

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PUBLIC REPORT

Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

Board Room

Administration Building

133 Greenbank Road

Ottawa, Ontario

Trustees Present: Christine Boothby, Rob Campbell, Chris Ellis, Lyra Evans, Mark Fisher, Wendy Hough, Jennifer Jennekens, Keith Penny, Sandra Schwartz, Lynn Scott, Ganaabouté Gagné (Student Trustee), Prasith Wijeweera (Student Trustee)

Staff Present: Camille Williams-Taylor (Director of Education), Brett Reynolds (Associate Director), Janice McCoy (Superintendent of Human Resources), Michele Giroux (Executive Officer, Corporate Services), Dorothy Baker (Superintendent of Instruction), Stacey Kay (Manager of Learning Support Services), Pamela LeMaistre (Manager of Human Resources), Diane Pernari-Hergert (Manager of Communications & Information Services), Darcy Knoll (Communications Coordinator), Nicole Guthrie (Manager, Board Services), Leigh Fenton (Committee Coordinator)

Non-Voting
Representatives
Present: Cathy Bailey (OSSTF Teachers/Occasional Teachers), Malaka Hendela (OCASC), Wajid Zaman (Student Senate)

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

Vice-Chair Penny called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. He 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 Agenda

Moved by Trustee Hough,

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

3. Briefing from the Chair of the Board

Chair Scott announced that all District elementary schools from kindergarten to grade eight will be closed on 5 and 6 February 2020. The closure also impacts

students enrolled in grades seven and eight attending secondary schools with grades 7 to 12.

Chair Scott recognized Black History Month and shared a TVO video featuring her former music teacher, Mr. Ted Jewell. The video highlights the career and experiences of Mr. Jewell. She noted that Mr. Jewell taught her lessons in music and later became the first Black mayor of Kapuskasing.

4. Briefing from the Director

Director Williams-Taylor provided the following announcements:

- Parents were reminded to attend the Speaker Series offering a free information session concerning vaping on 5 February 2020 at Sir Robert Borden High School. Information and details are located on the District website;
- As a part of the Right to Read public inquiry, The Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) has launched a survey for parents and guardians of students with reading disabilities. This survey will help the OHRC to engage people with lived experience and learn about human rights issues facing students with reading disabilities. More information can be found on the District website;
- Registration for middle French immersion begins 10 February 2020 and ends 18 February 2020. Students who have completed the grade three Core French program may register;
- Registration for the winter night school sessions closes on 14 February 2020. Classes will be in session from 20 February 2020 to 26 May 2020 at the Adult High School; and
- The deadline for school transfer applications is 18 February 2020.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Report from Statutory and Other Committees

6.1 Special Education Advisory Committee, 08 January 2020

Moved by Mark Fisher,

THAT the SEAC Report dated 8 January 2020 be received.

Trustee Boothby noted that Petra Duschner should be reflected in the attendance list.

Moved by Mark Fisher,

THAT the SEAC Report dated 8 January 2020 be received, as amended.

Carried

7. Information Items:

7.1 Report from OPSBA (if required)

There was no report from the OPSBA representatives.

7.2 New Ministry Initiatives Update (if required)

There were no new Ministry initiatives updates.

7.3 OSTA Update (if required)

There was no OSTA update.

8. New Business - Information and Inquiries

Trustee Fisher indicated that he will be providing a notice of motion concerning the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on succession planning.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Keith Penny, Chair