



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2014**

- Members present:** S. Clements, J. Cobb, B. Danes, T. Goodfellow, M. Hall,
D. Inch, L. Kyle, D. Patterson, J. Williams
- Student Trustees:** A. Bonter, M. Peckham
- Regrets:** M. Brant
- Absent:** None
- Resource:** K. Donnell, M. Fisher, T. FitzGibbon, L. Miller, C. Portt,
J. Rogers, M. Savery-Whiteway, D. Tregenza.
- Guests:** None
- Minutes:** C. Reid, Administrative Assistant

Call to order

Chair Inch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noted that Trustee Brant had sent his regrets.

Board prayer

Trustee Danes said the Board prayer.

Delegations/presentations

None.

Approval of the agenda

Moved: J. Cobb

Seconded: J. Williams

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Timed Item:

Reports from Staff

Global Citizenship at Quinte Secondary School: Learning to Lead

Trish FitzGibbon, Superintendent of Education, Human Resources Support Services, introduced guests from Quinte Secondary School, who were at the meeting to talk about student-led actions at their school. Liane Woodley, Principal, and students Brianna Palmateer, Grade 10, Griffon McCarty, Grade 10, and Scott Shortley, Teacher, presented information related to respecting diversity and inclusivity, creating global citizens and leaders, and bringing important learning opportunities to students at Quinte SS. The group made connections to the AiM—Achievement in Motion for Student Success System Plan regarding organizational goals. In addition, they made connections to the priority of promoting safe, healthy, respectful and inclusive schools and workplaces, as well as connections to the school goals in the School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement. In particular, they also spoke about the Simon

Wiesenthal Tour for Humanity bus that visited Quinte SS last week and the student learning as a result of the presentation.

Approval of the minutes

Moved: M. Hall

Seconded: B. Danes

That the minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2014 be approved.

Carried

Business arising from the minutes

None.

Report from the Committee of the Whole

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the following recommendations from the February 24, 2014 Committee of the Whole Board meeting:

- 1. Elementary Principal pool**
- 2. Elementary and Secondary Vice-principal pool**

Recommendations

Report from Operations and Finance Committee

Tender: Harry J. Clarke Public School addition

Moved: M. Hall

Seconded: B. Danes

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board award a tender in the amount of \$1,990,000 to Dalren Limited for construction of a six classroom building addition to Harry J. Clarke Public School as contained in Board Report No. B-1 dated February 24, 2014.

Superintendent Miller stated that there was a strong response to the tender request and the Board is pleased to present Dalren Limited as successful bidder. This project was approved as part of the Ministry of Education's Capital Priorities Grant Program funding. The six classroom building addition will house full day kindergarten and primary students.

Carried

Information

Calendar of events

- It was noted that the Committee meetings for March are a week later than normal due to March break.
- The Learning Foundation's Prom Project is well underway. There is still a need for slightly used formal wear, especially men's clothing.

Report from the chair

Chair Inch shared a reminder about the regional AiM focus groups. Two have taken place, one in North Hastings and one in Centre Hastings. Trustees for those areas attend the opening of the meetings with the director and delivered greetings. Three more will take place Belleville, Picton and Trenton next week. Invited participants include parents/guardians and community partners. Sessions for employees and students will take place in late March and early April.

Report from the Executive Committee

Chair Inch reported on the following:

- A policy review is underway; and
- The director's performance appraisal is underway.

Report from Operations and Finance Committee

Nothing to report.

Report from Program and Human Resources

Trustee Williams reported on the following items from the meeting of February 10, 2014:

- Speech and Language Services update
- BIPSA
- New IEP platform
- Director's annual report
- Status of draft school year calendar

Reports from staff

Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA)

Superintendent Portt was joined by Tina Jones, Student Success Lead and Heather McMaster, Early Years Lead. Superintendent Portt provided background, noting that a draft BIPSA for 2014 was shared with trustees at the November 2013 Board meeting. On December 3, 2013 it was presented to Dr. Steven Katz, a leading researcher in the area of collaborative professional learning and, on January 7, 2014, the BIPSA was presented to representatives from the Ministry of Education during a meeting with the senior team. Superintendent Portt briefly reviewed the contents of the BIPSA then called upon Tina Jones to provide a summary of the components of the goal pages, focusing on the Pathways goal.

Heather McMaster provided an overview of the collaborative professional learning through the Early Years Network. The Ontario Early Years Policy Framework's four priority areas were reviewed. The Early Learning Network has engaged educators and child care providers from Hastings Prince Edward District School Board, Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, Limestone District School Board, Hastings County Child Care Services and Prince Edward, Lennox & Addington Child Care Services in the development and implementation of networked professional learning opportunities in support of Early Learning. The sessions are occurring in each of the three school districts as educators and child care providers from school communities come together to extend their learning about the creation of play-based and inquiry-based learning experiences that integrate curriculum expectations, instructional practices and student actions.

Superintendent Portt made closing comments, noting that the BIPSA continues to be implemented with a focus on collaborative professional learning and closing the gap in student achievement across the district.

2014-2015 Budget Timelines

Superintendent Miller referred trustees to report C-2 and noted that this report outlines a budget task analysis with timelines to meet the Ministry of Education's June 30, 2014 deadline for submitting budget estimates. The timelines are contingent on the timely release of the Grant for Student Needs which are targeted to be out to boards by the end of March. It was noted that a consulting firm is working with staff to determine enrolment projections.

2013-2014 Director's Annual Report

Director Savery-Whiteway presented the 2013-2014 Director's Annual Report, noting that it is one way of communicating with communities about the wonderful work that is happening in the district. It is also an opportunity to connect to the AiM system plan and to share with parents, students, staff and communities the accomplishments of students and staff. It will be posted on the website and copies will be provided to trustees and schools. The director thanked Communications Officer, Kerry Donnell for her hard work on this document.

Trustee questions, reports and proposals

- Trustee Hall attended the OPSBA Policy Development Work Team meeting and trustees had the opportunity to visit Loyalist College for the Regional Skilled Trades event.
- Participation in the recent provincial Public Education Symposium which was hosted by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association for trustees.
- Student Trustees participated in the Student Leadership & Student Voice event with Nick Foley of Celebrate the Hero. They also attended a recent Student Senate meeting and planning for the spring Youth Forum. The student senators are considering putting together a handbook to describe the student senate mandate, election process and the annual work.

Correspondence

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Chair

Secretary