

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board Monday June 21, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Durham District School Board was held on this date, virtually.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Carolyn Morton called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Darlene Forbes, Niki Lundquist, Linda Stone, Scott Templeton, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Aaliyah Jaleel, Logan Keeler, Arpita Savaliya

Officials Present: Director Norah Marsh, Associate Directors Jim Markovski, David Wright, Superintendents Gary Crossdale, Georgette Davis, Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills, Jack Nigro, Executive Officer Communications Robert Cerjanec, General Legal Counsel Patrick Cotter

Recording Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Moment of Silence/Acknowledgement

Chair Carolyn Morton advised that 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.

4. O Canada

5. Adoption of Agenda

2021:RB64

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. Minutes

2021:RB65

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

SECONDED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2021

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2021

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF May 17, 2021

CARRIED

7. Community Presentations

There were no community presentations at this time.

8. Ministry Memorandums-Information Update

Director Norah Marsh provided trustees with an update on the following items:

The Ministry of Education released the new Grade Nine De-Streamed Math Curriculum. Educators are reviewing and working on the curriculum to prepare for the September implementation.

On June 17, 2021, the Ministry of Education announced a French Teacher Recruitment and Retention Strategy. The Ministry worked with French First-Language stakeholders in terms of informing the strategy and also recognized the needs of English Boards with regards to FSL teachers. Director Marsh shared that

there are two components to the strategy, the oversees recruitment and the certification strategy.

Director Norah Marsh shared with trustees that it has been reported in the media that the Ministry of Education will be announcing their reopening plan in July. Staff will be returning to work in August to work with families to prepare for the September reopening.

9. Public Question Period

Dylan R., a student of DDSB presented 2 questions virtually and staff responded.

Richard Kranjec provided written questions and staff responded.

10. DDSB Presentations

(a) Student Trustee Recognition

Chair Carolyn Morton, on behalf of trustees, thanked outgoing Student Trustees, Aaliyah Jaleel, Logan Keeler, Arpita Savaliya for the work they have done this school year – advocating for their fellow students, truly making a difference and developing leadership skills. A short video from Student Trustees Aaliyah Jaleel, Logan Keeler, Arpita Savaliya highlighted their experiences as trustees.

(b) Chairperson's Scholarship Award

Chair Carolyn Morton shared that every year since 2003, the Board has recognized a graduating student who exemplifies excellent leadership and citizenship and who has well represented student issues to others with the Chairperson's Scholarship. A committee comprised of Chair Carolyn Morton and Trustees Linda Barnes, Paul Crawford, Niki Lundquist and Scott Templeton reviewed the nominations and awarded this year's Chairperson's Scholarship to Zaid Cathcart, from Eastdale C.V.I.

(c) Abilities Scholarship Award

Superintendent Andrea McAuley introduced the members of the Learning Disabilities Association of Durham Region, Donna Cook and Rowin Jarvis who presented Aidan Campbell from Brooklin High School, with the 2021 Abilities Scholarship Award. Aidan share his presentation with trustees.

11. Report from the Committee of the Whole in Camera

Trustee Christine Thatcher reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera meeting and confirmed that the following matters were discussed: The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the Board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian and decisions in respect of negotiations with employees.

2021:RB66
MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher
SECONDED by Trustee Linda Stone

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

CARRIED

12. Good News from the System

Director Norah Marsh provided a reflection on the many accomplishments of the Durham District School Board over the past year and acknowledged the commitment from the community to support our children and youth. The DDSB commitment was to focus on relationships, student well-being, mental health and learning. The staff in schools and all support positions have given and achieved this goal over the past year.

Director Marsh shared that there was extensive fundraising in our communities to support families in need and thanked the people who supported the DDSB and the staff from the DDSB for their generosity.

Director Marsh thanked staff for supporting the public health initiatives with regards to contact tracing, organizing testing sites and vaccination clinics in our schools.

Safety protocols continue to be part of the Ignite Learning Strategic Plan which provided guidance and inspiration through all of the work over the past year and also thanked trustees for their decision to extend the Ignite Learning Strategic Plan so staffs' work can continue.

The engagement pillar was a challenge this year as children were in different learning environments moving from in-person to remote learning or attending virtual school. There was a lot of positive engagement and incredible achievement and it was a great opportunity to reach parents, guardians, and family members through community engagement.

Director Norah Marsh shared that student leadership was remarkable in terms of how they coped and how difficult this year has been. She thanked and acknowledged the Student Trustees and the Student Senate for their incredible work and the positive opportunities they created between schools in terms of managing the pandemic.

The DDSB continued to host events such as career days, school trade events and inspirational speakers for students across the District.

Staff continue to move the District forward focusing on professional development with regards to the Inherent Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Human Rights Policy.

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Director Norah Marsh thanked each of the trustees for their extensive work throughout the year and recognized the work that was done last summer by them which ensured that the DDSB exceeded the province's health and safety standards by committing \$8.1 million from the Board's reserve fund to support schools.

Director Norah Marsh congratulated Chief Facilities Officer Christine Nancekivell on her retirement after 31 years with the DDSB.

Habiba and Nathan, shared good news from across the system on behalf of the DDSB students.

Many students and teachers were recently awarded for their leadership and successes in the classroom and beyond. Congratulations to the following award winners:

- Emily L., student at Maxwell Heights Secondary School, was awarded the Exceptional Student Achievement Award from the City of Oshawa.
- Fareen Kanji, educator at Sir Samuel Steele Public School, was awarded the Knowledgehook Impact Award for Mathematics Best Practices.
- Dorothy Lai, educator at Anderson CVI, was awarded the Queen's University Baillie Award for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching.
- Karen Lowhar, Vice Principal at Pringle Creek Public School was awarded the Alternative Field Experience Supervisor's Award for Excellence from the Western University Faculty of Education.

Parents and caregivers of children who identify as Black joined a virtual session to discuss using the 2019 DDSB student census data to address anti-Black racism. The session focused on how Black students are doing, what DDSB is presently doing to address these outcomes and what the Board plans to do in the future to ensure an equitable outcome for all Black students in the DDSB. The session was interactive, a panel of staff answered questions from the audience.

In recognition and celebration of Asian and South Asian Heritage Month, Durham Educators' Network for South Asians hosted a series of virtual events throughout May in addition to sharing educator resources and highlighting South Asian personalities on social media. The virtual sessions were focused on wellness and conversations about race and identity.

A total of 65 Student Recognition Awards and letters were presented to secondary students to honour their hard work and achievements this past year.

School communities have organized a variety of fundraising initiatives to help those in need:

- The Pickering High School Students for Change group raised \$5,375 for the Moon Time Sisters organization to supply menstrual products to Indigenous communities in northern Ontario.
- Tanner, a Grade 3 student at Brooklin Village Public School has sold over 200 tomato plants for close to \$2,300 to raise money for SickKids Hospital.

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- The Dunbarton High School community raised \$13,165 for the Canadian Cancer Society through their virtual relay for life fundraiser.
- In a live virtual ceremony, selected students who identify as Black in the DDSB were recognized for their achievements and leadership at the 2021 Durham Black Educators' Network Activating Student Success Awards. 19 talented students were recognized with awards and scholarships totaling almost \$10,000.
- Elementary and secondary students across the province competed in the 2021 Virtual Skills Ontario Competition where they were challenged in a variety of skilled trades. Three secondary and six elementary DDSB students achieved a combination of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Congratulations to the 2021 Skills Ontario winners from William Dunbar, Prince Albert, Northern Dancer and Applecroft Public Schools as well as Brooklin and Pickering High Schools!
- The new French Second Language Parent Network is launching in the Fall of 2021 and the FSL team is excited to bring together parents, caregivers and families of students in both Core French and French Immersion programs. At their first meeting, the team featured FSL department highlights, current programs and goals for the parent network. Families were also asked to complete a survey which will help build the vision and direction of the network.
- The Indigenous Education Department hosted an evening with Indigenous families, entitled "Building Indigenous Family and Community Relationships". The agenda for the evening offered the opportunity to share DDSB student census trends in achievement data, for students who self-identify as Indigenous and current initiatives and ongoing commitments that are intended to address the disproportionate outcomes experienced by Indigenous youth. With a focus on building relationships and community, families were invited to ask questions and offer suggestions.

Chair Carolyn introduced the S.A. Cawker Public School choir who performed a song virtually.

Dates of Significance:

June 22	Gahambar Maidyoshem (Zoroastrianism)
June 24	St. Jean-Baptiste Day (Quebec)
June 27	Multiculturalism Day
June 28	Stonewall Rebellion Day
June 28	Last Day Secondary Schools
June 29	Last Day Elementary Schools
July 1	Canada Day
July 15	World Youth Skills Day
July 18	Nelson Mandela International Day
July 30	International Friendship Day
August 1	Emancipation Day
August 2	Simcoe Day (Civic Day)
August 9	Int. Day of the World's Indigenous People
August 12	International Youth Day
August 19	World Humanitarian Day

Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2021

The following resolution was passed at the Standing Committee meeting during closed session on June 7, 2021.

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE ACCEPT THE STAFF RESPONSE TO THE CITY OF OSHAWA LETTER THAT WAS RECEIVED ON MAY 28, 2021.

2021:RB67

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

SECONDED by Trustee Linda Stone

I MOVE THAT THE BOARD NOW RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND APPROVE THE ACTIONS OF THE JUNE 7, 2021 STANDING COMMITTEE, INCLUDING DURING CLOSED SESSION, AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PASSED.

CARRIED

(b) Proposed Notice of Motion: Indigenous Education Policy

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE THE PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2021, BOARD MEETING.

(c) Report: Name Change and Proposed Mandate for the Governance and Policy Standing Committee

Trustee Linda Stone shared that the Governance and Policy Committee met on May 10th and June 14th, 2021 and that the committee makes three recommendations to the Board.

2021:RB68

MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

SECONDED by Patrice Barnes

THE FIRST TWO RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FOUND ON PAGE 64 OF THE AGENDA PACKAGE.

I NOW MOVE THOSE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPT THE NAME OF THE COMMITTEE "THE GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE".

2. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- To ensure all of the Board's policies are up-to-date, accurate and consistent with the current legislation and government requirements;
- To ensure that the Board of Trustees review policies at least once every five years or when required by a new legislative act or regulation, new government policy, resolution of the Board or as recommended by staff;
- To develop policies that are developed with evidence-based data, equitable and reflect the Board's vision, values and strategic plan;
- Monitor the effectiveness of Board policies through consultation and evidence-based data;
- Monitor the effectiveness of Board policies in addressing human rights and equity in consultation with the Human Rights and Equity Advisor, through the Director of Education;
- Report and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on governance and Board policies;
- Review Bylaw/Policies for ad-hoc committees and develop/review/document procedures (document mandate, clearly identify quorum, membership);
- The committee shall meet at least twice annually; and
- All trustees are eligible to sit on the committee. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected annually at the Organizational Meeting.

CARRIED

2021:RB69

MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

SECONDED by Patrice Barnes

(d) Notice of Motion: Amended Consolidated By-Laws

THE THIRD RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE IS THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AMEND THE EXISTING BY-LAWS (FOUND ON PAGES 115-163 OF THE AGENDA PACKAGE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE *DRAFT CONSOLIDATED BY-LAWS* DEVELOPED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE. THE PROPOSED REVISED BY-LAWS CAN BE FOUND AT

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PAGES 65-114 OF THE AGENDA PACKAGE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE BOARD'S BY-LAWS, NOTICE OF THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS BEING PROVIDED NOW FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN SEPTEMBER. FOR EASE OF REFERENCE, A TRACK CHANGES VERSION OF THE DRAFT WILL BE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

CARRIED

(e) Official Naming of the Unnamed North Ajax French Immersion Public School

Superintendent Mohamed Hamid provided trustees with an overview of the process for the official naming of the Unnamed North Ajax French Immersion Public School.

2021:RB70

MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SCHOOL NAMING COMMITTEE THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SELECT THE FIRST CHOICE, ROSEMARY BROWN PUBLIC SCHOOL, AS THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE CURRENTLY UNNAMED NORTH AJAX FRENCH IMMERSION PUBLIC SCHOOL IN AJAX, ONTARIO.

CARRIED

(f) Official Naming of the Unnamed North Whitby Public School

Superintendent Georgette Davis provided trustees with an overview of the process for the official naming of the Unnamed North Whitby Public School.

2021:RB71

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

SECONDED by Trustee Scott Templeton

THAT BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SCHOOL NAMING COMMITTEE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SELECT THE FIRST CHOICE, WILLOWS WALK PUBLIC SCHOOL, AS THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE CURRENTLY UNNAMED NORTH WHITBY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN WHITBY, ONTARIO.

CARRIED

(g) International Education Attestation

Superintendent Mohamed Hamid provided the trustees with an overview of the International Education Attestation for the Durham District School to accept international students following the Designated Learning Institute (DLI) and Ministry of Education guidelines. The attestation is a new requirement from the Ministry of Education.

2021:RB72

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE DDSB INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM, WHICH MEETS FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL REQUIREMENTS AS PER MINISTRY GUIDELINES.

CARRIED

(h) Consideration of the 2021-2022 Draft Budget

Associate Director David Wright shared with trustees the Draft budget for 2021-2022. Trustee questions were answered.

2021:RB73

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Scott Templeton

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE 2021-2022 DRAFT BUDGET CONTAINING TOTAL REVENUES OF \$959,181,205 AND TOTAL EXPENSES OF \$959,181,205, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED

13. Information Items

(a) Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report

Associate Director David Wright introduced Chief Facilities Officer Christine Nancekivell who provided trustees with the quarterly report of the construction and major projects that are currently in progress.

(b) 2021 to 2025 Official Enrolment Projections

Associate Director David Wright introduced Chief Facilities Officer Christine Nancekivell who provided trustees with the report on the October 31, 2021 Official Enrolment Projections (OEP).

(c) Summer Learning Opportunities

Superintendents Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Andera McAuley, Stephen Nevills and Jack Nigro shared with trustees a summary of the Durham District School Board (DDSB) 2021 Summer Learning Opportunities for students (Kindergarten to Grade 12). The report contains information on a range of differentiated and responsive programs intended to increase student learning and achievement. All Summer Learning Opportunities will have an intentional focus on supporting student mental health and well-being.

(d) Report: SEAC Meeting of April 8, 2021

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the SEAC meeting minutes of April 8, 2021.

OPSBA Report

Trustee Patrice Barnes provided trustees with an OPSBA update on the June 11, 2021 Board of Directors meeting and at the June 14, 2021 Annual General meeting. At the Annual General meeting Cathy Abraham was elected as the OPSBA President.

Trustee Patrice Barnes shared that the CSBA Conference on Equity and Inclusion for Student Well-Being is taking place virtually on July 7-9, 2021 and is open to trustees and senior administrators.

2021:RB74

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Linda Stone

THAT THE TRUSTEES APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SO THAT TRUSTEES AND SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS CAN BENEFIT FROM THE WORKSHOPS BEING OFFERED AT THE CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION MEETING IN JULY.

CARRIED

15. Correspondence

- i. Halton Catholic District School Board

The above correspondence was presented to trustees for the information.

16. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

17. Adjournment

2021:RB75

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Carolyn Morton

Norah Blair

Chair

Secretary