



HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2016

Members present: T. Biniaris, M. Brant, J. Bray (via teleconference), J. Cobb, B. Danes, M. Hall, D. Inch, L. Kyle, D. Patterson, J. Williams

Student Trustees: L. Barry, M. Hillier

Regrets:

Absent:

Resource: C. DeMille, K. Donnell, M. Fisher, T. FitzGibbon, K. MacQuarrie, L. Miller, N. Pfeiffer, C. Portt, M. Savery-Whiteway

Guests: None

Minutes: D. Lucas, Administrative Assistant

Call to order

Chair Inch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Character Moment of Reflection

Chair Inch asked everyone to stand for character moment.

Delegations/presentations

- None

Approval of the agenda

Moved: J. Cobb

Seconded: B. Danes

That revised agenda for January 25, 2016 Public Board meeting was approved.

Carried

Character moment: “Say One Nice Thing” North Trenton and PEI

Superintendent of Education Mark Fisher, School Climate & Student Well-Being Services, made opening remarks about the provincial and local approach to equity and well-being for students. Provincially, ensuring equity means students reaching their full potential through access to school experiences, as noted in *Achieving Excellence*. Locally, it means students attending school every day and being engaged in learning, as noted in the HPEDSB Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement & Well-Being. Provincially, well-being means students developing a positive sense of self. Locally, well-being means HPEDSB creating safe, welcoming and inclusive learning environments for all students, as noted in the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan.

Guests from two schools presented examples the “Say One Nice Thing” campaign, “Say One Nice Thing” was created as a direct result of listening to students who said that saying ‘hello’ or asking how they were doing would help them to feel included and that they belong at school. This is the second year for “Say One Nice Thing” and it continues to be going strong at schools. “Say One Nice Thing” is featured on a Ministry of Education website as an example of best practices provincially to promote well-being.

Say One Nice Thing at North Trenton Public School

Principal Jennifer Slater is helping to lead equity at a system-wide level. She introduced Mrs. Lassardo, teacher of the Grade 4/5 class and students Christopher, Albert, Faylyn and Gabrielle. They talked about Superfriends who always Say One Nice Thing. The students referenced the book *The Invisible Boy* which they have used as a resource for becoming Superfriends. Through their learning, they wanted to ensure that everyone felt included and happy. Older students at the school take turns teaching the younger students to be Superfriends during recess and lunch.

Other examples of “Say One Nice Thing” actions at North Trenton Public School include the following:

- Bulletin boards featuring “Say One Nice Thing” post cards with nice messages about other students, staff and volunteers,
- School assembly to share “Say One Nice Thing” pictures, songs, with student wearing pink Superfriends capes.

Say One Nice Thing at Prince Edward Collegiate Institute

Principal Darren McFarlane is helping to lead safe schools initiatives at a system-wide level. He introduced Mrs. Koutroulides, teacher and students Abby and Brooke. They talked about the tremendous success of the “Say One Nice Thing” initiative at Prince Edward Collegiate Institute last fall. The Entrepreneurship class led actions that fit seamlessly with the school improvement plan and community activities.

Examples of “Say One Nice Thing” actions at Prince Edward Collegiate Institute included the following:

- Message wall featuring student literacy activities
- “Say One Nice Thing” posters featuring PECEI students
- Tremendous use of Twitter and social media to promote student actions
- Creation of large banners with caring messages for positive awareness within the school
- Drama performance called “Am I in Trouble” featuring short vignettes about healthy relationships
- A visit by the Royal Kindness Ninjas (students) from Queen Victoria School; PECEI students then blitzed the community to spread the kindness messages
- Support for fellow students who are ill and away from school
- Creation of a new Panther Ambassador Club which welcomes students who are new to the school.

Trustee Bray had to withdraw from the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m. He was present via teleconference.

Approval of the minutes

Moved: J. Williams

Seconded: M. Hall

That the minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2015 be approved.

Carried

Moved: J. Cobb

Seconded: J. Williams

That the minutes of the annual Board meeting of December 7, 2015 be approved.

Carried

Business arising from the November 16, 2015 minutes

- None.

Business arising from the December 7, 2015 Annual Public Board minutes

- None

Report from the Committee of the Whole

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approved the following recommendation at the January 25, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting:

- 1. Director's Performance Appraisal**

Recommendations

There were no recommendations.

Information:

Calendar of Events

A number of district and school events are scheduled for January, 2016. Some upcoming events include:

- Kindergarten registration
- EQAO Math
- Grade 8 orientation and parent information nights
- School council meetings
- Terrific kids assemblies

Report from Chair

Chair Inch along with Board members and the Senior Team, acknowledged Leslie Miller, Superintendent of Business Services. In early February Leslie announced that she would be resigning from HPEDSB to return to the private sector and reconnecting with Toyota Canada. Leslie joined HPEDSB in 2013 replacing retiring Superintendent of Business Services, Dave Rutherford. During Leslie's time with the board she successfully balanced the board budget, had undertaken capital priority initiatives that resulted in new school builds and provided leadership on the board's Audit Committee, Budget Committee and Operations and Finance Committee. Leslie brought a wealth of professional experience to our board and we truly appreciate all she has done for the system. As members congratulated Leslie and thanked her for her work in HPEDSB, Chair Inch presented Leslie with a bouquet of flowers to show the Board's appreciation.

Superintendent Miller thanked everyone at the Board and the valuable experience she has gained throughout her time at Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board.

Report from Executive Committee

Chair Inch shared highlights from the Executive Committee such as:

- Trustee Professional Learning Report
- Strategic Plan Rollout and Planning
- Character Moment of Reflection at Board Meetings

Report from the Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee Chair

Trustee Hall shared highlights from the Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee such as:

- Long-term capital planning

Report from the Operations and Finance Committee

Trustee Danes shared highlights from the Operations and Finance Committee such as:

- New Trenton Elementary School
- Building renewal projects

Report from the Program and Human Resource Committee

Trustee Cobb shared highlights from Program and Human Resource Committee such as:

- Introduction of a new document called Globally Minded Learners & Leaders, featuring 10 competencies of HPEDSB graduates
- Website project update
- 2015-2016 School Year Calendar update
- Proposed School Year Calendar 2016-2017
- 2015-2016 Annual Director's Report

Reports from Staff:

Update on new Trenton Elementary School

Controller of Facility Services, Nick Pfeiffer provided a visual presentation of the progress of construction on the new Trenton elementary school. Construction is progressing on schedule. The new school is scheduled to open in January 2017.

Directors Annual Report

Director Savery-Whiteway presented the 2015-2016 Director's Annual Report. The design is bright and colourful, featuring students and schools throughout the district. Director Savery-Whiteway thanked everyone who contributed stories and photos. Printed copies will be available in the coming weeks. Trustee Cobb noted that it was wonderful to see PEC schools in the Annual Report.

Revised Estimate

Superintendent of Business Services, Leslie Miller presented a detailed report outlined the revised budget for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a normal part of school board operations. Budgets are set in June and then revised if needed later in the year, based on factors such as additional Ministry of Education funding and updated student enrolment numbers.

Long Term Strategic Planning Cycle

Director Savery-Whiteway presented an outline of dates for the strategic planning cycle. The 2015-2020 Strategic Plan will be reviewed in April. The usual cycle of HPEDSB hosting regional meetings, focus groups and a public survey, over three years will begin in the fall.

Trustee questions, reports and proposals

- Positive comments about the Northern Outdoor Studies Open House at North Hastings High School. The students were well-spoken about the program and their learning experiences. This program has proven worthwhile connections to the local job market. It was also noted that in 2018, it will be the 20th anniversary of Northern Outdoor Studies
- Positive comments about the Our Graduates: Globally Minded Learners & Leaders publication

- Trustee Hall commended on the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being (BIPSAW) report that is on display at the front of the board room, Say One Nice Thing ties in nicely with BIPSAW

Report from Student trustees

Nothing to report

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to review.

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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Chair

Secretary