

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday, January 20, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Durham District School Board was held this date in the Board Room, Education Centre, 400 Taunton Road East, Whitby.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Darlene Forbes, Niki Lundquist, Carolyn Morton, Ashley Noble, Scott Templeton, Student Trustees Sally Meseret

Regrets: Trustees Michael Barrett, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Arlene Wang, Tyler West

Officials Present: Associate Director Norah Marsh, Superintendents Georgette Davis, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Jamila Maliha, Jim Markovski, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills, Silvia Peterson, General Legal Counsel Patrick Cotter, Communications Manager, Peter Blake, Communications Officer Charles Senior

Regrets: Director Lisa Millar

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Moment of Silence

Chair Chris Braney advised that 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 (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.

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4. O Canada

5. Bobby Orr P.S.

There was no musical presentation due to labour issues.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2020:27

MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

SECONDED by Trustee Scott Templeton

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2020:28

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

The regular Board meeting minutes of December 2, 2019 were amended by:

Removing the name Christine Thatcher and substituting the name Darlene Forbes as being acclaimed to the position of the Chair of the Education Finance Committee of the Durham District School Board on page 19; and

Removing the name Niki Lundquist and substituting the name Carolyn Morton as accepting the SAL Liaison trustee nomination on page 23.

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2019; AND

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2019.

CARRIED

7. And This is My Story

Chair Chris Braney advised trustees that this episode of "And This is My Story" is focused on mental health and well-being. Well-being is foundational to both students school success and DDSB staff success in all employee groups. Ensuring schools and places of work are inclusive and focus on well-being is of critical importance to the DDSB and is one of the core Ignite Learning priorities.

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7. And This is My Story (Continued)

This commitment has been established in the Well-being operational goal which is: To create safe, welcoming, inclusive learning spaces to promote well-being for all students and staff. We have developed a Well-being and Mental Health Strategic Plan and we are collecting data so we can continue to be responsive and improve our programs and supports to our commitment. Schools have begun to implement a phenomenal strategy called 20 Days of Well-being which has been highly successful and goes well beyond 20 days but focuses on our motto "Well-being, Everyone, Everyday". This edition of "And This Is My Story" featured Stephanie Robertson, Teacher, Vincent Massey P.S.

8. Community Presentations

There were no community presentations at this time.

9. Ministry Memorandums – Information

There were no ministry memorandums at this time.

2020:29

MOVED by Trustee Scott Templeton

SECONDED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT THE AGENDA BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE MAPLE RIDGE P.S.
BOUNDARY REVIEW.

CARRIED

10. Public Question Period

There were no public questions at this time.

11. Presentations

(i) Student Census Findings - Identity

Superintendent Mohamed Hamid shared with trustees, a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Identity Portion of the Student Census findings. He noted that the purpose of the census is to gain a clearer understanding of who our students are in order to support equity, student achievement, and well-being. He summarized the results and answered questions of trustees.

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(ii) School Results of the School Climate/Well-Being Surveys

Superintendent Georgette Davis introduced Ken MacNaughton, Safe Schools Officer, and Chris Conley, Manager, Research who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation on the Board-wide elementary and secondary students, parents/guardians, and staff results of the 2018-2019 School Climate/Well-Being Surveys. They highlighted the analysis and use of the data, who participated in the survey, the resources to support schools, areas of focus and next steps. They also answered questions of trustees.

(iii) 2019 Director's Annual Report

Associate Director Norah Marsh, on behalf of Director Lisa Millar, provided trustees with an overview of the 2019 Director's Annual report to the community. This year's document is in both a digital interactive format and a hard copy.

2020:30

MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

SECONDED by Trustee Ashley Noble

THAT THE 2019 DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

12. Report from the Committee of the Whole in Camera

Trustee Niki Lundquist reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with administrative transfers, personnel issues, property matters, and employee relations issues.

Associate Director Norah Marsh advised that the Transfers and Placements will be communicated to the system tomorrow afternoon.

2020:31

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

SECONDED by Trustee Scott Templeton

THAT THE REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

13. Director's News from the System

Chair Chris Braney, on behalf of Director Lisa Millar, introduced the Director's Good News video which highlighted the following:

13. Director's News from the System (Continued)

Film Career Fair

Lights, camera, action! At the end of November, over 400 DDSB and Durham Catholic District School Board students attended the Film and Television Industry Career Fair. Organized by OYAP Facilitator Denise Stirton, this career fair introduced students to a variety of pathways including acting, directing, set construction, and much more. Students also learned about film and TV opportunities in Toronto and in Durham Region.

Build it Up Blitz

DDSB and Habitat for Humanity Durham recently teamed up to build homes for families in Oshawa. Students in the Specialist High Skills Major and Construction Technology programs from Durham Alternative School, Dunbarton High School, O'Neill CVI, Pickering High School and Port Perry High School participated in the initiative.

Anti-Bullying Conference & Franconnexion

In recognition of Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week, Grade 5 to 8 students got together to brainstorm innovative and engaging ways to promote the DDSB Character Traits in their schools. Superintendent Georgette Davis also shared some insightful words telling the assembled students, *"Everything in life is a lesson. Sometimes you win and sometimes you learn."*

At the beginning of December, Core French and French Immersion students gathered at the Education Centre for the Franconnexion Conference, organized by facilitators Sarah Mitchell and Shannon Wood from the French as a Second Language Team. Students learned about the many opportunities available when bilingualism is continued through secondary school and beyond.

Nutrition Program Donations

The Poverty Strategy Department worked with Ontario Power Generation who donated \$3000 from their annual staff giving campaign and arranged to have local Rotary Clubs match their donation for a total of \$6000. All the funds went towards breakfast and snack nutrition programs at Fairport Beach Public School and Bolton C. Falby Public School. OPG and Rotary staff volunteered for one day at each location, cooking and serving students breakfast. Trustee Edwards was also at Bolton C. Falby Public School lending a helping hand with breakfast.

TedX

GL Roberts CVI hosted the first ever TEDx OshawaEd in November. The planning committee was led by GL Roberts Vice Principal Basil Broumeriotis and Principal Alison Evanoff; along with J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate Vice Principal Karla Torrente. Approximately 100 attendees heard from six dynamic speakers who explored the theme of Intersections of Equity, Technology, and the Future of Education.

13. Director's News from the System (Continued)

Vaping Session at Eastdale CVI

Teachers Karen Whiteman and Lilly Coronado from Eastdale CVI, managed to secure a spot-on Health Canada's 'Consider the Consequences of Vaping' national awareness tour. Approximately 300 students participated in the interactive tour, learning about the harms and risks associated with vaping.

Child Care Expansion Roland Michener PS

Ministry of Education approval was received to proceed with the construction of a one room child care retrofit at Roland Michener Public School in Ajax. The retrofit provides a variety of child care options for children up to 12 years of age. Programs like these in DDSB schools make it convenient for parents and guardians to find reliable child care, and provide a huge benefit for long-term student success.

Day of Coding & Tech Ed Symposium

Our DDSB Science and Math facilitators collaborated to support a Day of Coding on December 10th at Dunbarton High School. Over 170 Grade 7 students learned to use microbits during an introduction to coding. This was in conjunction with the Hour of Code and Computer Science Week. The facilitator team is also working together with the Science teachers to plan the STEM summit which will happen in the spring.

During the first full week in 2020, the Technological Education Team hosted the Annual Tech Ed Symposium. Secondary students baked up a storm, deconstructed motors, learned to braid with Durham Hairstylist Academy, and much more. Trustee Thatcher was also on site to witness the amazing student creations.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration has begun for the 2020-2021 school year. The Early Years Department is leading the registration process for families with children in Junior and Senior Kindergarten. Over the next several months, parents and guardians are invited to register their children online for enrollment in a DDSB elementary school.

DEAA Update

Our Elementary Schools have proudly wrapped up their Intermediate and Junior Volleyball seasons. Two great seasons have showcased the amazing sportsmanship and talent of DDSB students. Over 70 teams had the opportunity to play in a cricket tournament at the Whitby Soccer Dome, a first-time sport for many students. Schools are now gearing up for three elementary curling bonspiels and the basketball season.

Schools Giving Back

DDSB school communities helped others in need this past holiday. Brooklin High School donated food, toys, and gift cards to the Simcoe Hall Settlement House. Clara Hughes Public School gave giftboxes to Canadian soldiers. Carruthers Creek Public School gathered food items for Horizon House and Pickering High School donated toys to CTV's Toy Mountain. These are just a few inspiring examples of students' generosity this year.

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13. Director's News from the System (Continued)

Staff Standouts

Coronation Public School paid tribute to Mary Hasiuk, who celebrated 45 years of teaching. They surprised her with a luncheon where she was presented with a gift, flowers and certificates. Educational Assistant Kerry Moeller, from Cartwright Central Public School was also recognized. She recently wrote her first children's book, *Matilda and her Magical Mat: Yoga for Everybody*.

Scott Central CBC Music Video

Scott Central Public School's Junior Choir made the Top 10 in the 2019 CBC Canadian Music Class, Challenge division. Choir members consisted of students from Grades 4 to 8 who met weekly to practice their rendition of "Shine a Light." There were an estimated 50 thousand students and close to 12 hundred music classes from across Canada entered in this competition.

External Leadership Recruitment Night

This past week, the Leadership team held an External Principal and Vice Principal Recruitment Night. Associate Director Norah Marsh and Leadership Officer Michelle MacDonald guided educators through the process of becoming an administrator in the DDSB. A panel of new Principal and Vice Principal recruits to the DDSB shared their experiences and insights with eager attendees.

EA Video

November 20th was Educational Assistants Appreciation Day. In recognition of this, a video was created to show how much the school communities value and benefit from the amazing, dedicated EAs. The video was shared. To watch the full video, please go to our DDSB YouTube channel.

The Dates of Significance:

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January	Tamil Heritage Month
Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 21	Lincoln Alexander Day
Jan. 23	Special Education Advisory Committee Mtg
Jan. 27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust
February	Black History Month
February	Psychology Month
Feb. 3	Standing Committee Meeting
Feb. 6	French Immersion Parent Information Night
Feb. 11	Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
Feb. 14	PA Day Secondary Schools
Feb. 17	Family Day

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13. Director's News from the System (Continued)

Feb. 18-21 Random Acts of Kindness Week
Feb. 18 Board Meeting
Feb. 20 Special Education Advisory Committee Mtg
Feb. 25 Regional SCC Meeting
Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday
Feb. 26 Pink Shirt Day

14. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2020

Trustee Niki Lundquist presented the Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2020.

2020:32

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

SECONDED by Trustee Ashley Noble

THAT THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2020
BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(b) Report: SEAC Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2019

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the SEAC Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2019.

2020:33

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE SEAC MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2019 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2020:34

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

THAT KELLY KENNEDY WILL BE THE SEAC ALTERNATE FOR THE ONTARIO
ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH COMMUNICATION
DISORDERS.

CARRIED

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(c) 2019-2020 Interim Financial Report

Associate Director Norah Marsh, on behalf of Director Lisa Millar, introduced Nick Bobrow, Interim Comptroller who provided trustees with an update on enrolment information and budget changes as part of the 2019-2020 Revised Estimates and on operating expenditures as at November 30, 2019 (Quarter 1)

2020:35

MOVED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

SECONDED by Trustee Ashley Noble

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE 2019-2020 REVISED ESTIMATES AS PRESENTED, PENDING MINISTER APPROVAL OF THE IN-YEAR DEFICIT FOR COMPLIANCE PURPOSES OF \$13,720,589.

CARRIED

(d) C.E. Broughton P.S. Modified Calendar Year, Town of Whitby

Superintendent Georgette Davis introduced Carey Trombino, Manager of Property and Planning and they provided trustees with information to approve the collapse of C.E. Broughton P.S.'s modified calendar year, effective September 2020.

2020:36

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

SECONDED by Trustee Scott Templeton

THAT THE BOARD CONTINUE OPERATION OF THE MODIFIED CALENDAR YEAR PROGRAM AT C.E. BROUGHTON P.S. FOR THE 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEARS;

THAT THE BOARD IMMEDIATELY TAKE EVERY REASONABLE STEP TO ENSURE THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNITY BE MADE AWARE OF THE PROGRAM AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS IT IF THEY SO CHOOSE; AND

THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO REVIEW ENROLMENT STATISTICS IN THE FALL OF 2020 AND REPORT BACK ON THE EFFORTS TO INCREASE ENROLMENT AND THE EFFECT OF THOSE EFFORTS.

CARRIED AS AMENDED
LATER IN THE MEETING
(See Following Motions)

(e) C.E. Broughton P.S. Modified Calendar Year, Town of Whitby (Continued)

2020:37

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards
SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE FOREGOING MOTION (2020:36) OF TRUSTEES NIKI LUNDQUIST AND SCOTT TEMPLETON BE AMENDED BY REMOVING THE WORDS "AND 2021-2022."

MOTION DEFEATED

Trustee Donna Edwards suggested that a review of enrolment statistics be included in the motion.

2020:38

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist
SECONDED by Trustee Scott Templeton

THAT THE FOREGOING MOTION (2020:36) OF TRUSTEES NIKI LUNDQUIST AND SCOTT TEMPLETON BE AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING:

THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO REVIEW ENROLMENT STATISTICS IN THE FALL OF 2020 AND REPORT BACK ON THE EFFORTS TO INCREASE ENROLMENT AND THE EFFECT OF THOSE EFFORTS.

CARRIED

The motion (2020:36) of Trustees Niki Lundquist and Scott Templeton was then put to a vote and CARRIED AS AMENDED.

(e) Coronation P.S. & R.H. Cornish P.S. Gifted Program Boundary

Superintendent Heather Mundy introduced Carey Trombino, Manager of Property and Planning who provided trustees with information to approve the adjustment of the Gifted program boundary of Coronation P.S. and R.H. Cornish P.S., effective September 2020.

2020:39

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton
SECONDED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

(e) Coronation P.S. & R.H. Cornish P.S. Gifted Program Boundary (Continued)

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE GIFTED PROGRAM BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT BETWEEN CORONATION P.S. AND R.H. CORNISH P.S., EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2020, AS OUTLINED IN APPENDIX A TO THE REPORT.

CARRIED

(f) Safety Motion

2020:40

MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE FOLLOWING MOTION BE REFERRED TO THE INCIDENT ADHOC COMMITTEE:

- (i) THAT WHETHER, OR NOT, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS CONFORMING TO POLICIES ON SAFETY AND THE HANDLING OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS WITHIN THE DDSB.
- (ii) THAT WE NEED TO DETERMINE IF THE METHODS BEING USED TO CONTROL INCIDENTS ARE WITHIN POLICIES ON SAFETY, AND VIOLENT ACTS.
- (iii) THAT THE POLICY ON SAFETY IS THAT SAFETY IS PRIORITY ONE, OR THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND THAT THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF IS A BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITY AND THE RESPONSIBILITY ALSO RESTS WITH EVERYONE.
- (iv) THAT STAFF SHOULD PRODUCE INFORMATION AND STATISTICS DESCRIBING WHAT ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN WHEN AN INCIDENT OCCURS, AND WHEN IT OCCURS REPEATEDLY, AND WHEN THE SAME STUDENT(S) ARE PART OF THE REPEATED INCIDENTS.
- (v) THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEEDS TO DETERMINE THAT THE HANDLING OF THESE INCIDENTS IS BEING DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR PRESENT POLICIES, OR DO THOSE POLICIES NEED TO BE AMENDED.

CARRIED

(g) Notice of Motion – Purchasing Regulation #3310 Update

Associate Director Norah Marsh presented the following Notice of Motion:

THAT THE REVISED DDSB PURCHASING REGULATION #3310 BE APPROVED.

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(h) Maple Ridge P.S. Boundary Review

Trustee Paul Crawford advised that the community and stakeholders are requesting additional time to understand the boundary review process, explore all options thoroughly, and engage in more authentic consultation. He suggested that the Board examine the impact of French Immersion offerings in a more robust, strategic and systemic way by undertaking a district review of French Immersion programs.

2020:41

MOVED by Trustee Paul Crawford

SECNDED by Trustee Chris Braney

- (i) THAT THE MAPLE RIDGE P.S. BOUNDARY REVIEW BE DEFERRED TO THE 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR AND THAT, IN THE MEANTIME, A FRENCH IMMERSION DISTRICT REVIEW BE UNDERTAKEN BY STAFF;
- (ii) THAT THIS PROCESS BE INITATED BY A STAFF REPORT ON THE SCOPE OF THE FRENCH IMMERSION REVIEW WITH A FINAL REPORT TO THE BOARD IN THE FALL OF 2020; AND
- (iii) THAT FOLLOWING THAT, STAFF WOULD INITIATE THE BOUNDARY REVIEW, WITH A REPORT TO BOARD IN FEBRUARY 2021, TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN SEPTEMBER 2021.

CARRIED

15. Information Items

(a) 2019-2020 Supplementary Funds Summary

Nick Bobrow, Interim Comptroller provided trustees with an update on Supplementary Funding announced or received to date for 2019-2020.

(b) Bell Time Review

Superintendent Heather Mundy introduced Christine Nancekivell, Chief Facilities Officer who provided trustees with an update on bell times, further to the March 20, 2017 Bell Time Review report.

2020:42

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECNDED by Trustee Ashley Noble

THAT THE BELL TIME REVIEW REPORT BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

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16. Correspondence

(a) Action Requested

There was no correspondence at this time.

(b) Other

- (i) Canadian Cancer Society
- (ii) SEAC
- (iii) Premier of Ontario

The correspondence was listed for the information of trustees.

17. Other Business

Chair Chris Braney advised that the Maple Ridge P.S. Boundary Review Consultation Open House is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Chair Chris Braney extended the Board's best wishes to Lamia Sabbagh, President, OSSTF District 13 as she accepted a position with Provincial OSSTF.

18. Adjournment

2020:43

MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

SECONED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary