



BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 7:30 pm
Board Room
Administration Building
133 Greenbank Road
Ottawa, Ontario**

Trustees: Donna Blackburn, Erica Braunovan, Rob Campbell, Chris Ellis, Lyra Evans, Mark Fisher, Jennifer Jennekens, Keith Penny, Sandra Schwartz, Lynn Scott, Ganaaboute Gagne (Student Trustee), Prasith Wijeweera (Student Trustee)

Staff: Camille Williams-Taylor (Director of Education), Brett Reynolds (Associate Director), Mike Carson (Chief Financial Officer), Mary Jane Farrish (Superintendent of Instruction), Olga Grigoriev (Superintendent of Instruction), Peter Symmonds (Superintendent of Learning Support Services), Eric Hardie (Superintendent of Instruction), Michele Giroux (Executive Officer, Corporate Services), Karyn Carty Ostafichuk, (Manager of Planning), Diane Pernari-Hergert (Manager of Communications & Information Services), Nicole Guthrie (Senior Board Coordinator), Darcy Knoll (Communications Coordinator), John MacKinnon (Audio-Visual Technician), Samantha Flynn (Committee Coordinator)

1. Call to Order -- Chair of the Board

Chair Scott called the public meeting to order at 7:31 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, seconded by Trustee Campbell,

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

3. Presentation to Olga Grigoriev, Superintendent of Instruction

Director Williams-Taylor acknowledged Superintendent Grigoriev's retirement noting that her career at the District began in 2012. She thanked Superintendent

Grigoriev for her positive impact and mentorships with teaching staff, students, communities, principals and vice-principals.

Chair Scott noted that Superintendent Grigoriev was always willing and excited to visit schools within her superintendency and brought new, innovative practices to the District during her role as Superintendent of Learning Support Services. She congratulated Superintendent Grigoriev on a successful career and wished her a wonderful retirement on behalf of the Board.

Superintendent Grigoriev commented on the meaningful work she was able to be a part of with the District and thanked her colleagues for their continuous support and encouragement.

4. Evidence of Practice - Mary Jane Farrish

4.1 Report 19-130, Evidence of Practice (M.J. Farrish, ext. 8821)

Your Committee had before it Report 19-130 providing information to the Board on a school's experience in demonstrating evidence of practice in creating cultures of innovation and social responsibility. Superintendent Farrish congratulated students and staff in the Urban Farming Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) and the Advanced Culinary Education SHSM programs noting their success in the "farm to cafeteria" initiative. She added that, due to the success of the initiative, staff and students have built community partnerships and capacity at other school sites.

During the discussion, and in response to questions, the following points were noted:

- The initiative has seen success on a modest and sustainable budget. Staff and students are continually seeking to build partnerships with community organizations;
- Staff and students are currently able to provide a breakfast program at the school but would like to expand meal selections to include a salad bar lunch;
- The school has not built partnerships with post-secondary institutions in the area but will be looking to do so in the near future; and
- Students enrolled in the SHSM are interested in continuing to build on their knowledge gained through the program in careers such as urban farming, landscape design, culinary arts, and entrepreneurship.

5. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees Gagne and Wijeweera provided the Board with the following report:

- In compiling feedback included in the report, roundtables were held at various secondary schools and feeder schools;
- There is a strong interest among students in composting programs (City of Ottawa's green bin program) and implementing eco-friendly practices in cafeterias;
- Students strongly support a universal presto pass program to address inequities in student transportation. The use of vaporizers on public transit and yellow buses has left some students feeling uncomfortable;
- With regard to mental health resources, many students noted that they did not know where or how to access resources or services;
- Students in grades 7 and 8 expressed concern regarding the transition between middle school and high school;
- Student Trustee Wijeweera attended the National Child Day Conference and noted that many of the concerns expressed by youth were similar to those shared during roundtable discussions with students; and
- Positive feedback was provided in response to the 15th Annual Rainbow Youth Forum and 4th Annual Indigenous Youth Symposium.

During discussion, and in response to questions, the following points were noted:

- With regard to the recommendations identified in the report, Student Trustee Gagne noted that discussions with staff are ongoing. It is the student trustees' hope that the recommendations and student feedback provided are taken into consideration by the Board in their future decision making;
- With regard to the Ontario Student Trustees' Association's (OSTA-AECO's) report on E-learning, OSTA-AECO is hopeful that student trustees will work with their boards on outreach and a local media perspective; and
- Students did not express concern with regard to the content of E-learning courses. The concerns relate to the delivery of courses and access barriers.

6. Report from the Board (In Camera)

Trustee Penny reported that the Board met in camera this evening, and reports and recommends as follows:

Moved by Trustee Schwartz

Seconded by Trustee Penny

THAT staff proceed, as directed in Board in camera, with respect to the Director Evaluation.

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Fisher, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz and Scott (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

Moved by Trustee Schwartz

Seconded by Trustee Penny

THAT the evaluation of the Regional Internal Audit Team Performance, be approved as directed in Board, in camera.

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Fisher, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz and Scott (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

7. Briefing from the Chair of the Board

Chair Scott noted that the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) announced it will hold another full-day withdrawal of service at select school boards; it will not include the District.

Chair Scott advised that the District is working with Canada Homestay Network to arrange and support homestay hosts for international students. She invited families who would be willing to host a student to visit the District website for more information.

Chair Scott noted that, starting in January, schools across the District will be hosting Kindergarten registration information sessions for the 2020-2021 school year. Dates and times will be posted in front of local schools and on their websites.

8. Briefing from the Director

Director Williams-Taylor advised that in 2019, secondary students organized 14 events in support of the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life and raised more than \$650,000 for cancer research. The funds will help support research on all cancers, advocate to make healthy living easier, and provide essential support

services for people living with cancer and their families. She congratulated students at participating schools.

Director Williams-Taylor noted that students will finish classes at the end of the day on Friday, 20 December and will return to school on Monday, 06 January 2020. She added that administration will be closed on 25 December and will re-open on 02 January 2020.

9. Delegations

There were no delegations.

10. Matters for Action

10.1 Confirmation of Board Minutes:

10.1.a 26 November 2019

Moved by Trustee Lyra Evans, seconded by Trustee Schwartz,

THAT the 26 November 2019 Board minutes be confirmed.

Trustee Scott requested that Appendix A to the report be replaced with the amended version of the consultation.

Moved by Trustee Lyra Evans, seconded by Trustee Schwartz,

THAT the 26 November 2019 Board minutes be confirmed, as amended.

Carried

10.1.a.a Notice of Motion to Amend a Previous Motion to Appoint a Member to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), Trustee Ellis

Notice of motion having been given, Trustee Ellis moved as follows:

WHEREAS on 26 November 2019, the Board approved the appointment of Katherine Kacew, as the primary member representing Autism Ontario to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the term ending 14 November 2022.

WHEREAS it was the intention of Autism Ontario that Katherine Kacew be appointed as the alternate member on SEAC.

WHEREAS Section 12.14 of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board By-Laws and Standing Rules

allows for a “motion to amend something previously adopted may be made only with due notice in writing, which should set out new information or other reasons in support of the motion”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Katherine Kacew, be appointed as the alternate member representing Autism Ontario to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the term ending 14 November 2022.

Moved by Trustee Ellis

Seconded by Trustee Fisher

THAT Katherine Kacew, be appointed as the alternate member representing Autism Ontario to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the term ending 14 November 2022.

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Fisher, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz and Scott (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

10.1.b 02 December 2019 Board Organizational Meeting

Moved by Trustee Schwartz, seconded by Trustee Ellis,

THAT the 02 December 2019 Board Organizational meeting minutes be confirmed.

Carried

10.2 Business Arising from Board Minutes

There was no business arising from the Board minutes of 26 November or 02 December.

10.3 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Budget Report, 26 November 2019

Moved by Trustee Penny, seconded by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT the Committee of the Whole Budget report, dated 26 November 2019, be received.

Carried

10.4 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Report, 10 December 2019

Moved by Trustee Penny, seconded by Trustee Blackburn,

THAT the Committee of the Whole report, dated 10 December 2019, be received.

Trustee Blackburn noted that the Chair of the meeting should be revised to read "Trustee Penny."

Moved by Trustee Penny, seconded by Trustee Blackburn,

THAT the Committee of the Whole report, dated 10 December 2019, be received, as amended.

Carried

10.4.a Policy P.017.GOV Student Trustees

Moved by Trustee Evans

Seconded by Trustee Penny

THAT the proposed changes to Policy P.017.GOV, Student Trustees (attached as Appendix A to Report 19-118) be approved. (Attached as Appendix A)

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Fisher, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz and Scott (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

10.4.b Chapman Mills Public School Area - Intermediate & Secondary School Attendance Boundary Redirection

Moved by Trustee Blackburn

Seconded by Trustee Penny

A. THAT the Chapman Mills PS JK-grade 6 attendance boundary area be redirected to Longfields-Davidson Heights SS for grade 7-12 on a phased basis commencing with grades 7 and 9 in September 2020, followed by grades 7,8,9 and 10 in 2021 until full phase-

in of grade 7-12 enrolment by 2023 subject to Recommendations B and C to Report 19-125;

B. THAT the current (2019-2020) graduating Chapman Mills PS area grade 6 students be provided with a one-time option to attend Cedarview MS for September 2020, followed by grades 9 to 12 at Longfields-Davidson Heights SS, and further subject to the sibling provisions outlined in Recommendation C to Report 19-125;

C. THAT the current (2019-2020) Chapman Mills PS area grade 6 students, attending Chapman Mills PS and Chapman Mills PS area grade 7-8 students attending Cedarview MS may attend John McCrae SS for grade 9-12 if they have an older sibling currently (2019-2020) attending John McCrae SS in Grades 9-11; and

D. THAT the intermediate and secondary school attendance boundary for the Chapman Mills PS area be approved as outlined in Appendix C to Report 19-125. (Attached as Appendix B)

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Fisher, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz and Scott (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

10.4.c Rideau-Gloucester Transition Monitoring Report

Moved by Trustee Schwartz

Seconded by Trustee Penny

A. THAT the date for the presentation of the final Rideau-Gloucester Transition Monitoring Report be delayed until the Fall of 2020 so that current year EQAO data can be included in the final analysis; and

B. THAT staff hold a meeting with the school council at Gloucester High School to discuss the feasibility, usefulness, and relevance of the original report elements to be included in the final report.

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Fisher, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz and Scott (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

10.5 Non-Consent Items

There were no non-consent items.

10.6 Report 19-131, Trustee Resignation and Appointment Process, Zone 10

Your Committee had before it Report 19-131, to accept the resignation of Trustee Erica Braunovan, effective 31 December 2019, and to seek approval for the candidate selection process to fill the vacancy of Trustee Zone 10 (Somerset/Kitchissippi).

Moved by Trustee Schwartz, seconded by Trustee Lyra Evans,

A. THAT the Board accept, with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service, the resignation of Erica Braunovan, Trustee Zone 10, Somerset/Kitchissippi, effective 31 December 2019; and

B. THAT the Board proceed with the appointment process to fill the vacancy for the position of Trustee, Zone 10 as outlined in Report 19-131, Trustee Resignation and Appointment Process, Zone 10.

In introducing the motion, Trustee Schwartz noted that she has enjoyed many respectful, honest debates with Trustee Braunovan throughout the years adding she has been a strong voice for students. She requested separate votes for Parts A and B of the motion.

Moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT the Board adopt the rules of committee.

Defeated

In response to a trustee query, Executive Officer Giroux noted that staff will not comment on the candidacy of any individual who applies for the Trustee Zone 10 vacancy, but will ensure that the legal requirements are met.

An amendment moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT candidate interviews and the successful candidate's swearing-in ceremony be held on 11 February 2020.

In introducing the amendment, Trustee Lyra Evans highlighted the importance of ensuring that the successful candidate is able to begin representing their constituents as soon as possible after having been selected for the position.

An amendment moved by Trustee Lyra Evans, seconded by Trustee Blackburn,

THAT candidate interviews be held on 11 February 2020.

Carried, friendly

An amendment moved by Trustee Lyra Evans, seconded by Trustee Ellis, THAT the successful candidate's swearing-in ceremony be held on 11 February 2020.

Trustees speaking against the amendment noted that it would be prudent to ensure sufficient time between candidate interviews and the swearing-in ceremony as it generally takes a full meeting session to complete interviews; further, the successful candidate's family may wish to be in attendance at the swearing-in ceremony.

An amendment moved by Trustee Lyra Evans, seconded by Trustee Ellis, THAT the successful candidate's swearing-in ceremony be held on 11 February 2020.

Defeated

An amendment moved by Trustee Blackburn, seconded by Trustee Jennekens,

THAT the successful candidate's swearing-in ceremony be held at a Special Board meeting to precede the public Committee of the Whole meeting on 18 February 2020.

Carried, friendly

In response to a trustee query, Executive Officer Giroux noted that there are no specific restrictions with regard to trustee questions to candidates during interviews. She highlighted that, due to the rotation process, trustees may not have an opportunity to ask a question to each candidate.

Vice-Chair Penny noted that Trustee Braunovan will be greatly missed by the Board.

Moved by Trustee Schwartz

Seconded by Trustee Evans

A. THAT the Board accept, with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service, the resignation of Erica Braunovan, Trustee Zone 10, Somerset/Kitchissippi, effective 31 December 2019

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Fisher, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz and Scott (9)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Trustee Braunovan (1)

Moved by Trustee Schwartz

Seconded by Trustee Evans

B. THAT the Board proceed with the appointment process to fill the vacancy for the position of Trustee, Zone 10 as outlined in Report 19-131, Trustee Resignation and Appointment Process, Zone 10, as amended.

Carried

A recorded vote was held on Part B of the motion and was carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Fisher, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz and Scott (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

In summary, the following motion was approved:

Moved by Trustee Schwartz, seconded by Trustee Lyra Evans,

- A. THAT the Board accept, with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service, the resignation of Erica Braunovan, Trustee Zone 10, Somerset/Kitchissippi, effective 31 December 2019; and**
- B. THAT the Board proceed with the appointment process to fill the vacancy for the position of Trustee, Zone 10 as outlined in Report 19-131, Trustee Resignation and Appointment Process, Zone 10, as amended.**

Carried

10.7 Memo 19-151, Revisions to Draft Policy P.141.GOV Integrity Commissioner

Director Williams-Taylor advised that Policy P.141.GOV Integrity Commissioner was revised in response to suggestions expressed by some trustees during the 26 November 2019 Board meeting.

Staff noted that Section 3.5 would be revised to replace “Board members” with “trustees.”

Moved by Trustee Blackburn, seconded by Trustee Schwartz,

THAT the draft policy P.141.GOV Integrity Commissioner, attached as Appendix A to Report 19-115, be approved.

During discussion, and in response to questions, the following points were noted:

- A posting for the position will likely be held over a three week period;
- The Integrity Commissioner will only provide general information, briefings, or training limited to the jurisdiction of office; and
- A concern was expressed regarding the use of the words "trustees" and "board members" as the student trustees do not hold the same level of responsibility. Staff noted that although the language of the policy was reviewed by legal counsel, terms included in the policy can be reviewed once again.

Trustee Penny assumed the Chair.

Trustee Scott expressed the view that the language used in Section 3.7 of the policy should be revised to distinguish between "trustee" and "board member."

An amendment moved by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Blackburn, THAT the word “trustees” be replaced by “board members” in Section 3.7.

Some trustees noted that, due to the fact that student trustees may be involved in Code of Conduct breaches, and their opinions are highly valued with respect to decision making, it would be prudent to retain the current language used in the policy.

In wrap up, Trustee Scott noted that, during the selection process, the selection committee will be privy to personal information submitted by applicants that student trustees would normally not be privy to in accordance with the *Education Act*.

An amendment moved by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Blackburn,

THAT the word “trustees” be replaced by “board members” in Section 3.7.

Carried

Trustee Scott resumed the Chair.

An amendment moved by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Schwartz,

THAT Section 3.12 be amended to delete the words “of trustees.”

Carried

Moved by Trustee Blackburn

Seconded by Trustee Schwartz

THAT the draft policy P.141.GOV Integrity Commissioner, attached as Appendix A to Report 19-115, be approved, as amended. (Attached as Appendix C)

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Lyra Evans, Fisher, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz and Scott (9)

AGAINST: Trustee Chris Ellis (1)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

10.8 Report 19-132, Appointment of Association Representatives to the Special Education Advisory Committee

Your Committee had before it Report 19-132, to appoint the primary and alternate representatives of Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC) to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the term 17 December 2019 to 14 November 2022.

Moved by Trustee Evans

Seconded by Trustee Ellis

THAT Safina Dewshi, be appointed as the primary member, and Michelle Berry be appointed as the alternate member representing Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the term ending 14 November 2022.

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Fisher, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz and Scott (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

11. Matters for Discussion

11.1 Report from OPSBA Representatives (if required)

There was no report from OBSPA representatives.

12. New Business -- Information and Inquiries

Trustee Fisher noted that the federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities was recently tasked to work with the provinces and territories to assist school districts and municipalities in adding zero-emission buses to their fleets over the next five years. He commented that the District should ensure that the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) is aware of the mandate and consider similar goals in updating the District's vehicles.

Chair Scott wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Lynn Scott, Chair of the Board