In Motion

Highlights from regular meetings of the Halton District School Board

November/December 2011

Trustees elect Chair and Vice-Chair for 2012

At the December 7, 2011 meeting of the Halton District School Board, Trustees elected a Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2012 year. Trustee elections occur annually at the organizational meeting, held the first Wednesday in December.

Kelly Amos (Oakville, Wards 5 & 6) was nominated for the position of Chair by Ann Harvey Hope (Oakville, Ward 3), and the nomination was seconded by Nancy MacNeill (Milton, Wards 1, 6, 7 & 8).

Kathryn Bateman-Olmstead (Oakville, Ward 4) was nominated for the position of Chair by Donna Danielli (Milton, Wards 2, 3, 4 & 5), with the nomination seconded by trustee Nancy MacNeill.

Don Vrooman, (Oakville Wards 1&2) was nominated for the position of Chair by trustee Jennifer Hlusko (Burlington, Ward 6), with the nomination seconded byAmy Collard (Burlington, Ward 5).

All nominators and candidates spoke to their respective bids for Chair before ballots were cast.

The first casting of ballots resulted in no clear majority, with two candidates tied receiving the fewest number of ballots. When a tie occurs, the Director of Education draws a name from the tied candidates, with the name drawn being the candidate who will proceed to the second ballot. Director of Education David Euale announced the names of Don Vrooman and Kathryn Bateman-Olmstead for the second ballot. Following the second casting of ballots, Don Vrooman was declared Chair of the Halton District School Board for 2012.

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Amy Collard (Burlington, Ward 5) was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair by Nancy MacNeill, with the nomination seconded by trustee Kathryn Bateman Olmstead.

Kelly Amos was nominated for the position of Chair by Ann Harvey Hope, and the nomination was seconded by Nancy MacNeill.

Again, both the nominator and candidate spoke to their respective strengths in seeking the position. Following the casting of ballots, Amy Collard was declared Vice-Chair for the 2012 term.

Chair Don Vrooman expressed his appreciation to his colleagues, and spoke to the importance of leadership, collaboration and working toward the Board's goals of student achievement and success. This is Vrooman's second term as Chair, having been initially elected to the role in December 2010.

Vice-Chair Amy Collard was newly elected to the role of trustee in the 2010 municipal elections. She has a wealth of leadership experience on a number of HDSB committees and with a variety of community organizations. Amy also thanked her colleagues for the opportunity to serve as Vice-Chair, and is looking forward to applying her experience for the benefit of the Board and its students and staff..

IB Report coming in February

A trustee motion to seek provincial funding options for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program has been deferred, pending a report on the program (including recommendations) to be received in February 2012..

Upcoming Meetings

Board meetings are usually held on the first and third Wednesday of each month; committee meetings are held on alternate Wednesdays.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11 with public session beginning at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 18, will be the next regularly scheduled Halton District School Board meeting, also beginning at 7 p.m. (Public Session).

February's meetings will be held on Wednesday, February 1 and Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

All meetings are open to the public, and are held at the JW Singleton Education Centre, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington**.** All copies of the Board agenda, minutes and reports for the Halton District School Board meetings are posted on the Board's website at: ***www.hdsb.ca*** under Boardroom and Trustees>Board Agenda and Minutes. The documents are posted on the Friday prior to the meeting. The agenda package includes minutes from the previous meeting.

Boundary Studies

At the December 7 meeting of the Halton District School Board, trustees approved the initiation of three boundary studies, as follows:

Commencing: February 2012:
Conclude: June 2012
North Burlington Secondary Schools Boundary Review to review and recommend secondary school program and accommodation for the new SRA 101 North Burlington high school located in the Alton Community, scheduled to open for September 2012.

Commencing: December 2011
Conclude: March 2012
North-West Oakville Elementary school Boundary review to review and recommend revisions to elementary school program and boundaries within ERA 114 and ERA 115 (North-West Oakville)

Commence: December 2011
Conclude: March 2012
Milton Community Elementary School Boundary Review to review and recommend elementary school programs and boundaries for the new SE Milton #7 and the SW Milton #8 elementary schools.

Strategic Plan

At the December 7 Board meeting, Trustees approved the Board's new Strategic Plan.

Review and public consultation was conducted during the past several months, resulting in the following Mission Statement and Values:

The Halton District School Board is committed to every student.

We will:

- inspire and support learning;
- create safe, healthy, inclusive and engaging environments
- provide opportunities for challenge and choice
- prepare students for success

We value and respect ~

Relationships

therefore, we will

- build and maintain partnerships
- demonstrate cooperation, collaboration and compassion
- communicate effectively
- align our words and actions
- acknowledge and appreciate diversity

Responsibility

therefore, we will

- measure and report results
- use resources effectively
- respond to demographic needs
- operate in an open and transparent manner
- model sound environmental practices
- make timely and informed decisions
- promote social responsibility

Ingenuity

therefore, we will

- foster creativity, innovation and initiative
- identify, develop, share and implement exemplary practices
- establish responsive practices to address divergent learning needs
- recognize ideas, efforts, and results

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