



Halton District School Board

HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

J.W. Singleton Education Centre,
2050 Guelph Line, Burlington, ON

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Public Session Agenda: 6 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA

1.0 Opening

- 1.1 Welcome, Call to Order and Attendance
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands
- 1.3 Approval of the Agenda

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- 3.1 Human Rights and Equity Initiatives (*J. Amoah*)
- 3.2 Provincial Review: Bullying (*J. Oliver*)
- 3.3 Budget Presentation (*R. Negoj*)
- 3.4 Governance Report (*T. Rocha and Subcommittee*)
- 3.5 Trustee Message (*A. Grebenc, T. Ehl Harrison*)

4.0 Communication

- 4.1 Trustee Questions and Comments

5.0 Adjournment

Halton District School Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PUBLIC SESSION

JW Singleton Education Centre, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington, ON

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – 6 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: K. Amos, A. Collard, D. Danielli, T. Ehl Harrison, H. Gerrits, J. Gray (phone),
A. Grebenc, L. Reynolds, J. Oliver, T. Rocha

Regrets: M. Shuttleworth

Staff: D. Boag, R. Negoi, R. Eatough, M. Marshall, J. Amoah, G. Gortmaker

1. Opening

1.1 *Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call*

T. Ehl Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. K. Amos arrived at 6:05 p.m.

1.2 *Acknowledgement of the Land*

H. Gerrits recognized the earlier reading honouring Halton's rich history and modern traditions of many First Nations and Métis. On behalf of the Board, acknowledgement and thanks was given to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for sharing their traditional territory.

1.3 *Approval of the Agenda*

On a motion from D. Danielli, the agenda was approved as revised, noting the date *change*.

1.4 *Approval of the Minutes*

On a motion from J. Gray, the minutes of February 12, 2020 were approved as amended.

1.5 *Order Paper*

T. Ehl Harrison called attention to the Order Paper.

2. Presentations

2.1 *Implicit Bias Training*

R. Eatough introduced Mary Marshall and Jewel Amoah who spoke to implicit bias, and facilitated discussions with the trustees.

2.2 *Strategic Enterprise Risk Management*

R. Negoi spoke to the Strategic Enterprise Risk Management initiative. She and S. Miller, Director of Education responded to trustee questions.

3. Discussion Items*

3.1 *Governance Survey*

T. Ehl Harrison facilitated a review and discussion to update previous governance goals set by the Board of Trustees. A new goal was added, and a decision to receive input from the student trustees and the Director was made. Further discussion will occur at the next meeting.

3.2 *Mandatory Student Fees Discussion*

J. Gray spoke to the issue regarding student fees, turning things over to D. Boag and S. Miller to provide an overview of the Administrative Procedure, the Board's implementation practices, and challenges. D. Boag noted ideas and challenges, indicating a further update would be coming back to the Board at a future time.

3.3 *Feedback Loop on Delegations*

T. Ehl Harrison commented on the feedback received from the recent delegation she was involved with at the Town of Oakville, suggesting this may be something trustees would consider. A. Grebenc and T. Ehl Harrison will bring a recommendation back to a future meeting.

4. Meeting Efficiency Items

4.1 *Efficiency Items*

J. Oliver spoke to Committee Reports to the Board, questioning how comprehensive the content had to be, and if written reports precluded the option to provide a verbal update.

5. Trustee Questions and Comments

L. Reynolds asked information regarding the Board's efforts in dealing with COVID-19. S. Miller reiterated the Board is taking its lead from Halton Public Health.

6. Questions and Comments from the Public

There were no questions or comments from the public.

7. Adjournment

On a motion from T. Rocha, the Committee adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

G. Gortmaker, Recorder

Halton District School Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PUBLIC SESSION

Public Session – Tuesday, April 7, 2020 (3 p.m.)

Due to closures related to Covid-19 (novel coronavirus), this Board meeting was held via teleconference

Present: K. Amos, A. Collard, D. Danielli, T. Ehl Harrison, H. Gerrits, J. Gray, A. Grebenc, J. Oliver, L. Reynolds, T. Rocha, M. Shuttleworth, M. Burnes, O. Lau

MINUTES

1 Opening

1.1 *Call to Order*

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m., noting today as the United Nations' World Health Day. T. Ehl Harrison provided the roll call, and reviewed protocols for the teleconference meeting.

1.2 *Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands*

A. Grebenc recognized Halton's rich history and modern traditions of many First Nations and Métis. On behalf of the Board, acknowledgement and thanks was given to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for sharing their traditional territory.

1.3 *Approval of the Agenda*

On a motion from H. Gerrits, the public session agenda for Committee of the Whole, April 7, 2020 was approved unanimously.

2 Information/Discussion Items

2.1 *Learning Continuity*

S. Miller provided introductory comments, and indicated the senior team would respond to various aspects of the efforts regarding learning continuity, speaking to the jurisdiction of their respective portfolios.

C. Ruddock spoke to Friday's access to schools for staff, and Monday's distribution of technology to students. She indicated 2000 pieces of technology had been loaned out to students to further learning continuity; she highlighted the protocols were strictly adhered to during this process. She indicated many schools had positive and encouraging messaging by principals as staff picked up materials. She also indicated further efforts were underway to distribute/deliver equipment to families that weren't able to pick-up curbside on Monday, with principals having extra pieces of technology if required.

D. Boag also commented on teacher training, readiness and roll-out. He also spoke to assessing the needs of families/students as the roll-out of technology and connectivity proceeds. He also indicated expectations of this new online model were still being fine-tuned, with teachers trying to be as inclusive as possible for the accessibility of learning materials for students and families.

T. Salmini and J. Hunt Gibbons provided an update on curriculum expectations, as well as assessment and evaluation efforts for both elementary and secondary panels. J. Hunt Gibbons specifically spoke to the reporting and marks process for graduating students, and responded to trustee questions. Communication to families and students will follow.

M. Zonneveld spoke to efforts to support students with special needs, highlighting the efforts of staff in meeting these needs and enhancing these connections.

M. Puccetti spoke to the impact of the shut-down to school properties and playgrounds, thanking the Facilities staff and caretaking staff for their unwavering efforts in this regard. She also highlighted construction projects, specifically the implications to construction resulting from the Burlington PAR. The team responded to trustee questions.

D. Boag responded to questions relating to summer school.

R. Negoï spoke to business operations continuing at this time of closure, including online refunds being processed at this time.

G. Truffen and J. Newton spoke to connectivity issues for students and efforts to meet students' needs in that regard, and what differentiated efforts are being made for the geographic variances within Halton.

J. Amoah commented on the overarching themes of equity and human rights in framing the Board's response to efforts in this unprecedented time.

D. McFadden spoke to issues relating to staffing and other Human Resources issues, including the tremendous efforts of HR staff in transitioning payroll operations to off-site locations to meet the demands of staff with respect to payroll, records of employment and other employment questions. She highlighted role expectations to be shared with all employee groups, and supports in place for other groups such as principals and administrators. She indicated local negotiations would be happening in the near future.

J. Pennyfather spoke to donations of PPE equipment, and partnerships working toward addressing food security issues.

R. Eatough spoke to communication efforts, highlighting challenges with the student registration process for the upcoming year.

3 Communication to the Board

3.1 *Trustee Questions and Comments*

Trustee questions had been addressed throughout the senior admin's presentations and information sharing.

T. Ehl Harrison highlighted the next Committee meeting slated for April 22, featuring a budget presentation, an overview of provincial reviews, and trustee governance issues. She also reminded trustees of the date change of the upcoming Board meeting to April 14 from April 15.

J. Gray commented on an upcoming OPSBA Board of Directors meeting.

4 Adjournment

As the agenda had been exhausted, J. Gray moved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

G. Gortmaker, Recorder

ORDER PAPER: Wednesday, April 22, 2020

(Items shaded and/or marked in bold have been completed, or approved by the Board, and will be deleted from the list prior to the next edition.)

<i>Meeting Date</i>	Motion	Responsibility for Action
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