



BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019, 7:30 pm
Board Room
Administration Building
133 Greenbank Road
Ottawa, Ontario

Trustees: Christine Boothby, Erica Braunovan, Rob Campbell, Chris Ellis, Lyra Evans, Mark Fisher, Wendy Hough, Jennifer Jennekens, Keith Penny, Sandra Schwartz, Lynn Scott (electronic communication)

Staff: Camille Williams-Taylor (Director of Education), Brett Reynolds (Associate Director), Dorothy Baker (Superintendent of Curriculum), Mike Carson (Chief Financial Officer), Michele Giroux (Executive Officer, Corporate Services), Shawn Lehman (Superintendent of Instruction), Peter Symmonds (Superintendent of Learning Support Services), Katrine Mallan (Manager of Board Services), Sandy Owens (Manager, Business & Learning Technologies), Diane Pernari-Hergert (Manager of Communications & Information Services), Miro Vala (Manager of Facilities), Sharlene Hunter (Communications Coordinator), Amanda Rock (Committee Coordinator), and John MacKinnon, Audio-Visual Technician

1. Call to Order -- Chair of the Board

Vice-Chair Braunovan called the public meeting to order at 7:46 p.m. She acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on unceded Algonquin Territory and thanked the Algonquin Nations for hosting the meeting on their land.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Schwartz

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

3. Report from the Board (In Camera)

Trustee Braunovan reported that the Board met in-camera earlier this evening and reported that there were no recommendations.

4. Briefing from the Chair

Chair Scott advised that Volunteer Ottawa celebrates Ottawa's volunteer community and gives special recognition to those individuals, organizations, and businesses that have made a meaningful difference in people's lives. Volunteer Ottawa Awards, also known as VOscars, include the Mayor's Award for Volunteer Spirit, the Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award, the Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award, and others. She advised that should anyone wish to nominate an individual or organization for a VOscar or attend the gala event on 17 April 2019, the Volunteer Ottawa website provides more information. The deadline for nominations is 19 February 2019.

Chair Scott also advised that former OCDSB trustees Shirley Seward and Capital Ward City Councillor Shawn Menard were recognized by Black History Ottawa at the launch of Black History Month for their motion to recognize the International Decade for People of African Descent at the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

Chair Scott advised that she attended the fourth National Policy Conference on Holocaust Education in Toronto on 26 and 27 January 2019. She learned of some new learning materials that are being made available to schools and heard disturbing statistics on the lack of awareness of the Holocaust among many young people. This highlights the importance of our efforts to promote greater knowledge and understanding in the context of our equity and learning objectives.

5. Briefing from the Director

Director Williams-Taylor advised that the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, visited Glebe Collegiate Institute to hear the final presentations from students who participated in a JA (formerly known as Junior Achievement) Company program where they learned how to organize and operate a real business with the help of community volunteer business advisors.

Director Williams-Taylor advised that the Ministry of Education has invited teachers' federations, education worker unions and trustees' associations to begin discussing ways to improve teaching hiring practices while seeking feedback on class sizes in kindergarten to Grade 12. Directors of Education were invited to submit responses to questions contained in the Class Size Engagement Guide and an Ontario School Board Hiring Practices Consultation Paper which are included in the agenda package for information. The deadline to submit responses to the questions in the guides is 22 February 2019.

Director Williams-Taylor advised that February is Black History Month. Parents for Diversity will be offering a workshop entitled “Addressing Anti-Black Racism in Schools” on 16 February 2019. The workshop will provide parents with tools to advocate for their children in the District when they face racism and bias. Information on registration is available on the Parents for Diversity website.

Director Williams-Taylor announced that Glashan Public School Principal, Jim Tayler is one of 30 individuals from across Canada to earn the Learning Partnership – Canada’s Outstanding Principals 2019 award. Thirty principals were nominated by parents, colleagues and community members, and chosen by a national selection committee to receive this tribute. Principal Tayler is recognized as a leader at both the school and District level.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Matters for Action

7.1 Confirmation of Board Minutes, 11 December 2018

Moved by Trustee Hough,

THAT the Board report, dated 11 December 2018, be received.

Carried

7.2 Business Arising from Board Minutes

There was no business arising from the 11 December 2018 Board minutes.

7.3 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Report, 11 December 2018

Moved by Trustee Schwartz,

THAT the Committee of the Whole report, dated 11 December 2018, be received.

Trustee Braunovan requested that her name be revised as the Chair of the meeting.

Moved by Trustee Schwartz,

THAT the Committee of the Whole report, dated 11 December 2018, be received, as amended.

Carried

7.4 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Report, 15 January 2019

Moved by Trustee Boothby,

THAT the Committee of the Whole report, dated 15 January 2019, be received.

Trustee Scott requested that the following revisions be made to the report:

- The number of years Thérèse Maloney Cousineau served on the Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB);
- The reason for the kind of experience offered to students in the performing arts varying greatly; and
- Clarity to a concern parents may have in the future with regard to the new Fernbank elementary school consultation plan.

Moved by Trustee Boothby,

THAT the Committee of the Whole report, dated 15 January 2019, be received, as amended.

Carried

a. Facilities Renewal and School Condition Improvement 2018-2019

Moved by Trustee Schwartz

Seconded by Trustee Boothby

1. **THAT the Facilities Renewal Program and School Condition Improvement Project budget in the amount of \$99,366,836 as detailed in Appendix B of Report 19-006 be approved (Attached as Appendix A);**
2. **THAT staff be authorized to proceed with individual project tenders within the Facilities Renewal Program and School Condition Improvement Project plans;**
3. **THAT, as projects are tendered based on bid results or as priorities change, additional projects may be added or removed to suit the availability of the overall budget and the contingency projects proceed without further approval as long as the total overall FRP/SCI budgets are not exceeded; and**
4. **THAT the Chair of the Board and Director of Education are authorized to award contracts above \$500,000 that are within this overall available uncommitted approved budget.**

A recorded vote was held and all three motions were carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Boothby, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Evans, Fisher, Hough, Jennekens, Penny, Scott, and Schwartz (11)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

Carried

b. Extended Day Program (EDP) Daily Fee Rate 2019-2020

Moved by Trustee Schwartz

Seconded by Trustee Boothby

1. **THAT the Extended Day Program fee remain unchanged at the basic rate of \$22.50 per day, effective September 2019, for students who attend the program full-time; and**
2. **THAT the full day fees for optional days of care in the Extended Day Program remain unchanged at \$35.00 per day, effective September 2019.**

A recorded vote was held and all three motions were carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Boothby, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Evans, Fisher, Hough, Jennekens, Penny, Scott, and Schwartz (11)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

Carried

c. New Fernbank Elementary School Study Consultation Plan

Moved by Trustee Scott

Seconded by Trustee Boothby

THAT the New Fernbank Elementary School Study Consultation Plan and Timeline, attached as Appendix D to Report No. 19-003, be approved.

A recorded vote was held and all three motions were carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Boothby, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Evans, Fisher, Hough, Jennekens, Penny, Scott, and Schwartz (11)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

Carried

7.5 Receipt of Special Committee of the Whole Report #1, 15 January 2019

Moved by Trustee Penny,

THAT the Special Committee of the Whole #1 report, dated 15 January 2019, be received.

Carried

7.6 Receipt of Special Committee of the Whole Report #2, 15 January 2019

Moved by Trustee Boothby,

THAT the Special Committee of the Whole #2 report, dated 15 January 2019, be received.

Carried

7.7 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Budget Report, 22 January 2019

Moved by Trustee Schwartz,

THAT the Committee of the Whole Budget report, dated 22 January 2019, be received.

Carried

a. Additional Expenditures in 2018-2019

Additional Expenditures in 2018-2019 was a non-consent item and when dealt with later in the evening the following was noted:

Moved by Schwartz, seconded by Trustee Boothby,

THAT the Board approves the following increases in budget allocations:

1. Classroom furniture at a cost of \$500,000;
2. Additional emergency educational assistant allocations at a cost of \$500,000;
3. Accelerate improvements to the WiFi infrastructure at a cost of \$4,000,000; and
4. Increasing the system fleet of Chromebooks at a cost of \$1,600,000.

Trustee Schwartz noted the following:

- The parents in her zone's schools expressed gratitude that the recommendation was brought forward to the Committee of the Whole Budget on 22 January 2019;
- The recommendation does not support classroom needs on a long-term basis; and
- The future budget could provide an opportunity to support these needs to a greater degree.

Trustee Lyra Evans explained that she did not support and would abstain from voting on Part 2 of the motion. She requested a separate vote for Part 2 of the motion.

Moved by Trustee Schwartz

Seconded by Trustee Boothby

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4. **Increasing the system fleet of Chromebooks at a cost of \$1,600,000.**

A recorded vote was held and the motion was carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Boothby, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Evans, Fisher, Hough, Jennekens, Penny, Scott, and Schwartz (11)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

Carried

Moved by Trustee Schwartz

Seconded by Trustee Boothby

THAT the Board approves the following increases in budget allocations:

2. **Additional emergency educational assistant allocations at a cost of \$500,000;**

A recorded vote was held and the motion was carried on the following division:

FOR: Trustees Boothby, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Fisher, Hough, Jennekens, Penny, Scott, and Schwartz (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Trustee Lyra Evans (1)

7.8 Receipt of Ad Hoc Committee to Develop an Advocacy Strategy Report, 15 January 2019

Moved by Trustee Boothby,

THAT the Ad Hoc Committee to Develop an Advocacy Strategy report, dated 15 January 2019, be received.

Carried

- a. OCDSB Oral Presentation to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, 23 January 2019

Provided for information.

8. Matters for Discussion

8.1 Report from OPSBA Representatives

Trustee Penny noted the following items:

1. The OPSBA policy resolutions are due in early April 2019. He noted that the District has been successful in bringing motions forward and having them passed at OPSBA's Annual General Meeting (AGM). He encouraged his colleagues to start thinking of any resolutions that they would like to bring forward.

2. The eastern region OPSBA meeting will be held in Ottawa on 13 April 2019.

Trustee Boothby reminded her colleagues to email her or Trustee Penny with policy resolutions to bring forward at the OPSBA AGM. She noted that they will decide on one policy resolution to bring forward to a February Committee of the Whole meeting.

9. Matters for Information

9.1 Ministry of Education Consultation on Hiring Practices and Class Sizes

The Ontario School Board Hiring Practices Consultation Paper and the Class Size Engagement Guide 2019 were provided for perusal.

In response to queries from trustees, the following information was provided:

- The consultations were directed at Directors of Education, trustee associations, and unions;
- The agenda planning meeting can coordinate the best course of action for the Board to discuss its position on these issues; and

- A letter can be sent to the Ministry requesting an extension to provide feedback.

a. Ontario School Board Hiring Practices Consultation Paper January 2019

Provided for information.

b. Class Size Engagement Guide 2019

Provided for information.

10. New Business -- Information and Inquiries

There was no new business.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Erica Braunovan, Vice-Chair of the Board