



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, May 13, 2020

Public Session Agenda: 6 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA

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MINUTES

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, L. Reynolds, J. Oliver, T. Rocha, M. Shuttleworth

1. Opening

1.1 *Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call*

T. Ehl Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

On behalf of the Halton District School Board, she expressed condolences in tribute to those who had lost their lives in the recent tragedy in Nova Scotia. A moment of silence was held to honour those impacted by this horrific tragedy.

T. Ehl Harrison mentioned today as the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, and noted it as National Canadian Film Day.

1.2 *Acknowledgement of the Land*

L. Reynolds 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 J. Oliver, the agenda was approved as revised, noting the renaming of item 3.3 to "Safe Schools" and the addition of the Order Paper under Consent Items.

2. Action Items

2.1 *Approval of the Minutes*

On a motion from M. Shuttleworth, the minutes of March 11, 2020 and April 7, 2020 were approved as distributed.

2.2 *Order Paper*

T. Ehl Harrison called attention to the Order Paper.

2. Information Items

2.1 *Human Rights and Equity Initiatives*

S. Miller introduced the topic of Human Rights and Equity Initiatives, looking at gaps and initiatives that may exist within the Halton District School Board, as a learning exercise for staff and trustees.

J. Amoah spoke to two specific initiatives within her portfolio: building and maintaining a culture of respect for human rights; and supporting a resolution of human rights complaints. She elaborated on initiatives to build capacity within these areas for the Halton District School Board, specifically (a) Leadership Training and Capacity Building; (b) Equity and Human Rights Promotion and Protection; and (c) Equity and Human Rights Self-Identification Data Collection.

2.2 *Budget Presentation*

R. Negoï provided an update regarding the budget process, provincial directives and an initial look at the potential provincial funding and grants as well as how it relates to staffing, the development of the multi-year plan and other initiatives and operating pressures for the upcoming budget year. The next budget workshop will be April 27.

2.3 *Provincial Review: Safe Schools*

J. Oliver spoke to the provincial review regarding safe schools, citing more specifics are required regarding the specific findings and strategies against bullying and other behavior interventions. She spoke to feedback arising from the review and stakeholder consultations at the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board. She also highlighted initiatives underway at the Halton District School Board.

2.4 *Governance Report*

T. Ehl Harrison spoke to the governance assessment report (March). T. Rocha spoke to the addition of an 8th goal to the trustees' work (elevate the role of trustee within the community). T. Ehl Harrison spoke to comments made to the goals, and initiated the following motion.

Moved by H. Gerrits

Be it resolved that the recommendations resulting from the Trustee Governance Review be forwarded to the Board for approval and implementation.

Carried Unanimously.

2.5 *Trustee Message*

T. Ehl Harrison and A. Grebenc spoke to the initiative to do a trustee message to staff and constituents, with each trustee recording a brief sentence or two to be edited into a general video message. Trustees expressed their enthusiasm.

3 Trustee Questions and Comments

T. Ehl Harrison asked S. Miller to introduce an update re the Board's efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, and Continuity of Learning initiatives. Superintendents contributed information based on their individual portfolios including supports for Special Needs students, the use of Apple products as student resources, the impact of the emergency shutdown on construction timelines, and other student learning initiatives.

Moved by J. Oliver

Be it resolved that audio livestreaming for Committee of the Whole meetings be an accepted practice within the Board's by-laws, in order to provide public access during the Covid-19 emergency shutdown.

Carried.

The vote was not unanimous, with one dissenting vote from K. Amos.

Moved by A. Grebenc

Be it resolved that, effective immediately, the entire Committee of the Whole audio-stream for meetings held during the Covid-19 emergency shutdown be retained and posted on the Board website for a period of three days subsequent to the meeting date. **Defeated.**

The vote was not unanimous, with two votes to the affirmative from T. Ehl Harrison and A. Grebenc.

Further discussion occurred regarding the trustee survey about the effectiveness of teleconferencing, and also the DiSC training originally scheduled for next week. T. Ehl Harrison will follow up and reschedule with the trainer.

A. Grebenc indicated the desire to strike an ad-hoc committee to look at the School Naming process specifically with respect to school renaming, with the committee reporting back in September, and made a motion to that effect.

Moved by A. Grebenc

Be it resolved that an ad-hoc committee be struck to review the governance procedure dealing with school naming, specifically the governance portion of dealing with school renaming, with the committee reporting back to the Committee of the Whole in September. **Carried Unanimously.**

J. Oliver, T. Rocha, L. Reynolds, J. Gray, K. Amos, H. Gerrits, A. Collard and A. Grebenc offered to sit on the committee.

M. Shuttleworth left the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Discussion ensued regarding the next meeting date.

4 Adjournment

On a motion from J. Gray, the Committee adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

G. Gortmaker, Recorder

ORDER PAPER: Wednesday, May 13, 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.)

Meeting Date	Motion	Responsibility for Action
April 22, 2020	Be it resolved that the recommendations resulting from the Trustee Governance Review be forwarded to the Board for approval and implementation.	Chair/Vice-Chair