



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

- Members present:** M. Brant, S. Clements, J. Cobb, B. Danes, T. Goodfellow, M. Hall, D. Inch - chair, L. Kyle, D. Patterson, J. Williams
- Student Trustees:** I. Christ, A. Martin
- 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

Chair Inch called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Celebrating Learning

The chair called on Assistant Superintendent DeMille who thanked the schools and Communications Officer, Kerry Donnell, for their part in the creation of this picture show.

A celebratory video entitled *We Celebrate Learning in Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board* was shown to trustees. This video featured photographs from all 50 schools during the first few weeks of school in September 2011.

Board prayer

Trustee Brant said the board prayer.

Delegations/presentations

None

Report from the Committee of the Whole Board

Nothing to report.

Approval of the agenda

Moved: J. Cobb

Seconded: M. Hall

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Approval of the minutes

Moved: T. Goodfellow
Seconded: J. Williams

That the minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2011 be approved as corrected.

Carried

Approval of the minutes

Moved: D. Patterson
Seconded: M. Hall

That the minutes of the special meeting of September 12, 2011 be approved as corrected.

Carried

Business arising from the minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2011

Discussions took place regarding committee meeting schedule start times. Director McGall noted that Program and Human Resources Committee had approved a 5:30 p.m. start time except on dates when both committees would be meeting. Operations and Finance will have further discussions at their next meeting to determine if the committees should alternate start times on evenings when the meetings need to be doubled up.

Director McGall referred trustees to handout Board Report A-3 – Student Exceptionality Data Revisions and explained that the data contained in Appendix B of Board Report B-5 reporting students with exceptionalities presented at the June 20, 2011 meeting was incorrect. Superintendent Rogers added that this error was due to the migration of data from individual schools to Maplewood Enterprise as well as a group of children being missed when the data was extracted.

Board Report A-3 Student Exceptionality Data Revisions Appendix A dated September 26, 2011, details the original data reported on June 20, 2011 and the corrected data. Superintendent Rogers noted that the error was found when the research team delved into the data to answer a question from Trustee Goodfellow.

Trustees suggested that the report and appendix should be titled Data Corrections and not Revisions.

It was agreed that this report would be received as information and would not require an additional motion to approve.

Business arising from the minutes of the special meeting of September 12, 2011
Nothing.

Report from the Committee of the Whole Board

There were no recommendations from the Committee of the Whole.

Recommendations

Report from the Executive Committee Change of venue for the November Board Meeting

Moved: T. Goodfellow

Seconded: M. Hall

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board hold its regular meeting on November 14, 2011 at Sir John A. Macdonald School, Belleville, as outlined in Board Report No. B-1, dated September 26, 2011.

Trustee Goodfellow noted that it will be exciting to hold this meeting in the newly renovated, state-of-the art facility.

Carried

Report from Operations and Finance Committee

Architect selection

Moved: T. Goodfellow

Seconded: S. Clements

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board award a project management and architectural design services contract for the new Stirling and Tweed unnamed schools to Ventin Group Limited as contained in public Board Report No. B-2, dated September 26, 2011.

Trustee Goodfellow advised that she attended the RFP opening and that there were a large number of submissions.

Carried

Report from Program and Human Resources Committee

AiM – Achievement in Motion for Student Success system plan Year 2

Moved: L. Kyle

Seconded: B. Danes

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the Year 2, AiM – Achievement in Motion for Student Success System Plan, for the 2011-2012 school year, as contained in Board Report No. B-3 dated September 26, 2011.

Director McGall noted that recommendations from the Trustee Retreat on September 19, 2011 have been included in the revised plan and advised that this is a “living document” that will be refined and adjusted as we work through it over the upcoming year. A condensed version of the plan will publicly distributed.

Carried

Information

Calendar of events

Trustees and staff made the following additions to the Calendar of Events:

- Bullying Awareness Steering Committee meeting – Monday, October 3, 2011, 1:00–3:30 p.m. at Pathways to Independence

- Parent Involvement Committee Annual General Meeting – Tuesday, October 25, 2011, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Education Centre Board Room
- Terry Fox Run at Moira Secondary School, Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.
- Terry Fox Run at Centennial Secondary School, Friday, September 30, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Report from Chair

Chair Inch welcomed the new trustee from Centre Hastings, Bonnie Danes, to the Board.

Report from Executive Committee

Chair Inch reported on the following items from the Executive Committee meeting that took place on September 6, 2011:

- Location of the November regular board meeting
- Review of agendas

Operations and Finance Committee

Trustee Patterson reported on the following items from the Operations and Finance Committee meeting that took place on September 12, 2011:

- Capital projects update
- Enrolment update
- Student Trustee Ally Martin will be the student representative on the Operations and Finance committee

Program and Human Resources Committee

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

- The Hastings and Prince Edward Learning foundation update
- Year 2 AiM System plan approval
- Elementary and secondary enrolment
- Police protocol and procedure
- 2010-2011 suspension and expulsion data report
- Special education plan update
- EQAO update
- Textbook was reviewed and not approved
- Student Trustee Indigo Christ will be the student representative on the Program and Human Resources Committee

Reports from Staff

Capital Projects update

Superintendent Rutherford noted that 2010-2011 has been both exciting and challenging with fifteen million dollars in construction projects at four schools being completed in less than a single school year. Not all four schools were ready to fully move into on September 6, 2011 but other schools were available to house the students until the renovations at Sir John A. Macdonald School and York River Public School were complete. Superintendent Rutherford recognized the extraordinary commitment of staff in getting the four facilities ready for students.

Controller of Facility Services, Don Tregenza, agreed that it had been a challenging year coming down to last minute approvals and requirements by authorities for occupancy permits. Controller Tregenza noted the tremendous gymnasium and ground source heat pump system that had been installed at Prince Charles School (Belleville).

Assistant Superintendent Cathy Portt advised that these are amazing state-of-art learning facilities and recognized the extraordinary team effort and support of all staff.

Director McGall and Chair Inch extended their thanks to staff and encouraged trustees to visit these world class facilities.

Elementary and Secondary enrolment update

Superintendent Rutherford presented Board Report No. C-2 – Enrolment Update noting that all funding, staff levels and expenditures are based on our enrolment. The actual enrolment numbers are very close to the projections completed in June with a few more students in elementary and a few less in secondary.

School district survey

Director McGall reminded trustees of the school district survey that is available to employees and the public noting that over 200 surveys were completed within the first twelve hours it was posted on the web. The results of the survey will be compiled after the October 28, 2011 cut-off date and a summary will be presented at the AiM System Plan meeting on December 8, 2011.

Reports from Trustees – Board committees and events

Trustees provided updates on events they attended:

- Bullying awareness week will be held from October 14 – 18, 2011
- International Student Program reception
- Ontario Public School Boards' Association board of directors' meeting
- Student Trustee Indigo Christ presented Chair Inch with a plaque from the Ontario Student Trustee Association in cooperation with the Coalition for Mental Health, reminding the Board to focus their thinking on the Charter of Rights for Children and Youth
- Canadian School Board Congress and Ontario Public School Boards' Association annual general meeting held in Ottawa on July 7, 2011
- First day of school at Athol-South Marysbugh Public School
- Minister of Education, Leona Dombrowsky's visit to Prince Charles School (Belleville) and Hillcrest Public School
- Tour of classrooms at York River Public School and Bancroft Public School on September 8, 2011
- CML Snider School track opening on Thursday, September 22, 2011

Trustee proposals and queries

Trustee Cobb noted that the Ontario Public School Boards' Association Public Education Symposium will be held on January 26-28, 2012. Information is available on the OPSBA web site.

Correspondence

Thank You notes

Circulated to trustees.

CUPE – Early Childhood Educators Awareness Day

The Director advised that the board is being asked to endorse a day of recognition to celebrate the work of Early Childhood Educators and child care staff in our community and noted that a system email will be sent out to all staff on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 to honour these dedicated individuals.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Chair

Secretary