



## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PUBLIC REPORT**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

**Board Room**

**Administration Building**

**133 Greenbank Road**

**Ottawa, Ontario**

- Trustees Present: Justine Bell (electronic communication), Donna Blackburn, Donna Dickson, Lyra Evans, Julia Fortey, Nili Kaplan-Myrth, Jennifer Jennekens, Matthew Lee, Cathryne Milburn, Suzanne Nash, Amanda Presley (electronic communication), Lynn Scott
- Staff Present: Pino Buffone (Director of Education), Brett Reynolds (Associate Director - Academic), Randy Gerrior (Associate Director, Business Operations), Jesse Mark (General Counsel, Governance & Legal Services), Reg Lavergne (Superintendent of Program Services), Marva Major (Superintendent of Numeracy), Diane Pernari (General Manager, Communications & Public Relations), Andrea Rahim (General Manager, Research Evaluation & Analytics Division), Katherine Magner (General Manager, Program Services), Susan Baker (Acting General Manager of Governance Services), Jennifer Coleman (Principal), Steven Massey (Principal), Michael Guilbault (Central Audio/Visual Technical Specialist), Jacques Vezeau (Senior Learning Technology Analyst), Kathy Mak (Board/Committee Coordinator)
- Non-Voting Representatives Present: Anthony Wong (SEAC), Jason Glover (ACE), Lili Miller (IEC), Tom Holloway (OCASC), Jean Fulton-Hale (OCSSAN), Stephen Skoutajan (OCEFTO), Brent Smith (OCEOC)

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

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

2. Acknowledgement of Territorial Lands

Chair Milburn acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on unceded Algonquin Homelands and thanked the Algonquin Nations for their stewardship of these lands since time immemorial.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were filed.

4. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Trustee Scott,**

**THAT the agenda be approved.**

**Carried**

5. Briefing from the Chair of the Board

A briefing from the Chair of the Board was provided.

6. Briefing from the Director

A briefing from the Director was provided.

7. Delegations

There were no delegations.

8. Report from Statutory and Other Committees

8.1 Advisory Committee on Equity, 24 April 2025

**Moved by Trustee Dickson,**

**THAT the report from the Advisory Committee on Equity (ACE),  
dated 24 April 2025, be received.**

**Carried**

9. Matter for Action:

9.1 Notice of Motion Re: OCDSB Relationship with the Ottawa Police Services (OPS) (Trustee Blackburn)

Notice of motion having been given in keeping with section 12.9 of the Board's By-Laws and Standing Rules, Trustee Blackburn moved as follows:

Moved by Trustee Blackburn,

WHEREAS the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is a valued partner of the OCDSB;

WHEREAS school safety can be enhanced by a proactive partnership with the OPS which supports the safety and security of school communities and proactively assists students who may benefit from positive police involvement; and

WHEREAS negotiating a relationship with the OPS is entirely an operational matter.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- A. THAT the Director of Education continue to engage in discussions with the OPS to establish standards of practice that allow for police support to schools respecting the safety and security of the Board's students and staff; and
- B. THAT staff be directed to prepare a report to the Board of Trustees providing an update on the current status of the District's relationship with the Ottawa Police Service, no later than 30 September 2025.

In response to Trustee Kaplan-Myrth's inquiry whether the motion is in order, Chair Milburn ruled that the motion is in order due to the changing circumstances of the province.

Trustee Lee assumed the Chair.

Trustee Milburn resumed the Chair.

An amendment by Trustee Kaplan-Myrth,

THAT a new Part C be added as follows: "THAT staff be directed to prepare a report based on consultation with the Black, Indigenous, LGBTQ+ and other identified groups from the 2021 report, to assess the status of their relationships with the Ottawa Police and perspectives for the impact of bringing OPS into schools."

\*\*\*The meeting recessed at 7:23 p.m. and resumed at 7:30 p.m.\*\*\*

In response to Trustee Scott's inquiry whether the amendment is in order as there is no proposal to bring the OPS into schools, Chair Millburn ruled the amendment to be in order as the purpose is to prepare an additional report to accompany Part B of the motion.

An amendment by Trustee Kaplan-Myrth,

THAT Part C be added to "THAT staff be directed to prepare a report based on consultation with the Black, Indigenous, LGBTQ+ and other identified groups from the 2021 report, to assess the status of their relationships with the Ottawa Police and perspectives for the impact of bringing OPS into schools.

Defeated

An amendment by Trustee Kaplan-Myrth,

THAT "No later than 30 September 2025" in Part B be removed.

Director Buffone committed to providing a report regarding the District's relationship with the OPS in Fall 2025.

An amendment by Trustee Kaplan-Myrth,

THAT "No later than 30 September 2025" in Part B be removed.

Defeated

Trustee Lyra Evans requested a recorded vote be taken.

**Moved by Trustee Blackburn,**

- A. THAT the Director of Education continue to engage in discussions with the OPS to establish standards of practice that allow for police support to schools respecting the safety and security of the Board's students and staff; and**
- B. THAT staff be directed to prepare a report to the Board of Trustees providing an update on the current status of the District's relationship with the Ottawa Police Service, no later than 30 September 2025.**

For (7): Donna Dickson, Donna Blackburn, Julia Fortey, Jennifer Jenneken, Matthew Lee, Suzanne Nash, Lynn Scott

Against (5): Justine Bell, Lyra Evans, Nili Kaplan-Myrth, Cathryne Milburn, Amanda Presley

**Carried (7 to 5)**

\*\*\*The meeting recessed at 7:56 p.m. and resumed at 8:01 p.m.\*\*\*

10. Matters for Discussion:

10.1 Report 25-030: Student Learning Update - Preparation of Students for Future Success (B. Reynolds)

Your Committee had before it for discussion Report 25-030 to provide an update on student enrolment across program pathways, job skills programs, and highlighted pathways-focused experiential learning opportunities for students in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB).

Trustee Lyra Evans raised a point of order noting the distracting nature and occurrence of side conversation. Chair Milburn ruled side conversations be kept at a minimum.

Data was requested regarding the number of students hired after completing their Cooperative Education (Co-Op) placement. Superintendent Lavergne noted the data will need to be manually collected; however, staff will consider this.

\*\*\*The meeting recessed at 9:05 p.m. and resumed at 9:10 p.m.\*\*\*

10.2 Report 25-031: Math Achievement Action Plan Report (M. Major)

Your Committee had before it for discussion Report 25-031 to provide trustees with the latest information on the implementation and progress of the Mathematics Achievement Action Plan (MAAP) for the OCDSB.

11. Information Items:

11.1 Report from OPSBA (if required)

There was no report from the Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) representatives.

11.2 Report from OSTA (if required)

There was no report from the Ontario Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) representatives.

12. New Business - Information and Inquiries

Trustee Kaplan-Myrth provided her notice of resignation as a trustee.

Trustee Scott noted that the resignation must first be accepted by the Board, at which point policy P 050 GOV - Board Member Removal/Resignation From Office will be implemented to initiate the replacement of a trustee.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

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Cathryne Milburn, Chair