

**APRIL 8, 2019**  
**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: J. Herring (Chairperson), K. Meissner, C. Millar, S. Piatkowski, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Watson, J. Weston, C. Whetham 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), M. Gerard, S. Lomax, S. Miller, L. Read, P. Rubenschuh, A. Russell and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: L. Agar, N. Hercanuck, S. Reidel and L. Slupeiks.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson J. Herring called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Director J. Bryant requested a moment of silence for the recent passing of Floradale Public School Principal A. Beddoe.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**That the agenda of the April 8, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved with an amendment to include two additional delegations.**

-Carried-

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee S. Piatkowski attended the March 26, 2019 PIC Parent Engagement event with Trustee K. Smith at Bluevale Collegiate Institute.

Trustee J. Weston attended the Anne Frank Traveling Exhibit opening at Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute, PIC Parent Engagement event at Galt Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, and spoke with students at Groh Public School about traffic concerns.

Trustee K. Woodcock attended Mayor D. Jaworski's State of the City address and PIC Parent Engagement event at Galt Collegiate Institute. She also attended the 7th Annual Ontario Summit

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at Jacob Hespeler Secondary School and Mayor S. Shantz's pancake breakfast at the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival.

Trustee K. Smith attended the three PIC Parent Engagement events, the Anne Frank Traveling Exhibit at Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute and the Gay Straight Alliance semi-formal dance at Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute.

Trustee K. Meissner attended the PIC Parent Engagement event at Elmira District Secondary School and Mayor S. Shantz's pancake breakfast at the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival with Trustee K. Woodcock.

Director J. Bryant shared that Coordinating Superintendent L. Read received the Distinguished Leadership Award at the Ontario Public Supervisory Officers' Association's Leadership Conference.

Chairperson J. Herring conveyed regrets from Trustee C. Watson.

**DELEGATIONS**

The following delegation spoke at the meeting:

- Hafsa Said, Wyle Elimam, Deborah Tewelde, Randa Salih – Racial Sensitivity Training
- Dagnar Hajducek - West Waterloo Elementary Boundary Study petition
- Richard Shim - West Waterloo Elementary Boundary Study petition

2. Moved by S.Piatkowski, seconded by N. Waddell:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board refer the Racial Sensitivity Training delegation to the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Group.**

-Carried-

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE**

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 6009 - STUDENT BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION**

3. Moved by J. Weston, seconded by N. Waddell:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 6009 - Student Bullying Prevention and Intervention as presented at the April 8, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting with the addition of “ or have a relationship currently” to Section 2.5.2.**

-Carried-

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 1008 - EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 1008 - Equity and Inclusion as presented at the April 8, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

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

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 6000 - Safe Schools as presented at the April 8, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

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

Trustees discussed changes and additions to the policy.

Trustee K. Smith left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

6. Moved by N. Waddell, seconded by S. Piatkowski:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 6008 - Student Discipline as presented at the April 8, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting. with the addition of a notation for authorized use of marijuana, the addition of "Education Act" to 9.2.10 and the removal of section 5.1.6.**

-Carried-

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 6001 - CODE OF CONDUCT**

Trustees discussed some additions to the policy.

Trustee K. Smith returned to the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

7. Moved by J. Weston , seconded by K. Meissner:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 6001 - Code of Conduct as presented at the April 8, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting with the additions of “gender identity or expression” and “ socioeconomic status” to Sections 3.1.5 and a notation for authorized use of marijuana in Section 3.2.4.**

-Carried-

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 1006 - SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

Trustees M. Ramsay and C. Whetham left the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

8. Moved by J. Weston, seconded by S. Piatkowski:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 1006 - Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions as presented at the April 8, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

**REPORTS**

**WEST WATERLOO ELEMENTARY BOUNDARY STUDY PHASE 2**

The West Waterloo Elementary Boundary Study Phase 2 Working Group has completed the Boundary Study process and is recommending implementation of Scenario 5. Scenario 5 recommends a revised Grade 7-8 elementary school boundary for Vista Hills Public School and Laurelwood Public School, effective September 2019 for Grade 7 and September 2020 for Grade 7-8. The Abraham Erb Public School area is redirected from Vista Hills Public School to Laurelwood Public School for Grade 7-8. To address additional enrolment pressure and overcrowding at Vista Hills Public School (JK-8), two new Development Areas (DAs) have been established and will be assigned to a school(s) outside of the study area. These DAs are removed from the Vista Hills Public School JK-8 boundary, effective March 25, 2019.

Senior Planner N. Hercanuck reviewed the background of the West Waterloo Boundary Study. He reviewed the financial implications and communication plan should Senario 5 be approved.

Trustees asked questions about the report provided, future developments and discussed the benefits and challenges of Scenario 5.

Trustee M. Ramsay returned to the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

9. Moved by C. Millar, seconded by S. Piatkowski:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approves the boundary changes and recommendations resulting from the West Waterloo Elementary Boundary Study Phase 2 described as Scenario 5 in Appendix A of the report presented to the Board of Trustees at its meeting on April 8, 2019.**

-Carried-

## **STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS**

### **STUDENT SENATE UPDATE**

Student Trustees O. Judelson-Kelly and B. Wahl provided a Student Senate Update. They spoke about the activities from their meeting last week including engaging indigenous student voice. They shared some of Student Senate ideas such as an Elementary Senate event. The Student Trustee Election will be April 24, 2019 at the Education Centre.

### **QUESTION PERIOD**

Trustee S. Piatkowski asked for an update on the vaccination related suspensions. Coordinating Superintendent M. Weinert shared that there are only 17 students who have not provided the health unit with their updated vaccination records.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The following Notice of Motion was served by Trustee N. Waddell with support from Trustees C. Millar and K. Woodcock:

**Be it resolved that the Waterloo Region District School Board establish a Policy Working Group, to do the following, but not be limited to:**

- 1) develop and document a process whereby policies are initiated or reviewed and ultimately brought to the Board for approval or for information,**
- 2) initiating and/or considering draft policies, as well as review existing policies,**
- 3) make recommendations to the Board regarding draft and existing policies, and**
- 4) ensure community input, including input from various committees and advisory groups (such as, but not limited to PIC/WRAPSC, SEAC, Student Senate, Equity and Inclusion) is sought on all policies, and prior to policies being referred to the Board for approval or for information,**

**And that this Policy Working Group be established as soon as possible.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 8, 2019, be adjourned.**

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.