



DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

NOTICE OF MEETING

VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS AD HOC COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION

Chair: to be determined

Vice Chair: to be determined

DATE: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Hybrid

ATTACHMENTS: Agenda

Copies to:

All Trustees and Student Trustees
Director of Education
All Superintendents

VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
6:00 p.m.

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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u> | Verbal |
| 2. <u>Land Acknowledgement</u> | Verbal |
| <p>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.</p> | |
| 3. <u>Declarations of Interest</u> | Verbal |
| 4. <u>Motion to Approve Agenda</u> | Verbal |
| 5. <u>Recommended Actions</u> | |
| (a) Election of Chair
(Director of Education Camille Williams-Taylor) | Verbal |
| (b) Election of Vice Chair
(Committee Chair) | Verbal |
| (c) Formation of the Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee | 1 - 3 |
| 6. <u>Other Business</u> | |
| (a) Next Meeting Date | |

Adjournment

DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

REPORT TO: Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee **DATE:** September 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Formation of the Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee **PAGE:** 1 of 3

ORIGIN: Camille Williams-Taylor, Director of Education and Secretary to the Board
Patrick Cotter, General Counsel
Robert Cerjanec, Executive Lead, Strategic Initiatives and External Relations

1.0 Purpose

This purpose of this report is to provide background information on the formation of the Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee and to recommend next steps.

2.0 Ignite Learning Strategic Priority/Operational Goals

Success – *Set high expectations and provide support to ensure all staff and students reach their potential every year.*

Well-being – *Create safe, welcoming, inclusive learning spaces to promote well-being for all students and staff.*

Leadership – *Identify future leaders, actively develop new leaders and responsively support current leaders.*

Equity – *Promote a sense of belonging and increase equitable outcomes for all by identifying and addressing barriers to success and engagement.*

Engagement – *Engage students, parents and community members to improve student outcomes and build public confidence.*

Innovation – *Re-imagine learning and teaching spaces through digital technologies and innovative resources.*

3.0 Background

Terms of Reference of Ad Hoc Committee

By resolution dated May 15, 2023, the Board of Trustees established an ad hoc committee. The resolution stipulates the terms of reference for the committee in the following terms:

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES STRIKE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF ALL TRUSTEES AND STUDENT TRUSTEES, WITH INPUT FROM SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, UNION REPRESENTATIVES, AND SENIOR STAFF WITH THE PURPOSE OF INFORMATION GATHERING, MONITORING AND EVALUATING ISSUES RELATED, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT INCLUDING ANY AND ALL INTERRELATED ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE OR BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE SHALL COLLABORATIVELY BUILD POLICY, STRATEGIES AND STANDARDS FOR SAFETY AND SUSTAINABILITY, AND MEASURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLLABORATIVE PLANS.

Consolidated Bylaws

This ad hoc committee was established under the Board's Consolidated Bylaws. The relevant provisions of which provide as follows:

4.6.1 In addition to any committees established under these Bylaws, the Board may by resolution, establish any Standing Committee, Ad Hoc Committee or Advisory Committee as it may deem appropriate at any time, subject to these Bylaws and any applicable legislation. The Board shall stipulate, by resolution, the terms of reference for any such Standing Committee or Ad Hoc Committee stipulating the mandate and membership of the Committee. The Board may, by resolution, seek the recommendation from a Standing Committee or Ad Hoc Committee on the appropriate terms of reference for the committee.

4.7.1 The members of Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees shall be Trustees. The members of a Statutory Committee are as stipulated by legislation or regulation.

4.7.4 The Director shall assign one (non-member/non-voting) senior staff person to every Ad Hoc and Standing Committee and any other (non-member/non-voting) staff person(s) that the Director, in consultations with the Chair of committee, may deem appropriate.

4.7.7 Committees are not decision-making bodies and may only make recommendations. Ad Hoc Committees report to the Committee of Whole - Standing.

4.7.9 Once an Ad Hoc Committee has satisfied the terms of reference, it shall report to the Committee of Whole – Standing confirming that it has satisfied the terms of reference at which point it shall be automatically dissolved.

5.3.1 Except as permitted under section 207 of the Education Act, and the regulations thereunder, all meetings of the Board and Committees of the Board shall be open to the public.

4.0 Analysis

In this case, the Board of Trustees has set the terms of reference through the resolution passed on May 15, 2023. While the committee may proceed to meet regularly to carry out these terms of reference, the Board has the option to develop a broader terms of reference that provides more clarity to the scope and undertaking of this committee.

To do this, the committee may pass a resolution to develop a draft Terms of Reference that would be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration at a board meeting. Once passed, the new terms of reference will set the direction for the committee to begin its work.

5.0 Financial Implications

Not applicable.

6.0 Evidence of impact

Not applicable.

7.0 Communication Plan

Not applicable.

8.0 Conclusion and/or Recommendations

It is recommended that the committee pass a resolution that the Director of Education work with the Chair of the Committee on a proposed revised Terms of Reference and submit it to a meeting of the Board of Trustees for consideration.

9.0 Appendices

Not applicable.

Report reviewed and submitted by:



Camille Williams-Taylor, Director of Education and Secretary to the Board



Patrick Cotter, General Counsel



Robert Cerjanec, Executive Lead, Strategic Initiatives and External Relations

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