

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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

1. Call to Order:

Chair Donna Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michelle Arseneault, Tracy Brown, Emma Cunningham (virtual), Stephen Linton, Kelly Miller, Carolyn Morton, Deb Oldfield (virtual), Shailene Panylo, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Ben Cameron, Lauren Edwards, Gwen Kuyt

Regrets: Trustee Linda Stone, Director of Education and Secretary to the Board Camille Williams-Taylor

Officials Present: Associate Director Jim Markovski (acting in place of the Director of Education), Associate Director David Wright (virtual), Superintendents Gary Crossdale, Georgette Davis, Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills, Kandis Thompson, Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec, General Counsel Patrick Cotter

Recording Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Donna Edwards gave the Land Acknowledgment: 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

Trustee Christine Thatcher welcomed and introduced the Willows Walk Rhythm & Blues Choir, led by staff Bill Houlden, Amy Bourdon, Andrea James and Andrew Watson. The choir is made up of students in grades 4 to 6. In addition to O Canada, the choir performed *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Trustee Stephen Linton amended the agenda to include 12.(f) Naloxone on School Properties under Information Items.

2023:RB07

MOVED by Trustee Stephen Linton

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE AGENDA BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE NALOXONE ON SCHOOL PROPERTIES.

CARRIED

2023:RB08

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Tracy Brown

THAT THE AMENDED AGENDA IS APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. Minutes

2023:RB09

MOVED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

SECONDED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

(a) THE ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022.

(b) THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2022.

(c) THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2022.

CARRIED

2023:RB10

MOVED by Trustee Tracy Brown

SECONDED by Trustee Kelly Miller

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

(d) THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2023.

(e) THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2022.

CARRIED

7. Ministry Memorandums-Information Update

Associate Director Jim Markovski shared the following update with Trustees:

Associate Director Markovski acknowledged the incredible achievements of Eastdale CVI student Bethany Findlay, who has been selected as a Loran Scholarship Finalist for 2023. Out of a pool of nearly 4,800 applicants, Bethany is among the 90 young people who are being recognized as finalists. Loran Scholars are leaders in their communities, students who show compassion and a commitment to service and who actively look for ways to make positive changes in the world around them. Bethany will be moving on to the final phase of the scholarship selection process later this month and we wish her the very best of luck.

On February 7, 2023 the Ministry of Education announced the approval to proceed with construction of the new elementary school that will replace both the current Beaverton and Thorah Central public schools. This is a long-awaited announcement that will ensure that students will be able to learn in a brand new, state of the art building for generations to come.

As of February 16, 2023 secondary student report cards for the first semester were available through the Parent Portal and course selection is ongoing for the 2023-2024 school year.

The District will recognize Pink Shirt Day on February 22, 2023. Staff are committed to upholding the human rights of all students and staff and to creating positive spaces where everyone feels safe, included and heard. Pink Shirt Day reminds us of the importance of allyship and that we need to be constantly ready and willing to stand with each other for what is right.

8. Public Question Period

Dylan R., a student of DDSB presented a question regarding transportation. Staff responded to the question.

Teresa Rekar, a community member presented a question regarding the School Climate Survey. Staff responded to the question.

9. 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: administrative transfers and placements.

2023:RB11

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

SECONDED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE ACTIONS OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2023, IN CAMERA MEETING.

CARRIED

10. Good News from the System

Cleveland and Julia from O'Neil CVI shared good news from across the system on behalf of DDSB students.

Congratulations to Maxwell Heights Secondary School and Brooklin High School students Hannah Clark and Alex Law on helping to lead Team Canada to gold at the women's under-18 hockey championship.

Congratulations to Pickering High School alumni Boi-1da, on his second-time Grammy nomination for his work on Drake's song "God's Plan." He was first recognized in 2019 for his producing success, with six Grammy nominations that year, including 'Producer of the Year.'

Grades 4, 5 and 6 students at Meadowcrest Public School were excited to welcome Mike Shoreman and Pachi the porcupine to show their support for the athletes competing in the Ontario Parasport Games. Director Williams-Taylor and local Trustees also joined in the fun. The students wrote letters, designed posters, and cheered on the 300-plus athletes and Paralympians competing this year by participating in the 'Be the Roar' program.

In January, the DDSB recognized Tamil Heritage Month and the contributions that Tamil-Canadians have made to Canadian society, as well as the richness of their language and culture through engaging lessons, displays, and social media posts. Schools across the District are also recognizing and celebrating Black History Month. Students have built interactive displays showcasing Black Canadian excellence past and present. Schools will continue to integrate Black history and excellence in learning throughout the year.

Port Perry High School student Brooklyn Doucette appeared on Rogers Durham to discuss her book "Navigating Life." Brooklyn writes about overcoming bullying and helping others who may be going through a similar experience.

At Carruthers Creek Public School, Grade 7 and 8 students are learning about structures, hydraulics and pneumatics. Through the 'Engineer in Residence'

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program, students have been joined by Candice Chan, a Structural Engineer from the City of Toronto. Candice shared real world projects in Toronto that she has worked on and highlighted the different types of engineering as well as career paths for women in STEM.

Toronto Raptor's forward Pascal Siakam's PS43 Foundation partnered with The Ignite Durham Learning Foundation to bring 'Coding for Champions' to the DDSB. The program provided 70 secondary students with a brand-new laptop and access to six weeks of free online coding classes. We hope that having the right tools and access opens a world of opportunities for our students to explore the ever-evolving world of technology.

With heavy snowfall last month across Durham, students made the best of the snowy weather. Blair Ridge Public School students snowshoed at Camp Samac, Quaker Village Public School students made beautiful snow angels, and Greenbank Public School students built an innovative snow fort.

Elementary team sports are taking place across the District with schools engaging in competition and meeting new friends.

Dates of Significance:

Feb. 21	International Mother Language Day
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 22	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 22-April 6	Lent
Feb. 27-April 15	Orthodox Lent
March	Social Work Month
	Hellenic Heritage Month
March 6-7	Purim
March 8	Holi
March 8	International Women's Day
March 14	Pi Day
March 14-18	March Break
March 17	Irish Heritage Day
March 20	Spring Equinox
March 20	Eostre
March 21	Shunki-Sorei-Sai
March 21	Nowruz
March 21	World Down Syndrome Day
March 21	United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
March 23	Ramadan Begins
March 23	Atheist Day
March 25	Earth Hour
March 26	Epilepsy Awareness Day and Purple Day for Epilepsy
March 31	International Transgender Day of Visibility

11. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2023

Trustee Christine Thatcher shared with trustees the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting on February 6, 2023.

2023:RB12

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

SECONDED by Trustee Kelly Miller

THAT THE BOARD NOW RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND APPROVE THE ACTIONS OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2023, STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING.

CARRIED

(b) Clara Hughes Public School-Boundary Review

Associate Director David Wright introduced Manager of Property and Planning Carey Trombino and Senior Planner & Accommodations Coordinator Lygia Dallip who provided trustees with an overview of the revised Clara Hughes PS attendance boundary due to accommodation pressures and the inability to accommodate the 2023-2024 projected enrolment at the Clara Hughes PS site.

Trustee questions were answered.

2023:RB13

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF OPTION 1, AS THE REVISED BOUNDARIES FOR CLARA HUGHES PS AND VILLAGE UNION PS, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2023. PROVIDED AS APPENDIX B IS A MAP OUTLINING THE REVISED BOUNDARIES.

CARRIED

(c) Education Finance Committee Meeting Dates, 2023-2024 Budget

Associate Director David Wright shared with trustees, the Education Finance Committee meeting dates for the development of the 2023-2024 Board budget, with the integration of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan to enhance organizational direction.

Trustee questions were answered.

2023:RB14

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE 2023-2024 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE WITH STAFF LOOKING AT AN ADDITIONAL DATE FOR A PUBLIC CONSULTATION AFTER THE DRAFT IS RELEASED.

CARRIED

Chair Edwards requested that Vice Chair Christine Thatcher chair the portion of the meeting pertaining to item 11.(d) Appointment of Indigenous Trustee and 11.(e) Director's Performance Review Committee Membership

(d) Appointment of Indigenous Trustee

Chair Donna Edwards provided trustees with an overview on the appointment of the Indigenous Trustees for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of the Board.

Trustee questions were answered.

2023:RB15

MOVED by Trustee Deb Oldfield

SECONDED by Trustee Tracy Brown

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JILL THOMPSON AS TRUSTEE, AS THE FIRST NATION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2022-2026 TERM.

CARRIED

(e) Director Performance Review Committee Membership

Chair Donna Edwards introduced General Counsel Patrick Cotter who provided trustees with the background information on the Director of Education Performance Review Committee. All trustees are eligible to sit on the Committee. The Committee requires at least three trustees and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

Trustee questions were answered.

2023:RB16

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Tracy Brown

THAT THE COMMITTEE CONSIST OF ALL TRUSTEES AND STUDENT TRUSTEES, SUBJECT TO 207(2)(b) EXCLUDING THE FOLLOWING TRUSTEES: MICHELLE ARSENAULT, DEB OLDFIELD, SHAILENE PANYLO AND LINDA STONE.

CARRIED

(f) Naming of Schools Policy-Lord Elgin Public School

Associate Director Jim Markovski provided trustees with information on the establishment of a School Naming Committee to make recommendations to the Board in accordance with the Naming of Schools Policy and Procedure in response to a community request to rename Lord Elgin Public School.

Trustee questions were answered.

2023:RB17

MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

SECONDED by Trustee Tracy Brown

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL NAMING COMMITTEE FOR LORD ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NAMING OF SCHOOLS POLICY.

CARRIED

12. Information Items

(a) Notice of Motion: People and Culture: Rescission of Policies and Regulation

Trustee Tracy Brown provided trustees with the People and Culture: Rescission of Policies and Regulation as a Notice of Motion so that the policy moves to the March 20, 2023, Board meeting for consideration.

Trustee questions were answered.

(b) Notice of Motion: Inclusive Student Services: Rescission of Policy

Trustee Tracy Brown provided trustees with the Inclusive Student Services: Rescission of Policy as a Notice of Motion so that the policy moves to the March 20, 2023, Board meeting for consideration.

Trustee questions were answered.

(c) Governance and Policy Committee Report, October 3, 2022

Trustee Tracy Brown presented the Governance and Policy Committee minutes for the October 3, 2022, meeting.

(d) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report, December 15, 2022

Trustee Kelly Miller presented the SEAC meeting minutes to trustees for information.

(e) OPSBA Report

There was nothing to report at this time.

(f) Naloxone on School Properties

Trustee Stephen Linton provided trustees with information regarding naloxone kits.

General Counsel Patrick Cotter provided an overview of Bill 88 and the legislative requirements and shared that as a workplace the board is bound by the amendments to OHSA, to have kits available in the workplace if the board meets the threshold. Staff are currently undergoing a review of the board's data so that a decision can be made before June 1, 2023, in terms of compliance with the Ontario Health and Safety Act and kits in schools and workplaces.

Staff will provide an update to trustees on this item.

13. Dates of Significance

The dates of significance were shared with trustees for information.

14. Correspondence

(a) Action Items

i. Toronto Region Conservation Authority

The following trustees self-nominated as the DDSB trustee representative on the Toronto Region Conservation Authority Committee during the four-year term:

1. Debra Oldfield
2. Emma Cunningham (alternate trustee)

The following correspondence was shared with trustees for information:

(b) Information Items

i. The Regional Municipality of Durham

A discussion took place around the Board of Trustees responding to the correspondence that was shared from the Durham region regarding Envision Durham and the release of the draft new Regional Official Plan.

2023:RB18

MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

THAT FACILITIES STAFF HELP CREATE A LETTER BY FEBRUARY 28, 2023 AND SHARE THE LETTER WITH TRUSTEES FOR FEEDBACK, BY MARCH 2, 2023 AND THAT STAFF COMPLETE THE LETTER BY MARCH 3, 2023 SO THAT THE LETTER IS SUBMITTED BY MARCH 6, 2023.

15. Memos

The memos were shared with trustees for information.

- (a) No.2023:04 Background Information on the Durham District School Board (DDSB) Student Census
- (b) No.2023:05 Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS)

Trustee questions were answered.

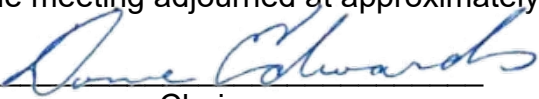
16. Adjournment

2023:RB19
MOVED by Chair Donna Edwards

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55 p.m.



Chair



Secretary