

**Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
December 5, 2022**

The hybrid regular meeting of the Standing Committee of the Durham District School Board was held on this date.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair, Christine Thatcher called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: Student Trustee Lauren Edwards

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, Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec, General Counsel Patrick Cotter

Recording Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. 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.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

4. Motion to Approve the Agenda

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MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Director's Farewell

Chair Donna Edwards and Trustee Carolyn Morton acknowledged the leadership, impact and legacy that Director Norah Marsh has provided to the Durham District School Board and wished her all the best in her future endeavors in her upcoming retirement.

6. Director's Update

Superintendent Heather Mundy provided trustees with the following update:

Today the CUPE Ontario School Boards Council of Unions (OSBCU) Bargaining Unit announced a 73% vote in favour of the tentative central agreement and that they have a record 70% of their membership voting.

Once approval from the Council of Trustees Association, which includes OPSBA, the central collective agreement for CUPE will be ratified. CUPE represents four units within the Board which includes, custodians, maintenance, office clerical technical, educational assistants and continuing education workers.

Central bargaining is ongoing for both OSSTF and ETFO and staff will continue local bargaining will all unions to reach negotiated local collective agreements.

7. Recommended Actions

There were no recommended actions at this time.

8. Information Items

(a) Briefing on Cyber Security

Associate Director David Wright provided trustees with an update on the recent cyber security incident that took place at the DDSB on November 25, 2022.

(b) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees Ben Cameron and Gwen Kuyt provided the following update:

Student Senate Meeting: Internal elections were held to determine positions such as the Student Voice Working Group Chair. The Student Senate meets every month and is made up of up to 3 students from each secondary school in the DDSB.

(c) 2022 Director's Annual Report

Director Norah Marsh provided Trustees with the 2022 Director's Annual Report. The Director's Annual Report is pursuant to the provisions of section 283(2) of the Education Act, the Chief Executive Officer of the Board shall, within the policies established by the Board, develop and maintain an

effective organization and the programs required to implement such policies. Section 283(3) of the Education Act stipulates that at the first meeting in December each year, the Chief Executive Officer shall submit to the Board a report on the actions taken during the preceding 12 months under subsection (2) and to also submit a copy of this report to the Minister of Education.

Trustee questions were answered.

(d) Update on Recent Public Health Recommendations

Associate Director Jim Markovski provided trustees with an overview on the actions taken in response to the recent correspondence received from Dr. Robert Kyle, the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health for Durham Region, that strongly recommends masking for students while at school, on the bus and at childcare.

Trustee questions were answered.

(e) OPSBA Report

Trustee Emma Cunningham provided trustees with the OPSBA survey and provided an overview of the results.

Trustee questions were answered.

9. (a) Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

10. Adjournment

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MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.



Chair



Secretary