WATERLOO REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

NOTICE AND AGENDA

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Waterloo Region District School Board will be held via video conference, on **Monday, January 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

Call to Order

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Approval of Agenda

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Celebrating Board Activities/Announcements

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01	Board Policy G500 - Director of Education Executive Limitations/Requirements	Chairperson
11	Board Policy 2005 - Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Support	L. Read
13	Board Policy 2011 - Sun Safety and Shading	B. Lemon / M. Gerard

Reports

Discussion - Impact of Bill 197 on Suspensions & Verbal Update	Chairperson / B. Lemon
Discussion - 2021-22 Education Funding Consultation	Chairperson

Board Reports

17 Ad Hoc School Resources Officer (SRO) Review Committee - Terms of
Reference Recommendations
Trustee S. Piatkowski

Question Period (10 minutes)

Future Agenda Items (Notices of Motion to be referred to Agenda Development Committee)

Adjournment



Board Policy G500

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

Legal References: Education Act

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Effective Date: May 2006

Revisions: January 11, 2021, June 22, 2015

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Report to Committee of the Whole

January 11, 2021

Subject: Ad Hoc School Resource Officer (SRO) Review

Committee: Terms of Reference

Recommendations

Recommendation

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the recommended changes to the Ad Hoc School Resource Officer (SRO) Review Committee Terms of Reference as presented at the January 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Status

In reviewing the Terms of Reference for the SRO Review Ad Hoc Committee, Trustees and Staff on the Committee identified some areas for improvement and clarification. The suggested changes appear below.

2.1 Focus

Adding the following paragraph:

The committee will meaningfully engage Indigenous, Black, and racialized communities in the district, staff, students, parents, Board committees, alumni, community groups and members of the public in conducting the review.

4.1 Composition/stakeholders

Adding an additional member, as follows:

Community Representative from the Black, Indigenous and racialized communities and/or organizations in the district (1)

4.3 Appointment process

Adding the following wording to indicate how the additional committee member would be identified:

The Community Representative from the Black, Indigenous and racialized communities and/or organizations shall be identified from among applications submitted through a public call for expressions of interest by the three Trustee representatives on the committee, in consultation with the Superintendent as designated by the Director of Education and the Human Rights and Equity Advisor.

5.1 Quorum

Changing quorum to reflect the increase in the number of committee members:

Quorum for committee members shall be 11 out of 20 members.

Background

The Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc School Resource Officer (SRO) Review Committee are included as Appendix A.

The following motion was approved at the October 19, 2020 Committee of the Whole and ratified at the October 26, 2020 Board Meeting:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board strike an ad hoc committee to review the School Resource Officer (SRO) program and the Board's relationship with the Waterloo Regional Police that incorporates:

- The origins and history of the program;
- The current scope of the program;
- Data on the role played by SROs (number and type of interactions, number of arrests of students, etc.);
- Possible rationales for discontinuing the program;
- Possible rationales for continuing the program, whether in its current form or in some other form:
- Information from other school boards on their relationship to their local police service and any changes that they may be contemplating to that relationship; and

That the committee consist of

- Trustees (3)
- Student Trustee (1)
- Superintendent (1), to be designated by the Director of Education

- The System Administrator responsible for student discipline (1)
- The Human Rights and Equity Advisor (1)
- Secondary Principal or Vice-Principal (1)
- Elementary Principal or Vice-Principal (1)
- Teachers (3)
- Child and Youth Worker (1)
- Parents (3)
- Students (3); and

That the committee consult as widely as possible with staff, students, parents, Board committees (including the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Group), alumni, community groups and members of the public in conducting their review and preparing their report.

Financial implications

Financial implications are not known at this time.

Communications

If approved, the Terms of Reference will be revised to include any recommendations.

Prepared by: Stephanie Reidel, Manager of Corporate Services for Vice-Chair S. Piatkowski, in consultation with Coordinating Council

Appendix A

Terms of Reference: Ad Hoc Committee on SRO program and WRDSB/WRPS relationship

 Name: Ad Hoc Committee on the School Resource Officer (SRO) program and the relationship between the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) and the Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS)

Abbreviated to: Ad Hoc Committee on SRO program and WRDSB/WRPS relationship

1.1. Related legislation

Education Act, as amended (Ontario Regulation 472/07 - Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils);

Keeping Our Kids Safe at School Act;

Progressive Discipline and School Safety Act;

Accepting Schools Act;

Early Childhood Educators Act;

Child Care and Early Years Act;

Ontario Human Rights Code;

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and

Provincial Code of Conduct.

1.2. Related policies/bylaws

Board Policy 1004 - Harassment Policy;

Board Policy 1008 - Equity and Inclusion Policy;

Board Policy 1009 - Violence in the Workplace;

Board Policy 6000 - Safe Schools;

Board Policy 6001 - Code of Conduct;

Board Policy 6008 - Student Discipline;

Board Policy 6009 - Bullying Prevention and Intervention;

Administrative Procedure 1300 - Delegation of Authority;

Administrative Procedure 1260 - Student Discipline;

School Board Police Protocol, 2016;

Traumatic Response Protocol, 2013; and

Threat Risk Assessment Protocol.

1.3. Alignment with Board Strategic Plan

The work of this committee aligns with the following Strategic priorities:

 Our students experience a sense of belonging in a caring learning environment that addresses their well-being;

- Our staff is equipped with the skills and resources to support every child in their learning journey;
- Our staff is supported in their wellness as they promote and model wellness for our students;
- Our students, staff and community are supported by creative and collaborative problem-solving;
- Our school communities are encouraged to learn by exploring new and innovative projects, ideas and approaches.
- 1.4. Type of committee (statutory, board (standing/ad hoc) community (standing/ad hoc/appointment))

Ad Hoc / Community

1.5. Definitions

The School Resource Officer Program is described as follows on the Waterloo Regional Police Service website

(https://www.wrps.on.ca/en/our-community/youth-programs.aspx):

"The Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) School Resource Officer (SRO) program consists of 10 Constables who are specifically assigned to high schools and elementary schools in Waterloo Region. The goals of the program are to develop a positive relationship between youth and police, reduce youth victimization and partner with school staff to proactively address student, family and school issues. SROs are there to provide schools with a reliable and consistent point of contact within the Waterloo Regional Police Service."

2. Purpose/Mandate/Goals

2.1 Focus

The committee will review and provide recommendations on the School Resource Officer (SRO) program and the Board's relationship with the Waterloo Regional Police Service.

2.2 Powers and responsibilities

The committee will review:

- The origins and history of the program;
- The current scope of the program;
- Data on the role played by SROs (number and type of interactions, number of arrests of students, etc.);
- Possible rationales for discontinuing the program;

- Possible rationales for continuing the program, whether in its current form or in some other form:
- Information from other school boards on their relationship to their local police service and any changes that they may be contemplating to that relationship.

3. Authority/Jurisdiction/Responsibilities

3.1 Individual members

The committee shall consist of Trustees, Board employees and parents, students as set out below. It shall be responsible to and report to the Board of Trustees.

3.2 Chairperson

The Committee shall be co-chaired by a Trustee (chosen at the inaugural meeting of the committee) and the Superintendent

3.3 Board personnel

The committee shall be supported by administrative support staff designated by the Director of Education.

4. Membership

4.1 Composition/stakeholders

The committee shall consist of

Trustees (3)

Student Trustee (1)

Superintendent (1), to be designated by the Director of Education

The System Administrator responsible for student discipline (1)

The Human Rights and Equity Advisor (1)

Secondary Principal or Vice-Principal (1)

Elementary Principal or Vice-Principal (1)

Teachers (3)

Child and Youth Worker (1)

Parents (3)

Students (3)

4.2 Term

The committee shall hold its first meeting before the end of December 2020 and shall make recommendations by the end of December 2021. Following reporting, it may wish to hold a further meeting or meetings to discuss next steps.

4.3 Appointment Process

Trustees and the Student Trustee on the committee are to be designated by the Chair of the Board, in consultation with Trustees.

The Superintendent on the committee is to be designated by the Director of Education. Principals on the Committee are to be designated by the Superintendent on the committee.

Teachers and the Child and Youth Worker on the committee shall be chosen in consultation with bargaining units.

Parents are to be recruited in consultation with PIC/WRAPC

Students are to be recruited in consultation with Student Trustees and the Student Senate

4.4 Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy, the same process used for initial recruitment shall be followed. Given the limited mandate and timeline for the committee, the committee shall have the discretion to leave vacant positions unfilled, providing all voices are being represented.

5. Role of Board Personnel/Staff

5.1 Restrictions of membership

See above.

5.2 Personnel and services

See above.

6 Meetings

6.1 Access to meetings

Meetings of the shall be open, with the exception of any items deemed in camera.

6.2 Election of chairperson and vice-chairperson

The committee shall be co-chaired by a Trustee elected at the first committee meeting and the Superintendent on the committee.

6.3 Quorum

Quorum for committee members shall be 10 out of 19 members.

6.4 Voting

Each member of the committee shall have one vote. Committee members must be present at meetings in order to exercise their vote.

6.5 Communications/distribution of minutes and agenda

The agenda and minutes of committee minutes shall be distributed to committee members, Trustees and the senior leadership team.

6.6 In camera meetings

Committee discussions shall be held in-camera if they involve specific incidents or individuals.

7 Reporting

7.1 Committee reports to whom

The committee shall report to the Board of Trustees.

7.2 Format of committee report back

Reporting shall be in writing.

7.3 Time frame of committee report back

The committee shall prepare recommendations to the Board of Trustees by the end of December 2021, unless an extension is granted.

8 Deliverables/Results

Requested/required committee output

The Board shall prepare recommendations to the Board of Trustees.