

FEBRUARY 13, 2017
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The Waterloo Region District School Board held a Committee of the Whole Meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Centre Board Room, with the following members in attendance: S. McMillan (Chairperson), C. Harrington, J. Hendry, T. Martin, A. Mitchell, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Trustee C. Millar was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Student Trustees R. Barnes and H. Jamal were in attendance.

Trustee A. Mitchell attended the meeting via teleconference.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: J. Bryant (Director of Education and Secretary), R. DeBoer, M. Gerard, S. Lomax, L. Read and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: J. Herring, N. Manning and L. Slupeiks.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson S. McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by C. Harrington:

That the agenda of the February 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved.

-Carried-

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson S. McMillan announced that regrets for this evening's meeting had been received from Trustee C. Millar.

Chairperson McMillan welcomed Trustee A. Mitchell to the meeting after her absence. Trustee A. Mitchell attended via teleconference.

Chairperson McMillan announced that the Board Meeting scheduled for February 27, 2017, would begin at 7:30 p.m.

CELEBRATING BOARD ACTIVITIES

Trustee K. Smith attended a Chinese New Year Celebration and the last meeting for the Mothers Group that meets at Sunnyside Public School. She also announced that the Rotary Club of

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Kitchener - Grand River is calling for applications for grants in the amount of \$2000-\$2500 and the application deadline is February 28, 2017.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations this evening.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

MOTION TO DEFER

Trustee K. Smith indicated that she required additional time to provide consultation information received from the Parent Involvement Committee and requested a deferral of Policy 2004 – Character Education & Social Emotional Skills and Policy 2005 – Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Support.

2. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by C. Watson:

That consideration and approval of Policies 2004 – Character Education & Social Emotional Skills and Policy 2005 – Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Support be deferred to the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 6, 2017.

-Carried-

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2006 - CONSULTATION

3. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by J. Hendry:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve amendments to Board Policy 2006 - Consultation as presented at the February 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 5000 - STAFFING

4. Moved by A. Mitchell, seconded by K. Smith:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve amendments to Board Policy 5000 - Staffing as presented at the February 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

Opposed
C. Harrington

FINAL APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 5001 – APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPALS & VICE-PRINCIPALS

5. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by C Watson:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve amendments to Board Policy 5001 – Appointment of Principals & Vice-Principals as presented at the February 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

REPORTS

WATERLOO COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE/NORTHDALE FEASIBILITY STUDY CONSULTATION

Coordinating Superintendent M. Gerard provided the report for approval. It was noted during the presentation that the City, Wilfrid Laurier University and the WRDSB would need to engage the services of a project manager at a cost of \$25,000, which is to be shared between the three parties.

In response to a question from trustees, M. Gerard noted that it is too early to provide a cost estimate and more information will be available as the process evolves.

Several trustees expressed concern over the amount of funding this project could require and the future of Waterloo Collegiate Institute given the nature of the changing community.

A lengthy discussion followed as to what commitment the Board would be providing by approving this motion at this time and concern over the level of funding that would be required in the future.

6. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by N. Waddell:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board proceed with the Short Term and Medium Term objectives identified in the Waterloo Collegiate Institute/Wilfrid Laurier University Feasibility Study for shared redevelopment of the Waterloo Collegiate Institute and adjacent Wilfrid Laurier University lands.

The Short Term and Medium Term objectives outlined in the Waterloo Collegiate Institute/Wilfrid Laurier University Feasibility Study are:

- **Continued Stakeholder Outreach**
- **Negotiate Non-Binding Letters of Interest**
- **Develop Request for Proposal for Master Planning Services**
- **Develop Master Plan**
- **Develop Initial Development Proforma**
- **Public Consultation**

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Further that the Waterloo Region District School Board partner with the City of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University to share the costs associated with these objectives.

-Carried-

In Favour

T. Martin
N. Waddell
K. Woodcock
C. Watson
S. McMillan**

Opposed

C. Harrington
J. Hendry
A. Mitchell
K. Smith

***Notes: Chairperson S. McMillan voted in favour of the motion to break a tie vote and as a result the motion was carried. Also, Trustee M. Ramsay abstained from voting on the motion and Trustee C. Millar was absent.*

After the outcome of the vote was determined, Trustee K. Smith requested that a letter be sent by the Chairperson on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to Ms. Petrie at the Ministry of Education to determine if this project would be considered to be within the scope of what would constitute a Community Hub.

TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM UPDATE

This report was provided for the information of the Board of Trustees.

Benoit Bourgault joined the meeting at this time to provide a presentation to trustees on transportation which included a discussion and comparison on the amounts paid for transportation by the WRDSB and WCDSB.

Trustees A. Mitchell and M. Ramsay exited the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Chairperson S. McMillan thanked Mr. Bourgault for his presentation.

STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

There were no staff and board reports.

Trustee T. Martin left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee M. Ramsay rejoined the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Trustee K. Woodcock requested additional information on services offered to students involved in a bullying situation in the schools. Coordinating Superintendent S. Lomax provided a response and outlined some of the interventions and supports available to students.

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Trustee J. Hendry asked if staff have given any thought to suspending Off-Campus Trips to the United States similar to the Windsor-Essex School Board. Director J. Bryant stated that staff are currently investigating and communicating with other Boards on this issue and will provide an update if any new information becomes available.

Trustee K. Smith requested information on counselling services provided to students from Syria or recent newcomer students in light of the recent situation in the United States in regard to immigration. Director J. Bryant agreed to provide an update in an upcoming question period.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

RISE AND RECONVENE

7. Moved by C. Harrington , seconded by C. Watson:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 13, 2017, rise and reconvene in a Special In Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.