

**Approved Minutes – Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Hybrid**

**1. Call to Order**

Deb Oldfield, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michelle Arseneault (virtual), Tracy Brown, Mark Jacula, Stephen Linton (virtual), Kelly Miller, Carolyn Morton, Shailene Panylo

Regrets: Trustees Emma Cunningham, Donna Edwards, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Kayla Hoare, Nitishan Poopalasundaram, Shampavi Vijayakumar

Staff Present: Superintendent Heather Mundy, Senior Manager Lisa Coppins

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 Carolyn Morton

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

**5. Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Shailene Panylo

THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2024 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 summarized the activities of the Violence in Schools Working Group since May 1, 2024, including the collection of anecdotal information received from different employee groups within the Durham District School Board: elementary principals, Inclusive Student Services, CUPE Educational Assistants, ETFO teachers and Designated Early Childhood Educators and OSSTF teachers and Professional Support Services Personnel. The report also outlined next steps for the Working Group, including an extension of its mandate through to 2025.

Discussion took place and trustee questions were answered. Committee Chair Deb Oldfield noted that as the Working Group will continue its mandate into 2025, the Ad Hoc Committee is not yet in a position to deliver its final report and should therefore recommend that its mandate be extended.

MOVED by Trustee Deb Oldfield  
SECONDED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

THAT THE VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS AD HOC COMMITTEE DELIVER AN INTERIM REPORT TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 2, 2024 CONFIRMING THAT THE WORK REMAINS ONGOING AND THAT THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE IS BEING EXTENDED THROUGH TO DECEMBER 31, 2025.

CARRIED

## **7. Other Business**

There was no other business discussed.

## **8. Adjournment**

MOVED by Trustee Deb Oldfield

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.