

**FEBRUARY 12, 2018**  
**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 Boardroom, with the following members in attendance: S. McMillan (Chairperson), C. Harrington, J. Hendry, C. Millar, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Waterfall, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Trustee T. Martin was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Student Trustee K. Shaban was in attendance. Student Trustee G. Kenyon was not in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: J. Bryant (Director of Education and Secretary), M. Gerard, S. Lomax, S. Miller, B. Lemon, P. Rubenschuh, E. Ranney, L. Read, G. Shantz and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: P. Kaur, S. Longeway, N. Manning and S. Reidel.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson S. McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**That the agenda of the February 12, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved.**

-Carried-

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson S. McMillan shared regrets from Trustee T. Martin.

Trustee C. Waterfall visited Preston Public School and Centennial Public School.

Many Trustees attended the Groh Public School Grand Opening at the beginning of the month.

Chairperson S. McMillan announced that OPSBA has requested each school board have a page on their website for election information. Staff will be working to have this available soon.

**DELEGATIONS**

The following delegation was scheduled to speak at this evening's meeting:

- Alyssa Holstock – Nut Free Schools

2. Moved by C. Watson, seconded by M Ramsay:

**That the delegation, Alyssa Holstock, be referred to staff to set up a meeting.**

-Carried-

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE**

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 1006 – ANAPHYLAXIS MANAGEMENT**

3. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by C. Waterfall:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 1006 – Anaphylaxis Management as presented at the February 12, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 4005 – PROCUREMENT**

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 4005 – Procurement as presented at the February 12, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 4008 – SEGREGATION OF DUTIES AND CHEQUE SIGNING AUTHORITY**

5. Moved by C. Millar, seconded by C. Waterfall:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 4008 – Segregation of Duties and Cheque Signing Authority as presented at the February 12, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 6000 – SAFE SCHOOLS**

Trustee C. Watson inquired as to an example where section 1.1.6 would apply as it seems vague. Superintendent P. Rubenschuh suggested a diagnosis of oppositional defiant disorder (ODD) would be an example.

6. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by C. Millar:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 6000 – Safe Schools as presented at the February 12, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

Opposed: C. Watson

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 6008 – STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

7. Moved by C. Waterfall, seconded by C. Millar:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 6008 – Student Discipline as presented at the February 12, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

**REPORTS**

**ELEMENTARY SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM**

This report was provided for information.

Superintendent, Student Achievement and Well-Being, E. Ranney and Administrator P. Kaur presented information on the Elementary Summer Learning Program (SLP) held in the summer of 2017 and funded by Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE). The purpose of the program is to reduce summer learning loss. There is not enough quantitative data to suggest trends in learning but the qualitative data from parents and students is positive. The SLP will continue in the summer of 2018. Teachers are asked to recommend students who are at risk of summer learning loss.

Trustee K. Smith requested Trustees be invited to visit SLP each year.

The program is run through grant-based CODE funding so the number of sites are limited. WRDSB partners with Nutrition for Learning to help provide food for students.

Trustee J. Hendry joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**AD HOC FRENCH IMMERSION REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE**

This report was provided for information.

M. Gerard, Coordinating Superintendent of Business Services, provided an update on the committee including membership, attendance and discussions to date. The committee's recommendations will be brought forward to the Committee of the Whole in April 2018.

**MOTION RE: FLAG POLICY AMENDMENT**

This report contained a Notice of Motion served by Trustee C. Watson at the June 26, 2017, Board Meeting and was supported by Trustees J. Hendry and C. Harrington.

8. Moved by C. Watson, seconded by J. Hendry:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board refer the Motion: Flag Policy Amendment to ADC to be rescheduled.**

-Carried-

**MOTION RE: SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING LETTER TO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

This report contained a Notice of Motion served by Trustee C. Watson at the November 27, 2017, Board Meeting and was supported by Trustees N. Waddell and C. Harrington. The request is to specifically address the funding formula which has not been reviewed since 1992.

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting a thorough review of the Special Education funding formula, and that additional funding be provided to school boards for resources to help support students with high risk behaviours; and**

**That copies of the letter be send to OPSBA and other Ontario school boards.**

-Carried-

Trustees C. Watson and J. Hendry brought forward a letter from Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) requesting the Minister of Education support Bill 191 which would amend the Education Act to promote awareness and understanding of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in the school system. Currently, this bill has had its first reading and SEAC is asking that it be forward for second and third reading prior to the June election. SEAC would like the Board of Trustees to approve sending the letter on behalf of SEAC and the Board of Trustees.

Trustee J. Hendry clarified that SEAC does not bring too many items to the board table for approval, but felt this was of importance and that the Board of Trustees do not typically receive copies of private members bills.

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10. Moved by C. Watson, seconded by J. Hendry:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the SEAC letter to the Minister of Education regarding support for Bill 191 as presented at the February 12, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting**

-Carried-

Opposed: K. Smith

**MOTION RE: NALOXONE KITS IN SCHOOLS**

This report contained a Notice of Motion served by Trustee C. Watson at the November 27, 2017, Board Meeting and was supported by Trustees C. Waterfall and C. Harrington. The estimated annual cost of Naloxone kits was presented to Trustees on November 20, 2017 and included in the report.

Trustee C. Watson spoke to the motion she put forward. She mentioned other life-saving devices and medications kept at school with procedures already in place. She expressed concern for any students coming into contact with needles carrying traces of Fentanyl. She told Trustees that Colleges and Universities stock up on Naloxone and some other Ontario school boards have approved supplying kits to their schools.

Trustee K. Woodcock requested the motion be split into two parts and trustees agreed.

Trustee C. Millar put forth a motion to postpone the motions until September 2018, allowing staff to concentrate on prevention and awareness while Waterloo Region Integrated Drug Strategy (WRIDS) completes work on their comprehensive community approach to the issue. She mentioned community partners who, while they would support the Board of Trustee's decision to provide Naloxone kits, did not feel it was necessary.

Student Trustee K. Shaban noted that providing one Naloxone kit to secondary schools would likely suffice, rather than the three mentioned in the report.

Trustees engaged in a lengthy debate on whether to postpone the motion. Trustees were in disagreement regarding a number of points including:

- community partners' position in the matter
- a student's personal responsibility
- level of risk on school sites
- best use of school board resources
- impact on staff workload

Trustee K. Woodcock called a Point of Order as Trustees were reframing each other's opinions and comments. Chairperson S. McMillan ruled in favor of the Point of Order and asked that all Trustees direct any comments to the chair not to each other.

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At the February 26, 2018, Board Meeting the related motion was replaced by a new motion. A motion to postpone the vote was brought forward and a recorded vote was requested by Trustee C. Watson.

11. Moved by M. Ramsay, seconded by C. Watson:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board provides Naloxone kits in its secondary schools and alternative programs; and**

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board postpone providing Naloxone kits in its elementary schools and rural schools until such time as the Board receives a report back from the Waterloo Region Integrated Drug Strategy.**

Motion to postpone moved by C. Millar, seconded by K. Smith:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board postpone the Naloxone kits motion listed below to September 2018.**

**Motion to Postpone:**

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**That the Waterloo Region District School Board postpone providing Naloxone kits in its elementary schools and rural schools until such time as the Board receives a report back from the Waterloo Region Integrated Drug Strategy.**

In Favour of Postponement

K. Woodcock  
C. Waterfall  
K. Smith  
J. Hendry  
T. Martin  
C. Millar  
K. Shaban\*

Opposed to Postponement:

N. Waddell  
M. Ramsay  
C. Watson  
C. Harrington

-Motion to Postpone Carried-

\* Student Trustees votes are recorded for the purpose of public record and for accountability to the student body; however, it is recognized that “a student trustee is not a member of the Board” (Education Act, Section 55 (2))

The motion was postponed, to be revisited in September 2018.

**DISCUSSION**

**BOARD POLICY G201 – TRUSTEE CODE OF CONDUCT**

12. Moved by C. Millar, seconded by K. Woodcock:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve, with the recommended changes, the revised Board Policy G201 – Trustee Code of Conduct.**

-Carried-

Opposed: C. Watson

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Trustee M. Ramsay asked if the board is working on updated protocols for staff due to the upcoming decriminalization of marijuana. Director J. Bryant confirmed staff has started discussion and would schedule an update through the Agenda Development Committee.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

13. Moved by J. Hendry, seconded by K. Woodcock:

**That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 12, 2018, be adjourned.**

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.