

OCTOBER 15, 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, T. Martin, C. Millar, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Waterfall, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Student Trustees O. Judelson-Kelly and B. Wahl were in attendance.

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

Other staff in attendance: S. Galliher, N. Hercanuck, K. Penticost and S. Reidel.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson S. McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

That the agenda of the October 15, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved with addition of one delegation.

-Carried-

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee M. Ramsay welcomed former trustee and colleague, Gary Ferguson, who was in the audience for tonight's meeting.

Trustee K. Woodcock represented the Board at the Wilfrid Laurier University School Day football game. There were over 3000 elementary students from the region in attendance. She also spoke at the Galt Collegiate Institute and Vocational School commencement.

Trustee C. Millar brought greetings on behalf of the Board to the Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School commencement.

Trustee K. Smith attended an event at Kitchener City Hall where former student trustee H. Jamal received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. She also attended the Change in Command Parade for the Royal highland Fusiliers of Canada at Cambridge City Hall.

Trustee C. Waterfall spoke at two commencements, Jacob Hespeler Secondary School and Preston High School.

Director J. Bryant extended an invitation to all trustees to attend the System Leaders Meeting the morning of November 1, 2018. The meeting will concentrate on building inclusive schools.

DELEGATIONS

The following delegation was added to the agenda at this evening's meeting:

- Matthew Donovan - Naloxone kits in schools

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 1000 - DISPLAY OF FLAGS

Director J. Bryant shared the revised policy. Staff researched policies from other school boards. This new policy has much more detail than the previous version. It speaks to the dignity of the flag, interior and exterior flags, hardware and flying more than one flag on one pole. There is also a flag request form to assist with coordination within the system.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 1000 - Display of Flags as presented at the October 15, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

Opposed:
M. Ramsay
J. Hendry

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 1010 - ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES

Superintendent S. Miller presented the policy and confirmed that the Special Education Advisory Committee did have an opportunity to review the policy.

3. Moved by J. Hendry, seconded by C. Millar:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 1010 - Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities as presented at the October 15, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 3000 - TRUSTEE HONORARIA

4. Moved by J. Hendry, seconded by C. Waterfall:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 3000 - Trustee Honoraria as presented at the October 15, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 4004 - EMERGENCY NEEDS - EXPENDITURES

5. Moved by T. Martin, seconded by C. Harrington:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 4004 - Emergency Needs - Expenditures as presented at the October 15, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 4010 - VIDEO SURVEILLANCE IN SCHOOLS

Coordinating Superintendent M. Weinert shared the updated policy which includes reference to the Board's legal responsibility. Sections 4.4 and 4.5 will make reference to the appropriate related policy.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 4010 - Video Surveillance in Schools as presented at the October 15, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

REPORTS

IDENTIFICATION PLACEMENT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Waterloo Region District School Board operates Identification, Placement and Review Committees. These committees are organized within schools, areas of schools and the district. According to Regulation 181/98 of the Education Act, "Each board shall establish one or more committees for the identification and placement of exceptional pupils, determine the jurisdiction of each committee and establish the manner of selecting the chair of each committee."

7. Moved by T. Martin, seconded by C. Waterfall:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the jurisdiction of each of these committees as outlined below, and as per Appendix A of the report:

A) School Committees:

A school IPRC is held when a program modification to accommodate an exceptional student with Special Education Needs can be accomplished within the home school environment.

B) Area Committees:

An area IPRC is held when program modifications to accommodate an exceptional student with Special Education Needs is necessary for them to access a designated program within their current school environment or if a change in schools is required for the student to access the designated program.

C) District Committees:

A district IPRC is held when program modifications to accommodate an exceptional student with Special Education Needs requires placement in cross-district Special Education Programs (i.e., Provincial School). This occurs when school and district resources have been exhausted or when specialized equipment that is not available in a school setting is being considered.

-Carried-

DOON SOUTH DEVELOPMENT AREAS

This report was provided for information.

N. Hercanuck, Senior Planner, presented the report. In response to current and anticipated future enrolment pressure being experienced at Huron Heights Secondary School, the previously established 'Doon South' Development Areas in southwest Kitchener are being assigned to Forest Heights Collegiate Institute for grades 9 through 12. Once occupied, the students would be bussed to Forest Heights Collegiate Institute. The Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region school finder map will be updated so families moving into the area will see the updated school eligibility. This is one of a few sources potential families can see the school information. There will be a Boundary Study in the future to review the enrolment in the area.

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS QUARTERLY UPDATE REPORT

This report was provided for information.

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I. Gaudet, Controller, Facility Services, provided trustees with a list of current capital projects with budgets greater than \$2.5M. The projects were presented with a dashboard to indicate the status of the project relative to the schedule, budget and scope. Significant milestones, along with basic project statistics, were also presented. All projects are proceeding as planned through the design and construction stages. The report also included an overall Capital Renewal Update.

Trustees will receive an updated budget for Janet Metcalfe Public School at a future meeting. The project has an anticipated completion date of approximately four weeks from now.

MOTION: NALOXONE KITS

This report contained a motion moved by Trustee M. Ramsay, seconded by Trustee C. Watson at the February 26, 2018, Board Meeting. The Board of Trustees voted in favour of postponing the motion to September 2018.

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

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.

Trustee C. Watson introduced the motion and encouraged trustees to vote in favour. Trustee M. Ramsay also urged trustees to support the motion.

Trustee N. Waddell requested that the motion be divided into two parts.

Trustees first debated part one of the newly split motion and whether or not they should support putting Naloxone kits in secondary schools. When asked, Superintendent Rubenschuh shared that there have been no confirmed opioid overdoses on school sites during school hours. He also confirmed that the initial plan would be for the on-site Emergency Response Team to have some members trained to administer the kits.

Trustee K. Woodcock assumed the chair from S. McMillan at 8:17 p.m.

Trustees continued to discuss Naloxone kits.

8. a) Moved by C. Watson, seconded by M. Ramsay:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board provide Naloxone kits in its secondary schools and alternative programs.

-Carried-

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Opposed
J. Hendry
S. McMillan
C. Millar
C. Waterfall
K. Woodcock

Superintendent P. Rubenschuh informed trustees that staff does not have any statistics on use of Naloxone kits in elementary schools.

8. b) Moved by C. Watson, seconded by M. Ramsay:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board provide Naloxone kits in its elementary schools and rural schools.

9. Moved by J. Hendry, seconded by C. Harrington to lay on the table:

That the following motion be laid on the table:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board provide Naloxone kits in its elementary schools and rural schools.

-Motion to lay on the table is carried-

Opposed:
M. Ramsay
C. Watson

MOTION: PARENTAL LEAVE FOR TRUSTEES

This report contained a notice of motion served by Trustee T. Martin at the September 17, 2018, Committee of the Whole meeting. It was supported by Trustees C. Millar, C. Waterfall and K. Woodcock. Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017 included various amendments made to the Education Act. These changes are in compliance with Bill 68.

Trustee T. Martin spoke to his motion. He referenced other schools boards which have this policy in place already. There is no cost associated with the request, it just means a trustee cannot be removed from their position for missing time for a parental leave.

10. Moved by T. Martin, seconded by C. Waterfall:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board develop a policy, effective December 1, 2018, that provides pregnancy/parental leave for trustees, including leaves that are the result of the trustee's pregnancy, the birth of the trustee's child, or the adoption of a child by the trustee; and

That the trustee is not required to seek approval for such a leave that lasts 20 consecutive weeks or less.

-Carried-

MOTION: STUDENT VOICE IN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION CONSULTATIONS

This report contained a Notice of Motion served by Trustee C. Millar at the September 24, 2018, Board meeting, on behalf of Student Trustees O. Judelson-Kelly and B. Wahl. It was supported by Trustees N. Waddell, C. Waterfall and K. Woodcock.

Student Trustees O. Judelson-Kelly and B. Wahl spoke to their motion. They feel students are not being encouraged to provide an opinion by the Ministry of Education in the same manner as parents. They feel the WRDSB does a great job at including student voice in its consultations and would like to see the Ministry of Education do the same.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board request that the Ministry of Education ensure the inclusion of students and the student voice in any consultation process related to education issues and/or curriculum change.

-Carried-

STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

BYLAW REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE PROGRESS UPDATE

As co-chairperson of the committee, Trustee K. Woodcock updated trustees on the work being done by the Bylaw Review Ad Hoc Committee. She requested an extension until the end of November. The committee will hold a generative discussion at the October 29, 2018, Board Meeting.

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

That the Bylaw Review Ad Hoc Committee be provided an extension on the reporting deadline, to the end of November 2018.

-Carried-

STUDENT SENATE

Student Trustees O. Judelson-Kelly and B. Wahl provided trustees with an update from Student Senate. Student Senate had their first meeting in October at the Google office. All sixteen secondary schools has representation at the meeting.

QUESTION PERIOD

Superintendent S. Miller provided trustees with follow up to the June 11, 2018 delegation. He shared an overview of staff resources for students on the autism spectrum and with different or multiple exceptionalities.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee C. Waterfall served the following Notice of Motion with support from Trustees T. Martin and C. Millar:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board reassign the Trustee parking spaces for general staff and visitor use; and

That parking spaces further from the front entrance of the Education Centre be designated for Trustee use.

ADJOURNMENT

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

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 15, 2018, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.