

APRIL 25, 2022
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The Waterloo Region District School Board held a Special Committee of the Whole Meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m. via video conference, with the following members in attendance:

S. Piatkowski (Chairperson), J. Herring, K. Meissner, C. Millar, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, L. Tremble, C. Watson, J. Weston, C. Whetham and K. Woodcock.

Student Trustees K. Soror and N. Vishkin were in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: j. chanicka (Director of Education and Secretary), D. Ahluwalia, J. Albrecht, R. DeBoer, E. Dougan-McKenzie, M. Gerard, C. Hill, P. Kaur, D. Lataille-Herdsman, B. Lemon, D. Liebermann, S. Miller, L. Read and G. Shantz.

Other staff in attendance: M. Hilton, R. Lam and S. Reidel.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson S. Piatkowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

That the agenda of the April 25, 2022, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved.

-Carried-

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

REPORTS

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM FEE FOR 2022-2023

Trustee M. Ramsay joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

The Extended Day Program (EDP) fee is established annually in accordance with Ministry of Education (Ministry) guidelines outlined in Ontario Regulation 221/11 of the Education Act and a costing template issued by the Ministry is used to calculate the fee. Consistent with the direction provided by the Ministry of Education, the EDP fee has been developed to ensure it bears a reasonable relationship to operating costs and will allow the WRDSB to operate the EDP on a cost-recovery basis.

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On March 28, 2022, the Ontario and Federal governments announced the signing of a Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) agreement. The CWELCC agreement outlines that Ontario families with children five years old and younger, participating in licensed child care programs, will see their child care fees reduced to \$10 per day by September 2025. At present, extended day programs offered by district school boards are not eligible for the CWELCC because these programs are not licensed under the Ministry of Education. WRDSB staff, in cooperation with our partners at the Region of Waterloo and the Ministry of Education, are working towards obtaining licensing for our programs. If these efforts are successful, 4- and 5-year-olds participating in our EDP will be eligible for reduced rates under the terms of the CWELCC agreement for 2022-23.

2. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by J. Herring:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the Extended Day Program fee of \$29.00 per day, per child, for the 2022-23 school year.

-Carried-

RISE AND REPORT

3. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by J. Herring:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 25, 2022, rise and report in the Board Meeting.

-Carried-

Trustee rose at 7:10 p.m. to report to the Board Meeting.