

**Report of the Durham District School Board
Standing Committee Public Session
December 2, 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 8:38 p.m.

Roll Call: Chair Deb Oldfield

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

Regrets: Student Trustee Shampavi Vijayakumar

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

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:SC27

MOVED by Trustee Stephen Linton

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Recommended Actions

(a) Approval of the Draft Standing Committee Minutes, November 4, 2024

Trustee Deb Oldfield presented the minutes from the November 4, 2024 Standing Committee Meeting.

2024:SC28

MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2024 STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. Information Items

(a) Report: Approved April 2, 2024 Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

Trustee Deb Oldfield shared the minutes and provided an overview of discussion that took place at the April 2, 2024 Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

There were no trustee questions.

(b) Interim Report: Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee

Superintendent Heather Mundy provided an overview of the work being undertaken by the Violence in Schools Ad Hoc Committee and shared that in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Committee, it will be extending its mandate through December 31, 2025 in order to continue to consider the issues and the recommendations that it may make in its final report.

There were no trustee questions.

(c) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees Kayla Hoare and Nitishan Poopalasundaram shared an update on their recent participation in the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) Fall General Meeting in Toronto.

On November 7, 2024, the Student Senate General Assembly meeting took place, where discussion around key issues affecting students took place, including the School Climate Survey and Student Census.

On November 26, 2024, a virtual Student Trustee Information Session took place where interested secondary students had an opportunity to learning about the role and

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responsibilities of Student Trustees. A second session is being offered and will also include information about the upcoming Student Trustee Election for 2025-2026.

There were no trustee questions.

7. Adjournment

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MOVED by Trustee Stephen Linton

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.



Chair



Secretary