

The regular meeting of the Standing Committee of the Durham District School Board was held in the Boardroom.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford (virtual), Donna Edwards (virtual), Darlene Forbes (virtual), Niki Lundquist, Carolyn Morton, Ashley Noble, Scott Templeton, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Aaliyah Jaleel, Logan Keeler, Arpita Savaliya

Officials Present: Acting Director Norah Marsh, Acting Associate Director Jim Markovski, Interim Associate Director Carla Kisko, Superintendents Gary Crossdale Georgette Davis, Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills, Jack Nigro, General Counsel Patrick Cotter, Communications Staff Robert Cerjanec, Charles Senior

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Motion to Approved the Agenda

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MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. Introduction of Student Trustees

Chair Chris Braney congratulated and welcomed new student trustees Aaliyah Jaleel, Logan Keeler and Arpita Savaliya to the Board. The students received a certificate of recognition and participated in a photo opportunity with Chair Chris Braney and Acting Director Norah Marsh.

5. Community Presentations

There were no community presentations at this time.

6. DDSB Presentations

(a) Indigenous and ESL Summer Learning Program

Acting Superintendent Erin Elmhurst provided trustees with the highlights of the 2020 Virtual Indigenous and ESL Summer Learning Program for students in Grades 2-8. She introduced Nicole Kooy, Vice Principal, Woodcrest P.S. and Summer Learning Program Administrator who provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation and advised that the 3-week program provided Indigenous students and English Language Learners with an engaging virtual learning experience inclusive of real-time and flex-time learning. The program focused on community building, supporting well-being, and bridging the gaps in learning created by the current health crisis. The program was grounded in culturally relevant and responsive pedagogy and differentiated instruction. She shared a video with trustees that highlighted one family's experience with the program. Acting Superintendent Erin Elmhurst answered questions of trustees.

(b) Ignite Unlearning: A Summer Series of Conversations

Superintendent Mohamed Hamid provided trustees with an outline of the learning that occurred during the Ignite Unlearning Summer Series of Conversations. He introduced Merrill Mathews, Equity & Diversity Officer, Camille Alli, Equity & Diversity Facilitator, Jennifer Henderson, SSI, FNMI Re-Engagement, Student Achievement, Michelle Evans, Indigenous Facilitator, Michelle MacDonald, Education Officer, Lauren Chapple, teacher, DDSB@Home, Carolyn Ussher, Chief Social Worker, Aaron Peterson, Innovation Facilitator and Jacqui Steer, Executive Coordinator. The group provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the commitments to learning environments that are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive and free from discrimination with Human Rights and Equity being integral to all work. The virtual conference provided engaging, responsive professional learning opportunities to set the foundation for the collective work in the 2020-2021 school year. The key themes included: Anti-Indigenous Racism; Anti-Black Racism; 2SLGBTQ+ Intersectionality; Trauma-Informed Practice; and Supports for Remote Learning. Acting Director Norah Marsh and Superintendent Mohamed Hamid answered questions of trustees.

7. Recommended Actions

There were no recommended actions at this time.

8. Information Item

(a) Summer Learning Supports

Superintendent Andrea McAuley provided trustees with an overview of supports and services for students provided during the Summer of 2020 concurrent or embedded in the programs provided through Durham Continuing Education. She highlighted the project foci, support for summer learning, Durham Continuing Education Summer Learning Support Team, English as a Second Language Support, and Durham Alternative S.S. Summer Learning Support Team. She also answered questions of trustees.

(b) OPSBA Report

Trustee Donna Edwards advised that OPSBA has met regarding a few policy issues. The Annual General Meeting was postponed in June and is scheduled to take place virtually at the end of the month. OPSBA officers will be elected at this meeting.

9. Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports at this time.

10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

11. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

12. Adjournment

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MOVED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:04 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary