

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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

1. Call to Order:

Chair Christine Thatcher called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michelle Arseneault, Emma Cunningham, Donna Edwards, Stephen Linton, Carolyn Morton, Shailene Panylo (virtual, joined 8:27 p.m.), Linda Stone (left 8:53 p.m.), Student Trustees Ben Cameron, Kayla Hoare (virtual)

Regrets: Trustees Tracy Brown, Kelly Miller, Deb Oldfield, Jill Thompson, Student Trustee Neha Kasoju

Not in Attendance:

Officials Present: Director of Education and Secretary to the Board Camille Williams-Taylor, Associate Directors Jim Markovski and David Wright, Superintendents Michael Bowman, Georgette Davis, Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy (virtual), Stephen Nevills, Martine Robinson, Kandis Thompson, Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec, General Counsel Patrick Cotter

Recording Secretary: Gillian Venning

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Christine Thatcher gave the Land Acknowledgment: 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. O Canada

Trustee Michelle Arseneault welcomed and introduced the Willows Walk Public School Junior/Intermediate Choir, accompanied by staff Amy Bourdon, Andrea James, Bill

Houlden and Andrew Watson as well as Principal Sandra Makris and Vice Principal Mike Loscavo. The choir performed their version of O Canada and Lift Every Voice.

The Chair called a short recess at 7:13 p.m. to allow preparation for the Definitely Durham Awards Presentation. The meeting reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

4. Definitely Durham Awards Presentation

Chair Christine Thatcher welcomed guests and inductees to the 2023 Definitely Durham Hall of Fame celebration, including recipients Stacey Jiggins, Matthew Samuels and family members accepting on behalf of William Levine. The 2023 inductees exemplify DDSB's character traits of teamwork, responsibility, respect, perseverance, optimism, kindness, integrity, honesty, empathy and courage.

Trustees Carolyn Morton, Stephen Linton, Chair Christine Thatcher and Director Camille Williams-Taylor introduced the recipients and presented the awards.

5. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2024:RB19

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

7. Minutes

The draft minutes of January 22, 2024 were corrected to indicate that Student Trustee Cameron voted "No" during the recorded vote for motion RB13, Potential Renaming of Lord Elgin Public School.

2024:RB20

MOVED by Trustee Stephen Linton

SECONDED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

(a) THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2023

AND THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

(b) THE AMENDED REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2024

CARRIED

8. Ministry Memorandums-Information Update

Director Camille Williams-Taylor provided trustees with the following update:

On February 8, the DDSB was pleased to host the Ministry of Education's announcement of incorporating Black Canadian history into the Grades 7, 8 and 10 curriculum that starting in September 2025 will emphasize the significant contributions and history of Black Canadians, integrating it into the broader narrative of Canadian history. As noted in that announcement, teaching Black history ends the practice of telling a single story about our country and is an important step in fostering a more inclusive and equitable education system and society.

The announcement reminds us of our commitment to recognizing Black excellence and addressing anti-Black racism year-round. We encourage all community members and organizations to reflect and take meaningful steps to identify and dismantle anti-Black racism throughout the year and have posted more on this topic on our website at ddsb.ca.

The Ministry also announced that they have created the Ontario Curriculum Review and Revision Guide where the Ministry will be phasing in a 5-year review cycle of the Ontario Curriculum.

Next week, athletes with an intellectual disability from across Canada's 12 Provincial/Territorial Special Olympics Chapters will converge in Calgary to compete in the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games with the goal of achieving personal bests, and in some cases, the opportunity to be named to Special Olympics Team Canada. Athletes will compete in 8 different sports including: Speed Skating, Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Figure Skating, Curling, Floor Hockey, Snowshoeing, and 5 Pin Bowling. The DDSB's Ella Robinson Renaud, who attends J. Clarke Richardson, will be representing Ontario in Speed Skating. Please join me in wishing Ella the very best of luck as she competes!

9. Public Question Period

Dylan Reynolds joined the meeting virtually and asked a question regarding student transportation. Staff responded to the question.

Amjad Muhammad joined the meeting virtually and asked a question regarding a future DDSB elementary school in Ajax. Staff responded to the question.

Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec read a question from Sue Fan into the record regarding anti-Black racism. Staff responded to the question.

Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec read a question from Jacqueline Van Eerden into the record regarding student transportation. Staff responded to the question.

Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec read a question from Kimberly Armstrong into the record regarding DDSB@Home. Staff responded to the question.

Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec read a question from Alicia McAuley Ashfield into the record regarding DDSB@Home and health and safety measures in schools. Staff responded to the question.

Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec read a question from Jessica Street into the record regarding security measures at public meetings and associated costs. Staff responded to the question.

Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec read a question from Jessica Wilkins into the record regarding learning resource selection. Staff responded to the question.

10. Report from the Committee of the Whole In Camera

Trustee Emma Cunningham reported that the Committee of the Whole met in closed session on February 20, 2024, and discussed matters involving;

The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or a committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or their parent/caregiver, and, decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the board.

Trustee questions were answered.

2024:RB21
MOVED by Trustee Emma Cunningham
SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE ACTIONS AND ADOPT ANY RESOLUTIONS OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2024, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION MEETING.

CARRIED

11. Good News from the System

Malriq and Kylie from Ajax High School shared good news from across the system on behalf of DDSB students.

12. Recommended Actions

(a) Report and Adoption of Any Resolutions: Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2024

Trustee Emma Cunningham shared the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting of February 5, 2024.

2024:RB22
MOVED by Trustee Emma Cunningham
SECONDED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE RESOLUTIONS AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2024 STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING.

CARRIED

(b) Education Finance Committee Meeting Dates: 2024-2025 Budget

Associate Director David Wright provided an overview of the annual budget process and shared a proposed list of Education Finance Committee meeting dates related to development of the 2024-2025 budget.

Trustee questions were answered.

2024:RB23

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE 2024-2025 MEETING SCHEDULE AS OUTLINED IN TABLE 1 OF THE REPORT FOR THE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The above foregoing motion was amended:

2024:RB24

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Stephen Linton

THAT THE SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS NOTED IN THE REPORT BE AMENDED SO THAT THE MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2024 STARTS AT 7:00 P.M. INSTEAD OF 6:00 P.M.

CARRIED

The original motion was further amended:

2024:RB25

MOVED by Trustee Stephen Linton

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

THAT THE SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS NOTED IN THE REPORT BE AMENDED SO THAT THE MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2024 BE MOVED TO APRIL 11, 2024, SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

CARRIED

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2024:RB26

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE AMENDED 2024-2025 MEETING SCHEDULE AS OUTLINED IN TABLE 1 OF THE REPORT FOR THE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CARRIED

(c) Unnamed North Oshawa Public School Boundary Recommendation

Associate Director David Wright introduced Head of Facilities Services Lisa Bianca who provided trustees with an overview of the consultative process that took place recently, leading to the staff recommended establishment of an enrolment boundary for the new Unnamed North Oshawa PS, scheduled to open in September 2024.

Trustee questions were answered.

2024:RB27

MOVED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

SECONDED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE STAFF RECOMMENDED BOUNDARY FOR UNNAMED NORTH OSHAWA PS, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2024, AS OUTLINED IN APPENDIX A.

CARRIED

(d) Vincent Massey PS, Gordon B. Attersley PS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau PS Boundary Recommendation

Associate Director David Wright and Head of Facilities Services Lisa Bianca provided trustees with background information on the enrolment pressures and growth that have impacted the Vincent Massey Public School community, leading to the need for a boundary review process which has included examination of several possible scenarios. An overview of the consultative process that took place was also provided, leading to the recommendation to establish a revised enrolment boundary for Oshawa schools Vincent Massey PS, Gordon B. Attersley PS and Pierre Elliott Trudeau PS. It was noted that the recommendation being put forward through this report is responsive to feedback gathered through community consultation and is different than the original recommendation that was initially presented for feedback.

Trustee questions were answered.

2024:RB28

MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THAT GROWTH BOUNDARIES BE

ESTABLISHED FOR THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AREA SOUTH OF ELDORADO AVENUE, NORTH OF SHANKEL ROAD, EAST OF FLEETWOOD DRIVE AND WEST OF TOWNLINE ROAD NORTH AND THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AREA SOUTH OF THE GOLDMAN WOODLOT, NORTH OF WADEBRIDGE CRESCENT, AND WEST OF AUTUMNWOOD TRAIL. THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AREA SOUTH OF THE GOLDMAN WOODLOT AND PART OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF ELDORADO AVENUE INCLUDING FLEETWOOD DRIVE SOUTH OF ELDORADO AVENUE, LELAND ROAD AND SHANKEL ROAD WOULD BE PARTNERED WITH GORDON B. ATTERSLEY PS WHILE THE OTHER PART OF THIS AREA, INCLUDING APOLLO STREET, BRADENTON PATH, AND DOUG FINNEY STREET WOULD BE PARTNERED WITH HARMONY HEIGHTS PS.

The motion was carried on a recorded vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Michelle Arseneault		Tracy Brown	
Emma Cunningham		Kelly Miller	
Donna Edwards		Deb Oldfield	
Stephen Linton		Jill Thompson	
Carolyn Morton			
Shailene Panylo			
Linda Stone			
Christine Thatcher			
<u>Student Trustees</u>			
Ben Cameron		Neha Kasoju	
Kayla Hoare			

2024:RB29

MOVED by Trustee Emma Cunningham
SECONDED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THAT THE BLOCK LOCATED SOUTH OF TAUNTON ROAD, INCLUDING THE STREETS: MACINALLY COURT, GLENBOURNE DRIVE AND BENSON STREET (AS IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A2), BE ADDED TO THE PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU PS BOUNDARY FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR. STUDENTS AND THEIR SIBLINGS CURRENTLY RESIDING WITHIN THIS AREA AND ATTENDING GORDON B ATTERSLEY PS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO REMAIN AT GORDON B. ATTERSLEY PS OR ATTEND PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU PS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2024. ANY NEW FAMILIES REGISTERING, PENDING BOARD OF TRUSTEE APPROVAL, WILL ATTEND PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU PS.

The motion was carried on a recorded vote:

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<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Michelle Arseneault		Tracy Brown	
Emma Cunningham		Kelly Miller	
Donna Edwards		Deb Oldfield	
Stephen Linton		Linda Stone	
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(e) School Year Calendar 2024-2025

Associate Director Jim Markovski provided an overview of the school year calendar planning and development process, which includes ensuring compliance with Regulation 304, alignment with the requirements of applicable collective agreements and supporting the cycles of teaching and learning that take place throughout the school year. In developing the 2024-2025 school year calendars, the DDSB engaged in an expanded consultation process, sharing the proposed calendars with community and education partners to help ensure the calendars best meet the needs and preferences of the DDSB community. In response to feedback received through consultation, two PA days during the 2024-2025 school year are placed to coincide with dates of religious significance. It was noted that as there are a limited number of PA days available annually, it will not be possible to place a PA day on all dates of religious significance, and DDSB's efforts to place PA days on the dates of significance occurring on November 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025 should not be interpreted as giving an advantage or preference to any one faith group over another. For a variety of factors, it may also not be possible to place a PA day on dates of significance in future years.

Trustee questions were answered.

2024:RB30

MOVED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

SECONDED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS (APPENDICES A-D). THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS WILL THEN BE FORWARDED TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ENSURING THAT THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD IS COMPLIANT WITH REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN REGULATION 304.

CARRIED

(f) Motion: DDSB Support of Toronto Youth Cabinet Statement

Chair Christine Thatcher introduced the motion, noting that it has been requested by Student Trustee Ben Cameron. Student Trustee Cameron expressed appreciation to Trustee Panylo for the support in bringing forward this motion for consideration.

Trustee questions were answered.

2024:RB31

MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

SECONDED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ENDORSE THE TORONTO YOUTH CABINET'S CALLS FOR A PROVINCE-WIDE SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM, AND THAT THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD WRITE A LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND OTHER RELEVANT PARTIES, INCLUDING LOCAL MPPS AND THE TORONTO YOUTH CABINET, EXPRESSING THE BOARD'S SUPPORT FOR THIS PROGRAM.

The motion was carried on a recorded vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Michelle Arseneault		Tracy Brown	
Emma Cunningham		Kelly Miller	
Donna Edwards		Deb Oldfield	
Stephen Linton		Linda Stone	
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13. Information Items

(a) Special Education Advisory Committee Report, November 9, 2023

Trustee Donna Edwards shared highlights of the minutes of the November 9, 2023 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, including presentation of a staff presented report related to the expectations set out in PPM169, as well as consideration for scheduling the next cycle of SEAC meetings to take place the first week of each month in order to bring the business of SEAC to the Board in a more timely way.

(b) OPSBA Report

Trustee Donna Edwards shared that there is no update at this time.

14. Correspondence

The Briefing Note: DDSB Enrolment, School Capacity, Growth and Future Plans in the Town of Ajax was shared with trustees for information.

15. Days of Significance

The dates of significance were shared with trustees for information.

16. Adjournment

2024:RB32

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:23 p.m.



Chair



Secretary