

BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 7:30 pm
Board Room
Administration Building
133 Greenbank Road
Ottawa, Ontario

- Trustees: Justine Bell, Donna Blackburn, 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: Camille Williams-Taylor (Director of Education), Brett Reynolds (Associate Director), Dorothy Baker (Superintendent of Instruction), Prince Duah (Superintendent of Instruction), Mike Carson (Chief Financial Officer), Mary Jane Farrish (Superintendent of Instruction), Janice McCoy (Superintendent of Human Resources), Shawn Lehman (Superintendent of Instruction), Peter Symmonds (Superintendent of Learning Support Services), Nadia Towaij (Superintendent of Program and Learning K-12), Karyn Carty Ostafichuk, (Manager, Planning), Sandy Owens (Manager, Business & Learning Technologies), Diane Pernari-Hergert (Manager, Communications & Information Services), Richard Sinclair (Manager, Legal Services and Labour Relations), Nicole Guthrie (Manager, Board Services), Susan Baker (Acting Senior Board Coordinator), Rebecca Grandis (Administrative Assistant), Darcy Knoll (Communications Coordinator), John MacKinnon (Audio-Visual Technician)
- Guests: Cheryl Seigny (Principal, Vimy Ridge Public School), Sue Christie (Vice-Principal, Vimy Ridge Public School) and students from Vimy Ridge Public School,

1. Call to Order -- Chair of the Board

Chair Scott called the public meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. She acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on unceded and unsurrendered Algonquin Territory and thanked the Algonquin Nations for hosting the meeting on their land.

2. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved by Trustee Lyra Evans, seconded by Trustee Boothby,
THAT the agenda be approved.**

Carried

3. Evidence of Practice - Dorothy Baker

3.1 Report 20-023, Evidence of Practice, Vimy Ridge Public School (D. Baker, ext. 8886)

The Board had before it Report 20-023 presenting information on the commitment to environmental stewardship at Vimy Ridge Public School.

Superintendent Baker invited Principal Cheryl Seigny, Vice-Principal Sue Christie and grade 5 students from Vimy Ridge PS to make their presentation on the school's dedication to a common goal of environmental stewardship. Vimy Ridge PS is located in the Findlay Creek community in Gloucester. Working together as a community, students and staff, with the help of the school council and the South Nation Conservation Authority, implemented the "Stream of Dreams" eco-education program. All students participated in a workshop to learn about the importance of clean water. Students painted fish to contribute to a mural hung on the school fence for the whole community to enjoy. Other students tested water quality with the South Nation Conservation Authority staff, cleaned the school yard, and assisted in the development of a recycling program. A landscape architect volunteered to help students create a sustainable community garden where students will plant vegetables and flowers in the spring.

In response to queries, the student presenters said they enjoyed working together and learning more about the environment and using their skills in science, math, and literacy to create the garden. They also noted the challenge of keeping the recycling centre clean and tidy. On behalf of the Board, Trustee Jennekens presented the students with a token of appreciation and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

4. Report from the Board (In Camera)

Moved by Trustee Boothby

Seconded by Trustee Penny

THAT staff proceed as directed in Board in camera with respect to a human resources item.

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Bell, Blackburn, Boothby, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Hough, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz, Scott (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Trustee Campbell (1)

5. Briefing from the Chair of the Board

Chair Scott advised that OSSTF has announced that it intends to hold another one-day strike in school boards, including the OCDSB, on Friday, 28 February 2020. If this takes place, all OCDSB schools will be closed to students on this day and Extended Day programs will be cancelled.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) will not be holding strikes this week or next week. However, the union will be putting in place additional work sanctions, effective Wednesday, 26 February 2020. The District will continue to contact parents with further labour updates as they become available.

Chair Scott encouraged members of the school community to wear pink on 26 February 2020 in honour of Pink Shirt Day. Schools across the District will be taking part in events, including assemblies, classroom activities and more, to raise awareness against bullying and support those affected.

Chair Scott noted that Black History Month is drawing to a close and OCDSB schools have had numerous activities such as book clubs celebrating Black authors, school-wide assemblies, interactive displays, and lesson plans focusing on Black culture and history. On 28 February 2020, the Afro-Caribbean Mentorship Program, in partnership with Carleton University, is hosting its second annual Black History Month event: *Empowering our Future*. Director Camille Williams-Taylor will be one of the keynote speakers at this event which will celebrate and honour black people who are making outstanding contributions to Canada today.

6. Briefing from the Director

Director Williams-Taylor advised that nominations are open for the OCDSB Volunteer and Community Member Recognition Awards. These awards are an opportunity to recognize volunteers who make an important contribution to OCDSB schools. The awards will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Reception and Community Recognition Awards Ceremony on 6 May 2020. Details can be found on the OCDSB website.

Director Williams-Taylor reported that Osgoode Township High School has been awarded a \$25,000 USD grant to support a student-led virtual reality game. This Epic Games "MegaGrant" is a particular honour for the school, as it is usually

awarded to post-secondary institutions. Epic Games was inspired by the early work done by OCDSB students, in partnership with the District's Experiential Learning Division. Director Williams-Taylor extended congratulations to the school.

Director Williams-Taylor advised that the Ottawa Construction Association will be hosting a two-day symposium and trade show on 26-27 February 2020. This event will include a special Youth Engagement Zone for students to take part in hands-on demonstrations and learn more about jobs in construction and skilled trades. The OCDSB will also be leading a carpentry competition for students at this symposium.

7. Delegations

There were no delegations.

8. Matters for Action

8.1 Confirmation of Board Minutes:

8.1.a 28 January 2020, Board

Moved by Trustee Hough, seconded by Trustee Schwartz,

THAT the minutes of the Board meeting of 28 January 2020 be confirmed.

Carried

8.1.b 18 February 2020, Special Board

Moved by Trustee Jennekens, seconded by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT the minutes of the Special Board meeting of 18 February 2020 be confirmed.

Carried

8.2 Business Arising from Board Minutes

There was no business arising from the Board minutes of 28 January 2020 and 18 February 2020.

8.3 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Report, 4 February 2020

Moved by Trustee Penny, seconded by Trustee Hough,

THAT the report from Committee of the Whole dated 4 February 2020 be received.

Carried

There were no recommendations in the report.

8.4 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Budget Report, 4 February 2020

Moved by Trustee Schwartz, seconded by Trustee Jennekens,

THAT the report from Committee of the Whole Budget dated 4 February 2020 be received.

Carried

8.4.a Revised Estimates 2019-2020

Moved by Trustee Evans

Seconded by Trustee Schwartz

THAT the Board approve the In-Year Deficit Elimination Plan attached as Appendix E to Report 20-003.

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Bell, Blackburn, Boothby, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Hough, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz, Scott (11)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

8.5 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Report, 18 February 2020

Moved by Trustee Penny, seconded by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT the report from Committee of the Whole dated 18 February 2020 be received.

Carried

8.5.a School Year Calendar

Moved by Trustee Schwartz

Seconded by Trustee Penny

THAT the school year calendars (attached as Appendix A and B to Report 20-022) be submitted to the Ministry of Education as the official 2020-2021 school year calendar for the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board's elementary and secondary schools. (Attached as Appendix A and Appendix B)

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Bell, Blackburn, Boothby, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Hough, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz, Scott (11)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

8.5.b John Young Elementary School Interim Accommodation Measures

Moved by Trustee Boothby

Seconded by Trustee Penny

- A. **THAT future students moving into the Fernbank elementary school (K-6) attendance area, who are in kindergarten (year 1) through grade 6 be directed to Westwind Public School as of September 2020, subject to sibling provisions outlined in Recommendation C to Report 20-004;**
- B. **THAT current (2019-2020) year 1 and 2 kindergarten John Young Elementary School students who reside in the new Fernbank elementary school (K-6) attendance area be redirected to Westwind Public School for year 2 kindergarten and grade 1 in September 2020, subject to sibling provisions outlined in Recommendation C to Report 20-004;**
- C. **THAT incoming year 1 kindergarten (September 2020 and beyond while the redirection is in effect) and current year 1 and 2 kindergarten (2019-2020) students who reside in the new Fernbank elementary school (K-6) attendance area, but who currently have older sibling(s) in grades 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 (2019-2020) attending John Young Elementary School be provided a one-time option to remain at John Young Elementary School;**
- D. **THAT Recommendations A through C to Report 20-004 shall remain in effect until such time as the anticipated new Fernbank elementary school is opened or until other accommodation measures are approved;**
- E. **THAT upon the opening of the new Fernbank elementary school all of the students who reside in the Fernbank elementary school boundary, including those who remain at John Young Elementary School and those who have been subject to this redirection in accordance with Recommendations A through C to Report 20-004, move in a**

block (year 1 kindergarten through grade 5) to the new Fernbank elementary school;

- F. THAT the only exception to the redirection outlined in Recommendation E to Report 20-004 shall be those students entering grade 6 and their younger siblings who are attending John Young Elementary school, having exercised a one-time option to remain; and**
- G. THAT the student transfer period be extended for a two week period to 3 March 2020 for current John Young Elementary School students or their siblings impacted by interim measures to apply for transfer to John Young Elementary School or Westwind Public School.**

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Bell, Boothby, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Hough, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz, Scott (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

8.5.c Extended Day Program Daily Fee Rate

Moved by Trustee Schwartz

Seconded by Trustee Penny

- A. THAT the Extended Day program fee remain unchanged at the basic rate of \$22.50 per day, effective September 2020, for students who attend the program full-time; and**
- B. THAT the full day fees for optional days of care in the Extended Day program remain unchanged at \$35.00 per day, effective September 2020.**

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Bell, Boothby, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Hough, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz, Scott (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

8.5.d Early Learning Department - Lead Supervisor

Moved by Trustee Campbell

Seconded by Trustee Penny

THAT the Board approve the establishment of a Lead Supervisor position within the Early Learning Department.

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Bell, Boothby, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Hough, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz, Scott (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

8.5.e Revision to P.074.GOV Computer Network Security

This item was a non-consent item, and when dealt with later in the meeting, the following points were noted.

Moved by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Penny,

THAT the revisions to Policy P.074.IT, Information Technology Security (attached as Appendix C to report 20-020) be approved, as amended.

In response to Trustee Campbell's query, Superintendent Lehman confirmed that the reference to classification in section 4.3 refers to the classification of data.

Moved by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Penny,

THAT the words "of data" follow "classification" in section 4.3.

Carried, Friendly

In response to a query from Trustee Lyra Evans, Superintendent Lehman advised that the amendment does not change the meaning of section 4.2.

Moved by Trustee Campbell

Seconded by Trustee Penny

THAT the revisions to Policy P.074.IT, Information Technology Security (attached as Appendix C to report

20-020) be approved, as amended. (Attached as Appendix C)

Carried

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

FOR: Trustees Bell, Boothby, Campbell, Ellis, Evans, Hough, Jennekens, Penny, Schwartz, Scott (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

8.6 Non-Consent Items

9. Matters for Discussion

9.1 Report from OPSBA Representatives

Referring to the written summary of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Board of Directors meeting of 21-22 February 2020 that was provided to trustees prior to the start of the meeting, Trustee Boothby provided the following update:

- OPSBA provided an education funding submission to the Ministry of Education. The submission included the OPSBA position on special education funding, mental health, Indigenous education, skilled trades and apprenticeships, modern learning, student transportation, capital and facility funding, professional learning, leadership development, and local funding flexibility. A copy of the submission can be found on the OPSBA website;
- OPSBA is conducting an online survey on the government's new poverty reduction strategy. Trustees were encouraged to submit their input prior to 30 March 2020 at
- <https://engage.ontario.ca/en/engagement-initiatives/developing-new-poverty-reduction-strategy-ontario>;
- OPSBA is creating a \$1,000 annual scholarship for each region over the next three years. The scholarship is intended for students who would not normally qualify for a scholarship. Board members were asked to send their ideas for selection criteria to Trustees Boothby and Penny;
- Take your Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) to School Week will be held 14 to 17 April 2020; and

- Bill 172, an *Act* in relation to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) requires school boards to develop policies and guidelines on FASD. Colleges of teachers and early childhood education programs will be required to provide training with respect to FASD.

10. Matters for Information

There were no matters for information.

11. New Business -- Information and Inquiries

There was no new business.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Lynn Scott, Chair of the Board