

# APPROVED

## MINUTES

### The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday June 20, 2022

**A hybrid Regular Meeting of the Durham District School Board was held on this date.**

1. Call to Order:

Chair Carolyn Morton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michael Barrett, Kate Bird, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Darlene Forbes, Linda Lowery, Niki Lundquist, Scott Templeton, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees James Kay, De-Mario Knowles, Kayla Malcolm

Officials Present: Director Norah Marsh, Associate Director David Wright, Superintendents Gary Crossdale, Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills, Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec, General Counsel Patrick Cotter

Recording Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick

Chair Carolyn Morton welcomed Ben Cameron, Lauren Edwards and Gwen Kuyt the newly elected Student Trustees for 2022-2023.

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.

Musical Presentation, Our Land Acknowledgement Song

Chair Carolyn Morton introduced Highbush Public School's Grade 1 and 2 class and teacher Alison Ovenell. Chair Morton shared they will be performing the song titled "*Our Land Acknowledgement Song*". The song was written by their teacher and represents the students' learning around the land acknowledgement.

4. O Canada

5. Declaration of Office/Oath of Allegiance

Under the guidance of Director Norah Marsh, Kate Bird and Linda Lowery made their declaration of office and oath of allegiance both orally and in writing to fulfill the swearing in process for the Board. Director Norah Marsh welcomed Kate Bird and Linda Lowery as Trustees of the Board.

6. Adoption of Agenda

- (a) The agenda was amended to add 14.(b) Election of Director to Ontario Public School Boards' Association Voting Member (OPSBA) Trustee.

2022:RB62

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE AMENDED AGENDA IS APPROVED.

CARRIED

7. Minutes

2022:RB63

MOVED by Trustee Paul Crawford

SECONDED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

- (a) THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2022.

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

- (b) THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2022.  
(c) THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF June 6, 2022.

CARRIED

8. Community Presentations

There were no community presentations at this time.

9. Ministry Memorandums-Information Update

There were no Ministry Memorandums at this time.

Director Norah Marsh thanked the Board of Trustees, staff across the District, students and their families and shared that they have all made it through this year with compassion, care and adaptability. During the month of June, events are taking place to celebrate this year's accomplishments in student learning, art opportunities as well as the celebration of outdoors and nature. Students should feel proud of the year they have had and their accomplishments within their school communities.

10. Public Question Period

Dylan R., a student of DDSB presented a question virtually with regards to emergency closures of schools. Staff responded to the question.

Akuah Frempong presented a question virtually with regards to supports for Pride Month and LGBTQ+ student experiences. Staff responded to the question.

Mike Alford and Lynda Yardley provided a written question with regards to library resources. Staff responded to the question.

11. DDSB Presentations

(a) Student Trustee Recognition

Chair Carolyn Morton, on behalf of trustees, thanked outgoing Student Trustees, James Kay, De-Mario Knowles and Kayla Malcolm 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 James Kay, De-Mario Knowles and Kayla Malcolm highlighted their experiences as trustees.

Director Norah Marsh representing the Senior Team, acknowledged the work of the Student Trustees who have served the students of Durham Region and the Durham District School Board.

(b) Chairperson's Scholarship Award-2022

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 consisting of the Chairperson of the Board, Carolyn Morton, Trustees Patrice Barnes, Donna Edwards, Niki Lundquist and Scott Templeton reviewed the nominations. The Committee decided to award the Chairperson's Scholarship for 2022 to Grace Boyce, a student at Sinclair Secondary School.

(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 Shyanne Alisia Brown, of J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate, with the 2022 Abilities Scholarship Award.

(d) Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Annual Report

Trustee Scott Templeton introduced the PIC Co-Chairs Huma Choudhary and Jim Van Allen who provided trustees with an overview of the PIC Annual Report on behalf of the Committee.

Trustee questions were answered.

12. 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, administrative transfers, decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the board and property matters.

2022:RB64

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

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

CARRIED

13. Good News from the System

Zainab, Hassan and Maddy from Maxwell Heights SS shared good news from across the system on behalf of DDSB students.

Many students have been awarded post-secondary scholarships for their leadership and achievements in the classroom and beyond. Congratulations to:

- Kudakwashe S. of G.L. Roberts CVI, for the Ifarada Institute of Excellence Award.
- James K. of Brock High School awarded the Guelph University Academic Leadership Scholarship.
- Zainab K. and Habiba S. of Maxwell Heights Secondary School, who both received the Ontario Tech University President's Scholarship.
- Mahum K. of Donald A. Wilson Secondary School, receiving the Loran Scholar Award.

- Sara of Brooklin High School awarded the TD Scholarship for Community Leadership.
- Lana W. of J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate, who received the University of Toronto National Scholar Award and the Loran Scholar Finalist Award.

Students are also achieving success in a variety of contests, challenges, and competitions.

- Sierra D. a Grade 5 student at Brooklin Village Public School, was recently announced as the second-place winner in the Brooklin Legion's Remembrance Day Literacy Contest.
- Owen M. a Grade 12 student in the Business Specialist High Skills Major program at Port Perry High School won first place in a simulated stock market competition.
- Ashley L. a Grade 9 student at Donald A. Wilson Secondary School entered the CBC First Page Writing Contest, three of her stories have been selected as finalists in the contest.
- Ryad E., a Grade 10 student at Maxwell Heights Secondary School, participated in the United Nations Invent Future Global challenge. As one of 10 Canadian students selected, Ryad participated in a committee made up of 80 international students.

Congratulations to DDSB educators Aline Saleem, Stephen Crowther, Carolyn McCarron, and Stephanie Vesey, who have all received the 2022 OPSBA Achievement Award! The award recognizes those who have demonstrated outstanding, exemplary, and unique contributions to the overall well-being of a school or community through in-school, board-wide, extra-curricular and volunteer work or contributions.

James Klodnicki, Principal of Donald A. Wilson Secondary School, and Colleen Rasmussen, Teacher at Ajax High School, have recently accepted the Champions Against Homophobia and Transphobia Award presented by PFLAG Durham. The award is given to those making a difference by practicing and upholding non-discriminating policies, encouraging those around them to use inclusive language, and speaking out and advocating in support of equal rights for 2SLGBTQI+ individuals.

Students across the Board stood in unity on International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. The DDSB proudly supports all of our staff, students, & community members across the diverse 2SLGBTQI+ community.

This year's Cypher Series for Black Male Empowerment brought together 380 students to network and learn about future academic pathways and positive transitions. The Cypher Series has run annually since 2017 and aims to break down barriers to dismantle anti-Black racism in Durham.

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After the recent tornado that touched down in Uxbridge on May 21, 2022, school communities and neighbours have been working hard to recover from the damage. Uxbridge Secondary School raised funds through a pancake breakfast to support the recovery efforts. The Ignite Durham Learning Foundation raised funds and provided donations to support families in need with grocery gift cards.

Across the District, DDSB students, staff and schools have been fundraising to support their community:

- Brock High School, Meadowcrest, and Valley Farm Public School students participated in the Cram-a-Cruiser event to support Feed the Need in Durham.
- The Muslim Educators' Network of Durham (MEND) and the Ignite Durham Learning Foundation provided support to a family in need.
- Brooklin High School students participated in Relay for Life raising money for cancer research.
- Brands Canada has donated supplies to the Ignite Durham Learning Foundation. Items included swimming accessories, shoes, purses, clothing, hand soap and hand sanitizer.

On June 7, 2022, the DDSB had the pleasure of celebrating the DDSB retirees.

On May 26, 2022, the DDSB welcomed award recipients, families, and friends for the Student Recognition Night. Student award winners were chosen by school staff for the unique ways they make our schools and communities more inclusive, more vibrant, and in doing so, improve the school experience for others around them.

Maryanne Oketch, a 24-year-old DDSB alumna from Sinclair Secondary School, is the second Canadian ever to win Survivor.

For the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic, system leaders met in person at the May 24 and 25, 2022 System Leadership Meetings. Each day, the room was full of energy and enthusiasm with special guest speakers and roundtable discussions focused on the DDSB's commitment to centering Indigenous rights and human rights in the work they do each day. Staff also collected funds to support families in Uxbridge affected by the tornado.

School staff and students have been hard at work organizing and performing in musicals, talent shows, and art nights.

- Willows Walk Public School hosted their first "Arts Night".
- Rosemary Brown Public School hosted their first arts and culture event.
- Students in Grades 4 to 8 put on The Lion King Jr. Musical at Captain Michael VandenBos Public School.
- Staff and students at S.A. Cawker Public School organized a production of Aladdin the musical.
- After a two-year hiatus, R.S. McLaughlin CVI proudly presented Mary Poppins Jr. the Musical.

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School athletics have been missed by many students, families, and staff over the last two years. This year, we have seen students and schools energized with the return of the athletics.

- The Henry Street High School Boys Rugby team was ecstatic winning gold at LOSSA.
- Lord Elgin Public School students participated in intermediate boys basketball competing in the 3-on-3 tournament against other DDSB schools.
- Brooklin High School Girls' Field Lacrosse team was crowned LOSSA champions.
- Schools across the District saw a return to track and field days.

Canada's largest skilled trades and technologies competition, Skills Ontario, took place in a remote, virtual format. The DDSB was proud to have 64 students competing from both the elementary and secondary levels.

On May 28th Eastdale CVI. held its first GIRLS NIGHT IN! They had over 100 students participate in this evening of female empowerment!

### Dates of Significance:

June 20	Summer Solstice
June 20	Litha (Wicca)
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 24	St. Jean-Baptiste Day
June 27	Multiculturalism Day
June 28	Stonewall Rebellion Day
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 1	Simcoe Day
August 8	Start of School - Elementary Modified
August 9	Int. Day of the World's Indigenous People
August 12	International Youth Day
August 19	World Humanitarian Day
August 25	Start of School - Secondary Modified
Sept 5	Labour Day
Sept 6	Start of School - Regular Calendar Elementary and Secondary

14. Recommended Actions

(a) Election of Standing Committee Vice Chair

Chair Carolyn Morton called for nominations to the position of Standing Committee Vice Chair.

2022:RB65

TRUSTEE SCOTT TEMPLETON SELF NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

2022:RB65

TRUSTEE PAUL CRAWFORD SELF NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Carolyn Morton, and there being none, nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Standing Committee were closed.

Trustee Scott Templeton was elected Vice Chair of the Standing Committee.

(b) Election of Director to Ontario Public School Boards' Association Voting Member (OPSBA) Trustee

2022:RB66

TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE.

2022:RB67

TRUSTEE CHRISTINE THATCHER SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Carolyn Morton, and there being none, nominations for the position of the OPSBA Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustee Christine Thatcher was elected as OPSBA Liaison Trustee. Trustee Christine Thatcher will exercise the Board's voting right.



(c) Election of Alternate Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Trustee

2022:RB68

TRUSTEE MICHAEL BARRETT NOMINATED TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS FOR THE POSITION OF NON-VOTING OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Carolyn Morton, and there being none, nominations for the position of the non-voting OPSBA Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustee Donna Edwards was acclaimed as the non-voting OPSBA Liaison Trustee.

2021:RB69

TRUSTEE SCOTT TEMPLETON SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE OPSBA TRUSTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Carolyn Morton, and there being none, nominations for the position of alternate OPSBA Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustee Scott Templeton was acclaimed as alternate OPSBA Trustees.

(d) Election of Alternate Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Trustees

2021:RB70

TRUSTEE MICHAEL BARRETT SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE SEAC LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Carolyn Morton, and there being none, nominations for the position of alternate OPSBA Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustees Michael Barrett was acclaimed to the position of alternate SEAC Liaison Trustee.

(e) Election of Alternate Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Trustee

2021:RB71

TRUSTEE MICHAEL BARRETT NOMINATED TRUSTEE NIKI LUNDQUIST FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Carolyn Morton, and

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there being none, nominations for the position of alternate Parent Involvement Committee Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustees Niki Lundquist was acclaimed to the position of alternate Parent Involvement Committee Liaison Trustee.

(f) Report: Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2022

Trustee Christine Thatcher shared with trustees the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting on June 6, 2022.

2022:RB72

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

SECONDED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND APPROVE THE ACTIONS OF THE JUNE 6, 2022 STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING.

CARRIED

(g) Consideration of the 2022-2023 Draft Budget

Trustee Donna Edwards provided information on the Draft Budget. Associate Director David Wright introduced Senior Manager of Finance Melissa Durward, and Jennifer Machin who provided an overview of the 2022-2023 draft budget.

2022:RB73

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Scott Templeton

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE 2022-2023 DRAFT BUDGET CONTAINING TOTAL REVENUES OF \$1,013,223,241 AND TOTAL EXPENSES OF \$1,013,223,241 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED

(h) Draft Emergency Closing of Schools Policy

Trustee Michael Barrett provided an overview of the Draft Emergency Closing of Schools Policy that came before the Board as a Notice of Motion on May 16, 2022.

2022:RB74

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

SECONDED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSIDER AND, AS IT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE, APPROVE THE DRAFT EMERGENCY CLOSING OF SCHOOLS POLICY.

CARRIED

(i) Special Education Plan and Programs 2022-2023

Superintendent Andrea McAuley provided trustees with an overview of the report Special Education Plan and Programs for the 2022-2023 school year. The DDSB Special Education Plan for 2022-2023 was initially presented to Trustees on June 6, 2022 for information and feedback.

2022:RB75

MOVED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSIDER THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN AND PROGRAMS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR FOR APPROVAL. ONCE APPROVED THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

CARRIED

15. Information Items

(a) Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report

Associate Director David Wright introduced Head of Facilities Lisa Bianca who provided trustees with an update on the status of construction and major projects. Updates to this report will be provided to Trustees on a quarterly basis (September, January, March, and June), and will be posted on the Board's website.

Trustee questions were answered.

2022:RB76

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

SECONDED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WRITE A LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

TO INSTRUCT THE CHAIR TO WRITE TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION TO SEEK AN EARLIER BUILDING DATE FOR THE UNNAMED OSHAWA SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SUPPORT OF HIS COMMENTS MADE AT THE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT.

CARRIED

(b) 2022 Official Enrolment Projections

Associate Director David Wright introduced Head of Facilities Lisa Bianca and Manager of Property and Planning Carey Trombino who provided trustees with information on the October 2022 Official Enrolment Projections (OEP).

Trustee questions were answered.

(c) DDSB Summer Programs

Superintendents Mohamed Hamid, Andera McAuley, Stephen Nevills and Jack Nigro shared with trustees a summary of the Durham District School Board (DDSB) 2022 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.

Trustee questions were answered.

(d) Indigenous Trustee

Trustee Donna Edwards provided trustees with information on the appointment of an Indigenous Trustee that was discussed at the February 19, 2019 and May 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole meetings. At the March 30, 2022, Education Finance Committee meeting, a discussion took place around sending a letter to Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to request and to confirm the name of the potential appointee. The letter was sent on May 2, 2022.

Trustee questions were answered.

(e) Report: SEAC Meeting, April 21, 2022

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the SEAC meeting minutes of April 21, 2022

(f) Governance and Policy Committee Meeting, May 10, 2022

Trustee Michael Barrett provided trustees with the May 10, 2022 Governance and Policy Committee meeting report.

(g) Notice of Motion: Revised Learning Resource Selection Policy

Trustee Michael Barrett provided trustees with an overview of the revised Learning Resource Selection Policy as a Notice of Motion so that the policy moves to the September 19, 2022, Board meeting for consideration.

(h) Notice of Motion: Revised Bylaw: Receiving Board Correspondence/Letters

Trustee Michael Barrett provided trustees with an overview of the revised Bylaw: Receiving Board Correspondence/Letters as a Notice of Motion so that the policy moves to the September 19, 2022, Board meeting for consideration.

(i) OPSBA Report

Trustee Michael Barrett provided trustees with an update on the newly elected members of OPSBA.

16. Correspondence

i. Ministry of Education

17. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

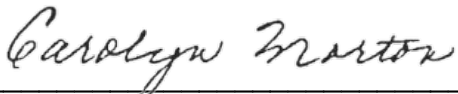
18. Adjournment

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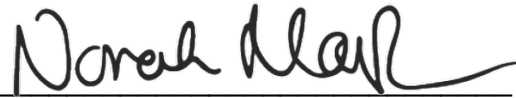
THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

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



Chair



Secretary