

**FEBRUARY 26, 2018
BOARD MEETING**

The Waterloo Region District School Board held a Board 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, T. Martin, C. Millar, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Waterfall, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

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), R. DeBoer, M. Gerard, E. Giannopoulos, I. Gaudet, B. Lemon, N. Landry, S. Lomax, A. Mercier, S. Miller, P. Rubenschuh, E. Ranney, L. Read, G. Shantz and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: D. Liebermann, S. Longeway, N. Manning and S. Reidel.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson S. McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

That the agenda of the February 26, 2018, Board Meeting be approved with the removal of the United Way Campaign Update, which will be rescheduled due to illness.

-Carried -

CONSENT AGENDA

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

That the consent agenda of the Board Meeting of February 26, 2018, and the actions contained therein, be approved with the exception of the Motion Re: Naloxone Kits in Schools on Folio 22.

-Carried-

MOTION RE: NALOXONE KITS IN SCHOOLS ON FOLIO 22

Trustee C. Watson asked that trustees reconsider the decision to postpone providing naloxone kits in schools. She reminded trustees of the dangers of Fentanyl and that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is running a social media campaign encouraging individuals to pick up their free kits. She also expressed concerns around unavoidable delays paramedic may encounter on the way to an emergency.

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Trustee C. Millar put forth a motion to postpone. She provided some clarification on discussions from the February 12, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting around fatalities in the region, none of which would have been prevented by having naloxone kits in schools.

Trustees further discussed the benefits and costs to providing naloxone kits in schools.

Trustee C. Watson requested a recorded vote on the motion to postpone.

3. 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.

That the Waterloo Region District School Board provide 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.

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 but are not included in the official count.

The motion was postponed and it will be revisited in September 2018.

MOTIONS FROM IN CAMERA MEETING

Note: The following motions were approved in the In Camera session held earlier this evening.

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

That the agenda of the February 26, 2018, In Camera Board Meeting be deemed to meet the legislative requirements for discussion in camera.

-Carried-

B. Moved by C. Harrington, seconded by C. Waterfall:

That the consent agenda of the February 26, 2018, In Camera Board Meeting and the actions contained therein, be approved.

-Carried-

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

That we rise and report in public session.

-Carried-

Note: This concludes the reporting of In Camera motions.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CELEBRATING BOARD ACTIVITIES

Trustee K. Woodcock reminded trustees that proposed resolutions and constitutional amendments for the OPSBA AGM are due to the Manager of Corporate Services by Friday, March 2, 2018.

Chairperson S. McMillan attended Premier K. Wynne's visit to Glenview Park Secondary School (GPSS). Students had the opportunity to ask her questions and participate in a town hall discussion. The town hall was moderated by the Student Co-Prime Ministers of GPSS.

Director J. Bryant congratulated Martha (Marty) Deacon on her appointment to the Canadian Senate. Marty was a longtime educator in our district working as a teacher, principal and superintendent.

Director J. Bryant brought attention to the PIC Family Day posters in the boardroom. The WRDSB Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and the Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils (WRAPSC) are excited to host their annual free family event on April 7, 2018.

HEFORSHE WRITING CONTEST WINNERS PRESENTATION

Chief Communications Officer N. Manning introduced special guest Diana Parry, a professor at the University of Waterloo (UW). Professor D. Parry spoke about the HeForShe campaign for gender equity. WRDSB was chosen to partner with UW to be the youth voice of the HeforShe writing contest. The book will be released on March 2, 2018.

Ninety-seven WRDSB students submitted stories and poems for the contest. Present at today's meeting were the following contestants to accept their copy of the book:

- Rose Danen - Fiction - The Broken Road - Winner
- Lama Abdallah - Poetry - Fluent in Excuses - Winner
- Alanya Wallace - Poetry - Orchids
- Lily Abate - Poetry - Eyes Closed
- Gemma McVeigh - Non-Fiction - A Letter To Every Sexist I Have Encountered
- Victoria Monteith - Fiction - All of Our Broken Pieces

Youth Non-fiction winner Kaleigh Wiens was unable to attend the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS UPDATE

Communications Officer S. Longeway shared a number of events which occurred this month across the system. Chief Communications Officer N. Manning shared February's media coverage.

Chairperson S. McMillan thanked N. Manning for his service and wished him luck in his new position.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

REPORTS

STRATEGIC PLAN STATUS REPORT

The report was for information and served as a mid-year check-in on the work related to the three to five-year implementation of the Strategic Plan and Operational Goals. Director J. Bryant and senior staff presented the report. The presentation included special guest, Giasone Italiano, a reengagement teacher who shared a graduation success story.

Trustees commented and asked clarifying questions on various goals.

Trustee C. Harrington left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Director J. Bryant reminded Trustees that due to the timing of data collection, actions which were implemented a year ago will still not be reflected until the Graduation rates are available in 2019.

4. Moved by C. Watson, seconded by T. Martin:

That the Board Meeting extend an additional 30 minutes past 9:30 p.m.

-Carried-

Trustees agreed it was important that the new Board of Trustees starting in December 2018 continue with the Strategic Plan.

Director Bryant thanked the Trustees for their support and advised that the upcoming budget information for 2018-2019 will support the goals of the Strategic Plan

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Woodcock reminded Trustees and staff about a number of upcoming OPSBA events including the Summit on Mental Health in April and the AGM in May. Trustees were also reminded of the upcoming OPSBA officer's elections.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

The Board received the following communications:

- Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario – Workplace Violence Survey

QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee Watson asked if parents have received anything in regards to the Mindfulness Research Project. Coordinating Superintendent L. Reid confirmed that while the project is still being vetted and explored right now, when student information and data is collected for research, it would require parental permission.

Trustee M Ramsay inquired as to the level of cooperation when a student is interested in transferring to a different school board. Coordinating Superintendent L. Read confirmed that while staff will engage the family as to the reason for the transfer, families are supported in their decision.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

5. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by C. Waterfall:

That the Board Meeting of February 26, 2018, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.