



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2017**

Members present: M. Brant, J. Bray, J. Cobb, B. Danes, M. Hall, L. Kyle, D. Patterson, J. Williams

Student Trustees: D. Austin, S. Haseeb

Regrets: T. Biniaris, D. Inch
Absent:

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

Guests:

Minutes: D. Lucas, Administrative Assistant

Call to order

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

Character Moment of Reflection

Chair Kyle requested Vice-chair Patterson to recite the Character Moment of Reflection, "Cooperation".

Delegations/presentations

Trent River Public School

Chair Kyle called on Superintendent Andrews and Superintendent Pfeiffer for an update on the new Trent River Public School in Trenton which opened to students on Tuesday, February 7, 2017. The presentation featured a slide show of photos beginning with construction in September 2015 to completion in January 2017. A short video was shared showing a tour of the school hosted by Principal Lauderville. The short video was shared with students prior to their arrival at the new school. Superintendent Andrews introduced Principal Lauderville and Vice-principal Prophet who were in attendance with three students from Trent River Public School, Nicole Neale, Noah Poulain-Collins and Ashton Robinson. The students shared their experiences being part of the New School Integration Committee. They shared thoughts and comments about the wonderful learning environment in the new Trent River Public School. Principal Lauderville noted that it has been a huge change for two schools to come together as one with 510 students strong celebrating together.

Well-Being: Building a Positive School Climate

Chair Kyle called on Superintendent Andrews, lead for School Climate & Student Well-Being Services. Superintendent Andrews made opening remarks about the ways in which schools throughout HPEDSB promote equity, inclusivity and open schools. As the Ministry of Education works toward a definition of well-being of students and employees, a focus on well-being is evident in HPEDSB schools. Superintendent Andrews presented a short video highlighting some of the many examples throughout the board of positive, caring relationships and experiences that prepare and empower students for the possibilities of today and tomorrow.

Approval of the agenda

Moved: J. Williams

Seconded: B. Danes

That the agenda for the February 27, 2017 Public Board meeting was approved.

Carried

Approval of the minutes

Moved: M. Brant

Seconded: M. Hall

That the minutes of the regular Public Board meeting of January 23, 2017 be approved.
Carried

Business arising from the January 23, 2017 minutes

- Nothing at this time

Report from the Committee of the Whole

One recommendation was brought forward from the Committee of the Whole:

- Participation in Education, Research, Development & Innovation (ERDI) Conference

Recommendations:

Capital program financing through the Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) – Harmony Public School

Chair Kyle requested Trustee Danes to speak to this recommendation. Trustee Danes noted that this is a standard practice and requested Superintendent Pfeiffer to speak to this recommendation. Superintendent Pfeiffer noted that Board members approved the adoption of By-law 13.9 authorizing the borrowing of \$592,269 through the Ontario Financing Authority to finance a portion of the construction at Harmony Public School.

Superintendent Pfeiffer noted that the Ministry of Education requires all school boards to participate in the long-term financing arrangements for eligible capital programs through the Ontario Financing Authority (OFA). Once the long-term financing has been set, the Ministry will reimburse boards for their actual principal and interest costs associated with the long-term financing. Funds will flow from the OFA to school boards in March, 2017. The principal amount eligible for financing is to reflect the value of work for permanent improvements undertaken prior to August 31, 2016 under the eligible capital projects. School boards have been required to finance construction costs on a short term basis until the provincial government arranges for long term financing over a 25 year period.

At the Operations and Finance Committee on February 13, 2017, Trustee Inch moved this recommendation. As Trustee Inch sent regrets, this recommendation was moved by Trustee Danes.

Moved: B. Danes

Seconded: L. Kyle

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the adoption of By-law 13.9 as attached authorizing the borrowing of \$592,269 through the Ontario Financing Authority to finance a portion of the construction of Harmony Public School, as contained in Board Report No. B-1, dated February 27, 2017.

Carried

Information:

Calendar of Events

Director Savery-Whiteway shared the calendar of events with Trustees and noted a correction on the location of the ARC Public meeting #2 scheduled for March 22, 2017. The location for the meeting is Centre Hastings Secondary School not Madoc Public School.

Report from Chair

- Review of policies as part of the regular review process

Report from Executive Committee

Chair Kyle provided highlights from the Executive Committee meeting held on January 9, 2017:

- letter from HPEDSB to Dr. Richard Jones, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Education Quality and Accountability Office regarding the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

Report from Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee

Trustee Cobb provided highlights from the Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee meeting held on February 13, 2017:

- an update on the accommodation review processes in Belleville, Centre Hastings and Prince Edward County

Report from the Operations and Finance Committee

Trustee Danes provided highlights from the Operations and Finance Committee meeting held on February 13, 2017:

- capital program financing by-law
- update on Marmora Senior Public School addition and renovations
- trustee expense report
- Quinte Regional Science & Technology Fair

Report from Program and Human Resource Committee

Trustee Williams provided highlights from the Program and Human Resources Committee meeting held on February 13, 2017:

- Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being update on literacy
- a review of updated programs and services reference document

Information from Staff:

2017-2018 Budget timelines

Superintendent Pfeiffer provided an update on the 2017-2018 budget development process. The Ministry of Education has a June 30th deadline for school boards to submit budget estimates for the upcoming school year. Senior administration has developed a budget task analysis for the 2017-2018 budget. The tasks reflect the key milestones required to compile revenues and expenditures in order to meet the June 30, 2017 deadline.

Questions, reports and proposals from Trustees

- Student Trustees Haseeb and Austin shared that they had recently attended the Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) conference held in Ottawa, where students from around the province get together to share ideas.
- Participation in an online student senate meeting using Google Hangouts.
- Chair Kyle shared that some of our schools were participating in an event called “dance your heart out” to raise funds for the Hastings Prince Edward Learning Foundation student emergency fund. She is pleased to report that North Hastings High School raised \$4,000.00 from this event.

Correspondence

- None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Chair

Secretary