

*Excerpt from the meeting minutes of 12 January 2021, Committee of the Whole*

1. Notice of Motion, The ME Project

Moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,

- A. THAT the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board install coin-free menstrual hygiene product dispensers and disposal units in all washrooms accessible to students (including in at least one stall within male washrooms), guidance departments, and physical education departments in all schools with students in grades 4 to 12 prior to September 2022;
- B. THAT the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, considering environmental impact, variety of preferences, and other factors, ensure the continual supply of free menstrual hygiene products in the aforementioned dispensers from September 2022 onwards;
- C. THAT the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board provide free menstrual hygiene products to students at other appropriate distribution channels where necessary from September 2022 onwards, at the discretion of school administration;
- D. THAT the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board provide age and grade appropriate education to at least grades 4 to 12 students on the proper usage and disposal of menstrual hygiene products, as well as the rationale for their placement; and
- E. THAT the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board carefully consider the needs of all student demographics in the implementation and maintenance of this initiative, e.g. private and unsupervised access, usage of gender neutral language and packaging.