

Report of the Durham District School Board  
Standing Committee Public Session  
June 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Standing Committee of the Durham District School Board was held this date in Room 1017, Education Centre, 400 Taunton Road East, Whitby:

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Donna Forbes, Niki Lundquist, Carolyn Morton, Ashley Noble, Scott Templeton, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Sally Meseret, Tyler West, Risann Wright

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Associate Director Mark Fisher, Superintendents Mohamed Hamid, Anne Marie Laginski, Margaret Lazarus, Jamila Maliha, Jim Markovski, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Silvia Peterson, Communications Manager Peter Blake, Communications Officer Charles Senior

Regrets: Associate Director David Visser

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

2019:13

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

The agenda was amended to include Item 5. (a) – Announcement.

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

4. Community Presentations

There were no community presentations at this time.

5. DDSB Presentations

(a) Announcement

Trustee Carolyn Morton advised trustees that Student Trustee Sally Meseret will be representing all students in the Province next year as OSTA-AECO's President. She presented Student Trustee Sally Meseret with a token of appreciation.

(b) Engagement Annual Report

Superintendent Heather Mundy provided trustees with information on the activities of the Durham District School Board Engagement Portfolio for school year 2018-2019. She introduced Jason Rodman, Principal, Goodwood P.S., Mhona Russell, Teacher, Maxwell Heights S.S., and Abeka and Aruka Selliah. The group provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting key engagement events throughout the year, noting the STEM event. A video was also shared highlighting four different school based initiatives that focus on equity at Coronation P.S. and Alexander Graham Bell P.S. They also answered questions of trustees.

(c) Indigenous History Month

Superintendent Mohamed Hamid provided trustees with an overview of Indigenous History Month and the two initiatives the Indigenous Education Department has undertaken to support the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action for educators, the implementation of the updated Social Studies, History and Grade 10 World Studies curriculum and the specific supports for Indigenous students. He introduced Michelle Evans, Facilitator, and Jennifer Henderson, FNMI, who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the Indigenous Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy projects and Indigenous Leadership and Pathways Exploration Gathering project. Norman G. Powers P.S. teachers Rachel Cosford, Sally-Jane Dickens and Kerri Hanthorn discussed the land acknowledgement, the story of Roger Daybutch, Wampum belt and the professional development opportunities. Four students that attended the Indigenous Leadership and Pathways Exploration Gathering shared their personal experiences that allowed them to deepen their understanding of identity and sense of belonging. The group also answered questions of trustees.

(d) Maxwell Heights S.S. – Recipient of EQAO Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement Award

Superintendent Jamila Maliha provided trustees with information regarding the EQAO Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement Award 2018. The award recognizes schools across the province for their use of data to enhance and support the progress of their students. Director Lisa Millar, Superintendent Jamila Maliha and Oshawa trustees Michael Barrett, Darlene Forbes and Ashley Noble presented Matthew Goad, Teacher, Kelly Boehm, Principal and Eugenie Samara, Jennifer Fletcher, and Cloyd Syfox, Vice Principals, Maxwell Heights S.S. with a certificate of recognition.

(c) Ontario Tech University (OUT) – Engineering Outreach Specialist (EOS)

Superintendent Jamila Maliha informed trustees about the Ontario Tech University (formerly UOIT) Faculty of Engineering's Engineering Outreach Specialist (EOS) partnership with the Durham District School Board. Michelle Tsui-Woods, Project Coordinator, Ontario Tech University, Jane Kennedy, STEM Facilitator and staff and students from Northern Dancer P.S. and Viola Desmond P.S. provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the partnership to build teacher efficacy in STEM education and Design Thinking. The partnership focuses on experiential learning and has engaged over 30,000 youth, parents and teachers this year. The program embeds an Engineering Outreach Professional in schools to co-design and deliver authentic, real world STEM learning connected to the curriculum and school based themes and inquiry.

6. Recommended Actions

7. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student trustees Sally Meseret, Tyler West and Risann Wright provided trustees with an overview of the final Student Senate meeting held earlier in the evening. The group discussed their focus on student voice regarding equity and well-being. They engaged in conversation regarding student council elections and discussed the various ways elections are taking place in schools and how they can be supportive. The first annual well-being conference took place this year and discussion took place on how to embed well-being practices in schools. It was noted that the Public Board Council of OSTA-AECO recognized Student Trustee Risann Wright as the student who has most improved the lives of other students. The student trustees advocated, on behalf of students across the Province, to

(a) Student Trustee Report (Continued)

Lisa Thompson, Minister of Education regarding the changes coming. An eLearning survey is available on-line for students in grades 4-12.

(b) OPSBA Report

Trustee Donna Edwards advised that the OPSBA Policy and Programs Committee has been busy responding to various submissions in response to surveys, questions and regulations received from the Ministry. The OPSBA AGM is scheduled to be held in July.

8. Committee Reports

(a) Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of May 28, 2019

Trustee Patrice Barnes provided trustees with an overview of the Equity & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee meeting that was held on May 28, 2019.

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

10. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

11. Adjournment

2019:14  
MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:16 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary