

Minutes – Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Hybrid

1. Call to Order

Robert Cerjanec, Executive Lead, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michelle Arseneault, Donna Edwards, Kelly Miller (virtual), Carolyn Morton, Deb Oldfield, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Ben Cameron, Kayla Hoare

Not in Attendance: Trustees Tracy Brown, Emma Cunningham, Stephen Linton, Shailene Panylo, Linda Stone, Jill Thompson, Student Trustee Neha Kasoju

Staff Present: Director of Education Camille Williams-Taylor, Associate Director's Jim Markovski and David Wright (virtual), General Counsel Patrick Cotter (virtual), Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec, Superintendent's Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy

Recording Secretary: Gillian Venning

2. Land Acknowledgment

Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec gave the Land Acknowledgement: 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.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Recommended Actions

(a) Election of Chair

Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec facilitated the election process and began by opening nominations for the position of Chair of the Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee.

Trustee Carolyn Morton nominated Trustee Deb Oldfield.

After three calls for additional nominations and seeing none, nominations for the role of Chair were closed.

Trustee Oldfield was acclaimed Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

(b) Election of Vice Chair

Chair Deb Oldfield opened nominations for the role of Vice Chair of the Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee.

Trustee Edwards brought forward that Trustee Panylo wished to self-nominate and had consented to serving as Vice Chair.

After three calls for additional nominations and seeing none, nominations for the role of Vice Chair were closed.

Trustee Panylo was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee.

(c) Formation of the Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WORK WITH THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE TO COME FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED

6. Other Business

(a) Next Meeting Date

It was confirmed that the next meeting date will be determined by the Committee Chair and Vice Chair in consultation with the Director of Education once the Terms of Reference have been established.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.