



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PUBLIC REPORT**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Board Room**  
**Administration Building**  
**133 Greenbank Road**  
**Ottawa, Ontario**

Trustees Present: Justine Bell (electronic communication) , Donna Blackburn, Donna Dickson, Lyra Evans, Jennifer Jennekens, Matthew Lee, Cathryne Milburn, Suzanne Nash, Amanda Presley, Lynn Scott, Jeffrey Zhang (Student Trustee) (electronic communication) , Ezio De Stefano (Student Trustee), Sharanya Sivasathiyathan (Student Trustee)

Staff Present: Pino Buffone (Director of Education), Brett Reynolds (Associate Director - Academic), Jesse Mark (Executive Officer, Corporate Services), James Proulx (Executive Officer, Technological Support Services), Shawn Lehman (Superintendent of Employee Services), Richard Sinclair (General Counsel), Sandra Owens (General Manager, Business & Learning Technologies), Diane Pernari (General Manager, Communications & Public Relations), Susan Baker (General Manager, Board Services), Michael Guilbault (Multimedia Coordinator -Communications), Tamara Persaud (Committee Coordinator, Board Services)

Non-Voting Representatives Present: Tom Holloway (OCASC), Stephanie Kirkey (OSSTF), Brent Smith (Principal), Chris Walsh (OSSTF)

1. Call to Order - Vice-Chair of the Board

Vice-Chair Milburn called the meeting to order at 7:47p.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Homelands

Vice-Chair Milburn acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on unceded Algonquin Homelands and thanked the Algonquin Nations for hosting the meeting on their land.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were filed.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT the agenda be approved.

An amendment moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT two new discussion items be added to the agenda as:

9.1 Impact on the current committee structure of the new regulation requiring board members to attend meetings in person; and

9.2 Replace the Committee of the Whole with four (4) smaller committees.

During discussion and in response to queries, the following information was noted:

- In order to have a productive conversation on the matters being proposed, trustees requested that these topics be deferred to a later date. Both topics will be taken into consideration during the agenda planning for the 5 November 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting.

An amendment moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT two new discussion items be added to the agenda:

9.1 Impact on the current committee structure of the new regulation requiring board members to attend meetings in person; and

9.2 Replace the Committee of the Whole with four (4) smaller committees.

Defeated

**Moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,**

**THAT the agenda be approved.**

**Carried**

5. Briefing from the Chair of the Board

During the briefing from Director Buffone, the following information was provided:

- This week is 'Local Government Week' for the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA.) The aim of the week is to increase youth and public awareness about the important role local government plays in our communities. More information is available on the OPSBA website;
- The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA), launched a new web application designed to keep parents, guardians and students updated on their transportation status. It features real-time alerts for delays, updates, cancellations and inclement weather days; and
- Julia Fortey, the newly-elected trustee for Zone 2, Kanata North/Kanata South, will be officially sworn in at the next Board Meeting on 29 October 2024.

6. Briefing from the Director

During the briefing from Director Buffone, the following information was provided:

- This year's OCDSB Family Conference is on 2 November 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Woodroffe High School to help support students' educational journeys. Sam Demma, a noted youth entrepreneur, author and inspirational speaker, will be the keynote speaker. OCDSB parents, caregivers, students, staff and community members are invited to register on the OCDSB website;
- The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme Virtual Open House is taking place on 20 November 2024 to provide information about the IB Programme and the application process. More information is available on the OCDSB website; and
- OCDSB's central administration office organized a fall barbecue with the proceeds going to support the Education Foundation of Ottawa (EFO). This event, along with other activities organized by the OCDSB's Social Committee, have raised \$1,500 for the Education Foundation to support OCDSB students.

7. Delegations

There were no delegations.

8. Report from Statutory and Other Committees

8.1 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), 4 September 2024

**Moved by Trustee Dickson,**

**THAT the report from the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), dated 4 September 2024 , be received.**

**Carried**

8.2 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC), 11 September 2024

**Moved by Trustee Nash,**

**THAT the report from the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC), dated 11 September 2024, be received.**

**Carried**

8.3 Indigenous Education Council (IEC), 19 September 2024

**Moved by Trustee Scott,**

**THAT the report from the Indigenous Education Council (IEC), dated 19 September 2024, be received.**

**Carried**

9. Information Items:

9.1 Report from OPSBA (if required)

Trustee Jennekens advised that she and Trustee Scott attended the OPSBA regional meeting on 19 October 2024 to discuss cell phone usage, vaping, and best practices of each board. They expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn about other school boards and how the OCDSB can potentially integrate some of their practices.

9.2 OSTA Update (if required)

Trustee Lee noted that 23 October 2024 is Bus Driver Appreciation Day. He encouraged everyone to thank their local bus drivers for their hard work and dedication. He added that several OSTA meetings throughout the year are scheduled as place holders in the calendar should the committee have material to discuss.

10. New Business - Information and Inquiries

There was no new business.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Cathryne Milburn, Chair