

**APPROVED Minutes – Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 7:45 p.m., Hybrid**

**1. Call to Order**

Deb Oldfield, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michelle Arseneault, Tracy Brown, Emma Cunningham, Donna Edwards, Stephen Linton (virtual), Kelly Miller, Carolyn Morton, Deb Oldfield, Shailene Panylo, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Ben Cameron, Kayla Hoare, Neha Kasoju

Regrets: Trustee Jill Thompson

Staff Present: Director of Education Camille Williams-Taylor, Associate Directors Jim Markovski and David Wright, General Counsel Patrick Cotter, Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec, Superintendents Heather Mundy, Andrea McAuley, Michael Bowman

Recording Secretary: Gillian Venning

**2. Land Acknowledgment**

Committee Chair Deb Oldfield 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. Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2023 MEETING OF THE VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS AD HOC COMMITTEE BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

## **6. Information Items**

### **(a) Report from the Violence in Schools Working Group**

Superintendent Heather Mundy introduced Senior Manager Lisa Coppins. Together, they provided trustees with an overview of the report, which included an update from the Violence in Schools Working Group that has met four times since being established in fall 2023. The Working Group has determined its purpose and engaged in discussion around the issues of violence, contexts and potential areas for action, leading to the emergence of five focus areas as noted in the report, along with information that is known and available, and information that still needs to be gathered in order to be responsive in providing recommendations around the five focus areas. It was noted that the Working Group will report back to the Ad Hoc Committee at a future date.

There were no trustee questions.

## **7. Other Business**

There was no other business discussed.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.