



To: Chair and Members  
Committee of the Whole

DATE: 16 April 2019

RE: Re-establishment of Advocacy Committee as a Special Purpose Committee

Trustee Scott has given notice that she intends to move as follows at the Committee of the Whole meeting of 16 April 2019:

WHEREAS the original 6 October 2015 discussion of the proposal to establish an ad hoc committee to develop an advocacy strategy contemplated the establishment of a permanent advocacy committee;

WHEREAS the need for advocacy may emerge for many different topics and at many different times in ways that could not reasonably be foreseen in the development of an initial advocacy position in any given year;

WHEREAS the need to assist and support the chair of the board to present positions and advocate on behalf of the district and its students may arise with minimal notice such that it would not be feasible to hold fulsome discussions of issues in a timely way at regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole and Board meetings;

THEREFORE be it resolved,

- A. **THAT the current Ad Hoc Committee to Develop an Advocacy Strategy be reconstituted as a Special Purpose committee to be known as the Advocacy Strategy Committee;**
- B. **THAT the membership of the Advocacy Strategy Committee comprise the chair and vice-chair of the board (ex officio) and up to four additional trustees;**
- C. **THAT the mandate of the Advocacy Strategy Committee be**
  - (i) **to develop an annual advocacy strategy for board approval;**
  - (ii) **to develop advocacy positions for board approval; and**
  - (iii) **to advise and support the chair on specific advocacy issues and key messaging as needed and in a timely way;**

- D. THAT the Advocacy Strategy Committee meet at least once annually and on an as-required basis at the call of the Chair of the committee or at the request of the chair of the board; and**
- E. THAT the current members of the Ad Hoc Committee to Develop an Advocacy Strategy appointed on 3 December 2018 be confirmed as members of the new Advocacy Strategy Committee for the term ending 30 November 2019.**

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Camille Williams-Taylor  
Director of Education and  
Secretary of the Board

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Michèle Giroux  
Executive Officer  
Corporate Services

*Signatures on this Notice of Motion confirm that the Notice was submitted in accordance with  
Section 12.9 of the Board's By-laws and Standing Rules.*