



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 25, 2015**

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**Members present:** T. Biniaris, M. Brant, J. Bray, J. Cobb, B. Danes, M. Hall, D. Inch, L. Kyle, J. Williams

**Student Trustees:** C. Barry

**Regrets:** D. Patterson, A. Mifflin

**Absent:**

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

**Guests:** None

**Minutes:** P. Hoskin, Administrative Assistant

**Call to order**

Chair Inch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed students, parents and guests to the meeting.

**Board Prayer**

Chair Inch asked everyone to stand for a moment of personal silent reflection.

**Delegations/presentations**

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Place Awards**

Director Savery-Whiteway welcomed everyone and noted that the Great Place Awards are the Board's highest form of recognition now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year. She introduced Communications Officer, Kerry Donnell, who leads the Great Place Awards Committee.

Ms. Donnell noted that these awards recognize outstanding contributions to support student achievement and well-being, and emphasize the commitments to the Growing with Character attributes of caring, cooperation, honesty, humour, integrity, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness. The committee members below were recognized for their work and great team effort in selecting 10 award recipients from the 21 nominations:

- Cameron Barry, Student Trustee, Centre Hastings Secondary School
- Jennifer Cobb, Trustee
- Paul Covert, Parent Involvement Committee Representative
- Geoff Cudmore, The HPE Learning Foundation
- Bonnie Danes, Trustee
- Kerry Donnell, Communications Officer & Committee Chair
- Lee-Anne Kerr, Parent Involvement Committee Chair
- Shelley MacKenzie-Coates, Principal, Centre Hastings Secondary School
- Alyssa Mifflin, Student Trustee, Centennial Secondary School
- Karen Morrow, Teacher, Bayside Secondary School
- Steven Payne, Systems Analyst
- Shelley Steele, Safe Schools Supervisor
- Wendy Sutherland, Safe Schools Child & Youth Counsellor
- Susan Sweet, The HPE Learning Foundation
- Doug Thur, President, Hastings & Prince Edward Occasional Teachers' Local

As the names of the recipients were read along with a synopsis of their contributions, the chair of the Board presented each with an inscribed gift. Congratulations to the 14th Annual Great Place Awards recipients:

- Kirsten Babb, Teacher, Moira Secondary School
- Kelly Briggs, Community Partner, Military Family Resource Centre
- Lee Ann Clark, Educational Assistant, Trenton High School
- Jim Doyle, Teacher, Moira Secondary School
- Kim Foley, Educational Assistant, Madoc Township Public School
- Monika Gajdosik, Teacher, Queen Elizabeth School (Picton)
- Brad Hendrick, Repair Technologist, Education Centre
- Jackie Howat, Volunteer, Madoc Public School
- Sheila Vincent, Volunteer, Tweed Elementary School
- Liz Watson, Teacher, Stirling Public School

Chair Inch congratulated the award recipients and said they should be very proud of this accomplishment.

### **Employee recognition**

Superintendent Fisher began his presentation to Safe Schools Supervisor, Shelley Steele by stating that Shelley is very dedicated and passionate about the safety of our students.

He advised that our board is a member of a national organization which promotes community threat assessment protocols with our community partners and families. During a recent national conference Shelley was presented with an Outstanding Leadership Award from the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response for her efforts in establishing a process for Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board to work with community and police partners to respond to all student behaviours which pose a potential risk to other students, staff and members of the community.

At 7:44 p.m. Chair Inch called for a 15 minute recess and invited award recipients, family members, friends, trustees and staff to join everyone in the Board Committee Room for light refreshments and an opportunity to speak with the Great Place Award recipients.

At 8:01 p.m. trustees and staff returned to the meeting.

### **Approval of the agenda**

**Moved: J. Bray**

**Seconded: M. Hall**

**That the agenda be approved.**

Carried

### **Approval of the minutes**

**Moved: M. Hall**

**Seconded: J. Bray**

**That the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2015 be approved.**

Carried

### **Business arising from the minutes**

- None.

**Report from the Committee of the Whole**

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approved the following recommendations at the May 25, 2015 Committee of the Whole Board meeting.

1. Disposal of surplus property in Deseronto
2. Probationary status of elementary teachers

**Recommendations**

**Report from Program and Human Resources Committee**

**Membership on the Premier's Community Hub Framework Advisory Group**

Moved: J. Bray

Seconded: B. Danes

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve sending a letter to the Premier of Ontario and Minister of Education in support of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) recommendation to appoint an OPSBA representative to the Premier's Community Hub Framework Advisory Group, as contained in Board Report B-1, dated May 25, 2015.

Trustee Williams advised that on April 8, 2015, the Ontario government appointed nine members to the Premier's Community Hub Framework Advisory Group. This group will work with the Premier's Special Advisor, Karen Pitre, to review provincial policies and develop a framework for adapting existing public assets to become community hubs. As there was no member of OPSBA included in the Advisory Group, OPSBA has forwarded a recommendation to the Minister to request that a front line education expert be included on the Advisory Group and recommended that Laurie French, a trustee with Limestone District School Board and OPSBA's First Vice-President, be appointed to the Advisory Group.

Carried

**Report from Student Senate**

**Appointment of student trustees for 2015-2016**

Vice-chair and Student Senate Advisor, Trustee Kyle, provided trustees with an update on the results of the Student Senate elections held on April 23, 2015.

- The following students were elected to the two positions of student trustee for recommendation to the Board:
  - Morgan Hillier, Moira Secondary School
  - Lauren Barry, Centre Hastings Secondary School
- Tianna Tishbein, Quinte Secondary School, was elected as alternate student trustee who will be called on to attend Board meetings in the event that both student trustees have indicated to the director of education that they will not be in attendance.
- Amanda Shipley, Centre Hastings Secondary School, was appointed as student senate chair and Evan Brearley, Bayside Secondary School was appointed student senate vice-chair

Student trustee Cameron Barry provided the following appointments:

- Tianna Tischbein – Quinte Secondary School, Samantha Bardwell – Centennial Secondary School, Emily Sudds – Centennial Secondary School, Amanda Shipley – Centre Hastings Secondary School and Lauren Barry, Centre Hastings Secondary School were appointed as student representatives to the Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee
- Ahmed Abdel Halim – Moira Secondary School was appointed to the Accessibility

Advisory Committee and Safe Schools Advisory Committee

- The representatives on the Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee and Accessibility Advisory Committee will also participate on the Safe Schools Advisory Committee.

**Moved: J. Cobb**

**Seconded: M. Hall**

**That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board appoint Lauren Barry and Morgan Hillier as student trustees and Tianna Tishbein as alternate student trustee, effective August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016, as contained in Board Report B-2, dated May 25, 2015.**

Vice-chair Kyle welcomed Morgan Hillier and Lauren Barry to the Board.

Carried

### **Information**

#### **Calendar of events**

- Nothing to add.

#### **Report from the chair**

- Community information night held at Queen Elizabeth Public School (Trenton) on Tuesday, May 5 to review the new school design and respond to any concerns. There will be a school closing open house on Tuesday June 9 from 4-6 p.m. at Queen Elizabeth Public School. All are welcome.

#### **Report from the Executive Committee**

Chair Inch reported on the following items from the meeting of May 4, 2015:

- Update on system planning meeting for trustees on June 15

#### **Report from Operations and Finance Committee**

Trustee Danes reported on the following items from the meeting of May 11, 2015:

- Update the Trenton community meeting
- Update on construction of the new Trenton elementary school including approval to demolish the existing school (the new school will be built on the same location). The tender for construction is expected to be release in July 2015.

#### **Report from Program and Human Resources**

Trustee Williams reported on the following items from the meeting of May 11, 2015:

- Aboriginal education presentation
- Technological education report
- Textbook approval – deferred to next meeting
- Community hub framework group letter

#### **Reports from Staff**

Nothing to report.

#### **Trustee questions, reports and proposals**

Trustees reported on the following events they had attended:

- Ontario Student Trustees' Association conference May 22 - 23

#### **Correspondence**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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**Chair**

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**Secretary**