

May 14, 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: C. Harrington, J. Hendry, T. Martin, C. Millar, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Waterfall, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Chairperson S. McMillan was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Student Trustee M. Stojakovic was in attendance. Student Trustee K. Shaban was not in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: J. Bryant (Director of Education and Secretary), I. Gaudet, M. Gerard, S. Lomax, S. Miller, L. Read, P. Rubenschuh and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: L. Agar, D. Ahluwalia, R. Dallan, S. Feeney, L. Lima, S. Longeway and S. Reidel.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson T. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

That the agenda of the May 14, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved.

-Carried-

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Trustee Watson declared a conflict and did not vote during Motion #10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee C. Waterfall toured Lester B. Pearson Public School, attended the Clemens Mill Public School Anniversary and a Relay for Life event.

Trustee K. Woodcock represented the Board of Trustees at the annual elementary Administrators year end celebration. She also visited Sandowne Public School, Lexington Public School and Bridgeport Public School.

Vice-Chairperson T. Martin conveyed regrets from Chairperson S. McMillan and Student Trustee K. Shaban.

Trustees were asked to let K. Sonnenberg know if they were attending the annual retirement dinner.

DELEGATIONS

The following delegation spoke at this evening's meeting:

- Husayn Jamal - Student Mental Health

Trustee M. Ramsay joined the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Trustees requested that Mr. Jamal connect with staff.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 2000 - ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

Trustees requested a reference to Board Policy 2011 - Sun Safety and Shading to be added.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 2000 - Environmental Values as presented at the May 14, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting with the additional reference to Board Policy 2011 - Sun Safety and Shading.

-Carried-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 2003 - EARLY LEARNING AND CARE

Trustees requested the inclusion of "extended day" and would like to see stronger wording used instead of "to support and encourage"

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board refer Board Policy 2003 - Early Learning and Care back to staff to review and to incorporate the feedback provided.

-Carried-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 2004 - CHARACTER EDUCATION & SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

4. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by K Woodcock:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 2004 - Character Education & Social-Emotional Skills Development as presented at the May 14, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 6001 - CODE OF CONDUCT

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 6001 - Code of Conduct as presented at the May 14, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 2005 - PARENT/GUARDIAN OR CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Trustees decided clarification was needed in Section 1.2 to better explain that Trustees are not to act as a representative of a parent at a meeting between parents and staff.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 2005 - Parent/Guardian or Caregiver Support as presented at the May 14, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting with the addition of “at a meeting between parents and staff” to Section 1.2.

-Carried-

REPORTS

APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

Trustee C. Millar and Student Trustee M. Stojakovic introduced the 2018-2019 Student Trustees, Oscar Judelson-Kelly from Cameron Height Collegiate Institute and Ben Wahl from Waterloo Collegiate Institute. The Student Trustees will commence their duties in September 2018.

PRIDE FLAG VERBAL REPORT

Director John Bryant shared the WRDSB plans for flying the pride flag in June. It connects to the Strategic Plan and supports the diversity of students, staff and parents.

Equity and Inclusion Officer D. Ahluwalia spoke to WRDSB's responsibility to demonstrate commitment to each student. She shared a poem from a grade six student and spoke to how pride month is recognized federally. D. Ahluwalia also shared some statistics on how LGBTQ students feel from both a federal and province survey. She spoke to the importance of being intentionally inclusive and how flying the pride flag opens the door to deliberate conversations.

Superintendent P. Rubenschuh shared the communication plan which includes resources for principals, superintendents and trustees as to why the WRDSB is flying the pride flag. There are also resources for parents and caregivers to assist in navigating questions from students. The flag is a visual reminder that we welcome and support everyone. WRDSB consulted with Heritage Canada directly in regards for flying two flags on one mast. The Canadian flag must be flown above any other flag.

Trustees requested that a link to flag etiquette be included with the board's communication on the website for flying the Pride flag

Trustees requested that when the WRDSB's Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools Survey is complete, that the data be shared with trustees. Superintendent Rubenschuh confirmed that the trends will be shared as part of the Equity Action Plan.

ANNUAL PUPIL ACCOMMODATION GRANT – SCHOOL RENEWAL

The Pupil Accommodation Grant – School Renewal Allocation is provided by the Ministry of Education to address the cost of repairing and renovating schools and infrastructure. It is estimated that the Waterloo Region District School Board's Pupil Accommodation Grant – School Renewal Allocation for the 2018-2019 fiscal year will be \$9,933,140. Money received in this allocation must be spent on renewal projects. Manager of Capital Projects R. Dallan shared some of the accessibility work being done in schools.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the 2018-2019 Pupil Accommodation Grant expenditures for the year September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019, not to exceed the estimated level of grant received from the Ministry of Education for School Renewal Allocation, as established in the budget of the report entitled, 2018-2019 Pupil Accommodation Grant – School Renewal Allocation, dated May 14, 2018.

-Carried-

ANNUAL SCHOOL CONDITION IMPROVEMENT GRANT – SCHOOL RENEWAL

This report was for information.

R. Dallan, Manager of Capital Projects, presented the Annual School Condition Improvement Grant - School Renewal. Each year, several projects for major maintenance are prioritized and funded from the annual Pupil Accommodation Grant – School Renewal, however, not all prioritized projects can be completed due to the limited funding available. This additional School Condition Improvement Grant will allow for completion of backlogged prioritized projects in the 2018-2019 school year. The intent of these prioritized projects is to bring older schools up to current standards.

Trustee C Harrington left the meeting.

ANNUAL ACCOMMODATION PLANNING

Manager of Planning L Agar shared the Accommodation Planning for 2018-2019. The main areas of focus for accommodation planning include a secondary school boundary study in Southwest Kitchener, revising new Board Policy 4000 - Pupil Accommodation Review, assisting with the French Immersion review, conducting a mid-term review of the Education Development Charges By-laws and monitoring other areas of interest.

Manager of Planning, L Agar, mentioned a correction to folio 32. The first paragraph under Southwest Kitchener Secondary Boundary Study should read as follows: “The primary purpose of this Boundary Study is to reduce enrolment at Huron Heights Secondary School. The study area will include Forest Heights Collegiate Institute, Huron Heights Secondary School and Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute boundaries, including Development Areas assigned to Forest Heights Collegiate Institute.”

8. Moved by C. Waterfall, seconded by C. Watson:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the commencement of the Southwest Kitchener Secondary Schools Boundary Study, involving Huron Heights Secondary School, Forest Heights Collegiate Institute and Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute;

And that the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the creation of a Development Area for elementary and secondary panels for the area known as Cambridge West as shown on Appendix A;

And that the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the creation of a development area for the secondary panel for the area known as Beaver Creek Meadows as shown on Appendix A.

-Carried-

ENERGY UPDATE

This report was provided for information.

L. Lima, Manager of Mechanical, Electrical and Environmental Services and Supervisor of Energy Conservation, S. Feeney, presented the report which details the Board's energy consumption, budget and expenditures for 2016-2017. They shared new initiatives which include changes to occupant behaviour through curriculum-based presentation to both elementary and secondary students. Further conservation is also expected through continuing to upgrade windows, boilers and controls.

STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

OPSBA AGM VOTING DELEGATE DIRECTION

The purpose of this report is to provide direction for Trustee C. Waterfall as voting delegate at the OPSBA AGM.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board support the OPSBA Strategic Priorities 2018-2019 motion at the AGM.

-Carried-

Trustee J. Hendry asked that the voting delegate obtain clarification around part A of Member Board Policy Resolution #1 and to ensure that it does not supersede other inclusion based hiring practices.

Trustee C. Watson declared a conflict of interest.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board support parts B, C, and D of Member Board Policy Resolution #1 - FNMI Staff Recommendations and only support part A if clarified that it is not to supersede any other inclusion based hiring practices.

-Carried-

Trustee N. Waddell expressed concerns that OPSBA is suggesting Resolution #2 be sent to the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE). She is concerned they do not have the experience around Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) as some of their positions are currently vacant.

Trustees agreed that in the event the resolution passes, Trustee Waddell could provide additional background information to the voting delegate to pass on to OPSBA to share with the resolution.

11. Moved by N. Waddell, seconded by C. Watson:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board support Member Board Policy Resolution #2 - ADHD Exceptionalities Recommendations.

-Carried-

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board support Executive Councils recommendation for Member Board Policy Resolution #3 - Regulatory Appraisal Process for OPSOA Members.

-Carried-

QUESTION PERIOD

Coordinating Superintendent M. Weinert provided a response to a question posed at a previous meeting regarding the legalization of marijuana. Regarding recreational use, the same procedure will be followed as staff under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Prescriptions will be looked at on a case-by-case basis considering student supervision and the use of machinery.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

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

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 14, 2018, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m