

**Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
October 7, 2024**

A meeting of the Standing Committee of the Durham District School Board was held on this date.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair of Standing Committee, Deb Oldfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Chair Deb Oldfield

Members Present: Trustees Michelle Arseneault, Tracy Brown, Donna Edwards, Mark Jacula, Stephen Linton, Kelly Miller, Carolyn Morton, Shailene Panylo, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Kayla Hoare, Nitishan Poopalasundaram, Shampavi Vijayakumar

Regrets: Trustee Emma Cunningham

Officials Present: Director of Education Camille Williams-Taylor, Associate Director David Wright, General Counsel Patrick Cotter, Superintendents Michael Bowman, Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills, Martine Robinson, Senior Manager Dervla Kelly, Head of Facilities Services Lisa Bianca

Recording Secretary: Gillian Venning

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Deb Oldfield gave the Land Acknowledgment: 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

2024:SC22
MOVED by Trustee Stephen Linton
SECONDED by Trustee Tracy Brown

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. DDSB Presentations: Strategic Implementation

(a) Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF)

Superintendent Margaret Lazarus introduced student Rakesh Uthayakumar and staff Christine Demaray, Lanya Lewis, Lynda Dortelus, Kevin MacKinnon, Kimberley Penzhorn and Mayde Titus who provided an overview of the administration of the Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF) in the 2023-2024 school year.

Trustee questions were answered.

6. Recommended Actions

(a) Approval of the Standing Committee Minutes, September 3, 2024

Trustee Deb Oldfield presented the minutes from the September 3, 2024 Standing Committee Meeting.

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MOVED by Trustee Tracy Brown

SECONDED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

7. Information Items

(a) 2024-2025 Capital Priorities Submission

Associate Director David Wright introduced Head of Facilities Lisa Bianca who provided an overview of DDSB's project submissions for the 2024-2025 Capital Priorities Program in accordance with the Ministry of Education guideline. DDSB project submissions include (1) Unnamed West Whitby Secondary School, (2) Unnamed Northeast Oshawa Public School, (3) 15-room addition to Henry Street High School.

Trustee questions were answered.

(b) Summer Learning Opportunities: 2024 Impact Report

Superintendents Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Stephen Nevills and Martine Robinson provided an overview of DDSB's

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2024 summer learning programs, including key educational impacts as they relate to the priorities of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

Trustee questions were answered.

(c) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees Kayla Hoare, Nitishan Poopalasundaram and Shampavi Vijayakumar shared an update on the inaugural Student Senate Executive meeting, Annual General Assembly meeting, start of school year outreach activities that have been undertaken through social media and email, and plans to promote student mental health initiatives throughout the school year.

Trustee questions were answered.

(d) Ignite Durham Learning Foundation (IDLF)

Trustee Michelle Arseneault shared a video showcasing the summer 2024 charitable “Fill a Backpack” drive and thanked all the donors and volunteers who participated in the campaign.

(e) OPSBA Update

Trustee Donna Edwards provided an update following the September 27 and 28, 2024 OPSBA Board of Directors meeting, where Annual Operational Plan, Governance and Public Affairs, Legislative Updates, Ontario Coalition for Children Youth and Mental Health, Education Finance and Indigenous Trustees’ Council matters were discussed. Upcoming OPSBA meetings and events were shared.

8. Adjournment

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MOVED by Trustee Tracy Brown

SECONDED by Trustee Stephen Linton

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:59 p.m.


Chair


Secretary