



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2011**

Members present: M. Brant, S. Clements, J. Cobb, T. Goodfellow, M. Hall, D. Inch, L. Kyle, D. Patterson and J. Williams

Student Trustees: C. Meyette and E. Tetzlaff

Regrets: None

Absent: None

Resource: C. DeMille, K. Donnell, T. FitzGibbon, R. McGall, M. Norton, C. Portt, J. Rogers, D. Rutherford, M. Savery-Whiteway, D. Tregenza

Guests: None

Minutes: P. Hoskin

Call to order

Vice-Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board prayer

Trustee Clements said the Board prayer.

Delegations/presentations

There were no delegations or presentations.

A tribute was made to Chair Carl Pitman, who passed away on Monday, May 23, 2011 due to complications from cancer. Vice-chair Hall reviewed Chair Pitman's career in teaching, charity and volunteer work, community participation and his history with Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board. Carl provided leadership and vision to the Board through the development of the first-ever 5-year system plan, known as Achievement in Motion for Student Success or AIM, and again in 2011 with the development of the second 5-year plan.

Carl was well known for his sense of humour, caring approach and responsibility and was a firm supporter of the Growing with Character attributes.

Several trustees added to the praise of Chair Pitman and his commitment to his family and community. Photos of Chair Pitman participating in various activities with the board were displayed.

Chair Pitman is survived by his wife Barbara, son Ron and daughter Christina. Details of the visitation and funeral serviced were shared.

Approval of the revised agenda

Moved: J. Williams

Seconded: D. Inch

That the revised agenda be approved with the addition of report from the Budget Committee under Information.

Carried

Approval of minutes

Moved: T. Goodfellow

Seconded: J. Cobb

That the minutes of the regular meeting of April 26, 2011 be approved as corrected.

Carried

Business arising from the minutes

- None

Report from the Committee of the Whole Board

There were no recommendations from the Committee of the Whole.

Recommendations

Report from Executive Committee

Policy Review

Board Policy No. 3-I: Indemnification of Board Members

Moved: T. Goodfellow

Seconded: D. Inch

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the amendments to Board Policy No. 3-I Indemnification of Board Members, as contained in Board Report No. B-1 Appendix A, dated May, 24, 2011.

Trustee Goodfellow reviewed the changes that had been made to the policy. Clarification was provided by Director Soule regarding liability insurance coverage for trustees.

Carried

Board Policy No. 11-F: Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee

Moved: T. Goodfellow

Seconded: S. Clements

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the amendments to Board Policy No. 11-F Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee, as contained in Board Report No. B-1 Appendix B, dated May, 24, 2011.

Trustee Goodfellow reviewed the policy, highlighting changes that had been made.

Carried

**Report from Program and Human Resources Committee
Textbook/Novel Approval**

Moved: J. Cobb
Seconded: L. Kyle

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the list of Textbooks / Novels for use in schools as contained in Board Report No. B-2, Appendix A, dated May 24, 2011.

Trustee Cobb advised that four titles had been brought forward of which three were approved and one was held over for additional review by the committee.

Carried

Report from the Budget Committee

Moved: D. Patterson
Seconded: T. Goodfellow

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board forward to Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education the letter, outlining budget concerns, as discussed at the Budget Committee Meeting of May 24, 2011.

Trustee Patterson discussed the letter noting that it identifies trustee concern regarding the financial health of the organization. It was suggested that copies of the letter should also be sent to Andrew Davis, Director, Financial Analysis and Accountability and Didem Proulx, Director of Education Finance Branch, from the Ministry of Education, Catherine Fife, President of Ontario Public School Boards' Association and Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland-Quinte West. Superintendent Rutherford was thanked by trustees for the work he undertakes to provide trustees with concise budget information.

Report from Staff

Board Policy No. C-3: Student Trustee Representation on Board

Moved: J. Cobb
Seconded: L. Kyle

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the amendment to Board Policy No. 3-C: Student Representation on the Board, as contained in Board Report B-3, dated May 24, 2011.

Director Soule noted that amendments to this policy reflect modifications to the eligibility requirements of the regulation.

Carried

Appointment of Student Trustees

Moved: D. Patterson
Seconded: J. Cobb

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board appoint Indigo Christ and Ally Martin as student trustees and Cynthia Gau as alternate student trustee, effective June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012.

Student Trustee Tetzlaff introduced the incoming trustees, Indigo Christ from Moira Secondary School, Ally Martin from Centennial Secondary School and alternate student trustee, Cynthia Gau from Bayside Secondary School. Student Trustee Meyette offered her support of the new trustees noting that they had attended the Student Trustee Association Annual General Meeting in May.

Carried

Information

Calendar of events

The calendar was reviewed. Trustees were provided with a list of upcoming meetings, events and graduation ceremonies. Director Soule added that a coffee break hosted by the International Student Program will be held at the Education Centre on Wednesday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m. to support the Japanese relief effort. It was noted that an Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2011.

Trustees were asked to advise Pauline Hoskin which secondary school graduation ceremonies they will be attending so principals can be advised.

Report from Executive Committee

Vice-Chair Hall reported on the following items from the Executive Committee meeting that took place on May 2, 2011:

- Review of Board policies
- Governance training dates
- Review of agendas

Operations and Finance Committee

Trustee Inch reported on the following items from the Operations and Finance Committee meeting that took place on May 9, 2011:

- Project update from D. Tregenza
- Board policy review

Program and Human Resources Committee

Trustee Goodfellow reported on the following items from the Program and Human Resources Committee meeting that took place on May 16, 2011:

- Student Success program update
- Textbook/novel approvals
- Preliminary 2011-2012 elementary and secondary administrative assignments
- Board policy review
- Police protocol update

Reports from Staff

International Student Program

Director Soule provided trustees with an update on the International Student Program. This program has been in place for 10 years, has gone through considerable change and has provided a positive impact within our board. There are currently 126 students enrolled from a number of different countries. During the 2010/11 school year, the International Student Program will contribute approximately \$200,000 to board revenue.

Administrative Assignments – report C-4

Superintendent McGall presented Report C-4 Preliminary 2010-2011 elementary and secondary administrative assignments - #5 noting that this is an update due to the resignation of a principal which resulted in adjustments.

Reports from Trustees – Board committees and events

Trustees provided updates on events they attended:

- Student art show at the Belleville Public Library
- “Willy Wonka” show at Prince Charles Public School Trenton
- Presentation by children’s author, Chris D’Souza, on Building Inclusive Schools

Report from Student Trustees:

- Trustee Meyette advised that she will be the valedictorian at the Quinte Secondary School graduation

Trustee proposals and queries

- None

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Chair

Secretary