE SEAC RECOMMENDATION THAT CANDIDATES ELIZABETH DANIEL AND MORGAN CAMERON REPRESENT THE SEAC POSITIONS OF MEMBER AT LARGE.

2022:RB151

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

SECONDED by Trustee Stephen Linton

THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THESE RESOLUTIONS OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2022
SEAC COMMITTEE.

CARRIED

(d)

i. Health and Safety Measures

Associate Directors Jim Markovski and David Wright provided trustees with an overview of the staff Health and report on student attendance trends, ventilation systems and health and safety measures that are in place.

Trustee questions were answered.

ii. Motion: Consideration of Mandatory Masking in the Durham District School Board

Trustee Shailene Panylo provided an overview of the motion that was brought forward at the November 15, 2022 meeting.

Trustee questions were answered.

2022:RB152

MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

~~THAT THE DDSB FORMALLY REQUEST THAT THE DURHAM REGION HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACT PROACTIVELY TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOLS AND GIVE US THE DIRECTIVE TO REINSTATE MASKING REQUIREMENTS SO WE CAN HELP MITIGATE RISK AND ILLNESS DURING THIS CRISIS AND SHORTAGE AND REEVALUATE THIS MEASURE WHEN THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS' CONCERNS HAVE BEEN MITIGATED AND REDUCED. I INCLUDE PROVISIONS OF CONSIDERATION TO ENSURE THAT THIS MEASURE IS EQUITABLE FOR STUDENTS WITH DOCUMENTED MEDICAL CONDITIONS, SPECIAL NEEDS, DISABILITIES, AND THAT HIGH QUALITY MASKS ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND VISITORS TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC BARRIERS TO SAFETY.~~

Student Trustee Ben Cameron brought forward an amendment to strike out the above (2022:RB152) foregoing motion and replace it with the following.

2022:RB153

MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

THAT THE DDSB REQUEST A DIRECTIVE FROM THE DURHAM REGION HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT AN EQUITABLE MASKING REQUIREMENT IN SCHOOLS.

DEFEATED

2022:RB154

MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

THAT THE DDSB FORMALLY REQUEST THAT THE DURHAM REGION HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACT PROACTIVELY TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOLS AND GIVE US THE DIRECTIVE TO REINSTATE MASKING REQUIREMENTS SO WE CAN HELP MITIGATE RISK AND ILLNESS DURING THIS CRISIS AND SHORTAGE AND REEVALUATE THIS MEASURE WHEN THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS' CONCERNS HAVE BEEN MITIGATED AND REDUCED. INCLUDE PROVISIONS OF CONSIDERATION TO ENSURE THAT THIS MEASURE IS EQUITABLE FOR STUDENTS WITH DOCUMENTED MEDICAL CONDITIONS, SPECIAL NEEDS, DISABILITIES, AND THAT HIGH QUALITY MASKS ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND VISITORS TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC BARRIERS TO SAFETY.

DEFEATED

15. Information Items

(a) Audit Committee Summary, November 10, 2022

Chair Donna Edwards provided trustees with the summary from the November 10, 2022 Audit Committee meeting public session.

(b) Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) Annual Report

DSTS Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Mechoulam provided trustees with information on the 2021-2022 Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) annual report.

Trustee questions were answered.

(c) Update: Strategic Planning Procurement Process

Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec provided trustees with additional information about the procurement process for development of the next Durham District School Board (DDSB) multi-year strategic plan. The report has been updated to address the

discussion at the October 3, 2022, Board meeting following initial receipt of the report.

Trustee questions were answered.

(d) Report: SEAC Meeting, September 15, 2022, and October 20, 2022

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the SEAC meeting minutes to trustees for information.

(e) OPSBA Report

There was nothing to report at this time.

16. Correspondence

- i. Durham District School Board (2 Letters)
- ii. Kawartha Pineridge District School Board
- iii. Thames Valley District School Board
- iv. Waterloo Region District School Board

17. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

18. Adjournment

2022:RB155
MOVED by Chair Donna Edwards

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

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



Chair



Secretary