



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

- Members present:** M. Brant, J. Cobb, T. Goodfellow, M. Hall,
D. Inch, L. Kyle, D. Patterson, C. Pitman, J. Williams
- Student Trustees:** C. Meyette
- Regrets:** S. Clements, E. Tetzlaff
- Absent:** None
- Resource:** C. DeMille, K. Donnell, T. FitzGibbon, R. McGall, M. Norton,
C. Portt, J. Rogers, D. Rutherford, M. Savery-Whiteway, K. Soule,
D. Tregenza
- Guests:** None
- Minutes:** P. Hoskin

Call to order

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

Board prayer

Chair Pitman said the Board prayer.

Delegations/presentations:

Chair Pitman called on Superintendent Rogers to introduce the Character Presentation by Ken Dostaler, principal of North Hastings High School (NHHS).

Mr. Dostaler provided a slide show presentation and video of the "Think Indigenous" celebration that was held at NHHS on December 9, 2010. This event, organized by the NHHS Wolf Pack, was about building community by acquiring knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Peoples, past and present. The concept celebrates identity and creates a foundation of learning based on respect. Students were provided an opportunity to showcase their knowledge, take pride in their accomplishments, share and learn.

The NHHS Wolf Pack's most important learning to date was caring. When teacher, Heather Taylor's husband had a tragic accident, the Wolf Pack decided to donate the majority of their Nunavut fundraising funds to assist the family.

Chair Pitman thanked Principal Dostaler for his presentation and noted how important it is for Trustees and the public to be made aware of the great things our students are accomplishing.

Approval of the agenda

Moved: M. Hall

Seconded: J. Williams

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Reports from Staff

Timed Item: 7:10 p.m. – Mural Presentation

Director Soule introduced Communications Officer, Kerry Donnell who was the lead on this project. Ms Donnell introduced students Marissa Powell from Moira Secondary School and Kaho Yoshido from Centennial Secondary School who worked with artist Maureen Walton on the mural. Ms Donnell explained the symbolism in the mural which respectfully represents the communities, landscapes, industries and familiar sites of the communities served in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties. Marissa and Kaho explained how their participation on this project with a professional artist had been a rewarding experience. Susan Davies was also thanked for her involvement in the project. Chair Pitman and Director Soule received a plaque to commemorate the project.

Approval of minutes

Moved: D. Patterson

Seconded: T. Goodfellow

That the minutes of the initial meeting of December 6, 2010 be approved.

Carried

The minutes of the November 15, 2010 were approved at the Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on November 29, 2010.

Business arising from the minutes of the regular meeting of November 15, 2010

None.

Business arising from the minutes of the initial meeting of December 6, 2010

None.

Report from the Committee of the Whole Board

Moved: J. Williams

Seconded: T. Goodfellow

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the following recommendation from the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 24, 2011.

1. Elementary administrator pool

Carried

Recommendations

Report from Executive Committee

Policy Review

Moved: M. Hall

Seconded: T. Goodfellow

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board authorize the Director to review the policies as contained in Board Report B-1 Appendix A, dated January 24, 2011, and bring recommendations forward in a timely manner, to the Executive Committee for discussion in accordance with Board Policy No.7 Board Policy Development and Review.

Trustee Hall explained that this is a standard policy review process in accordance with Board Policy No. 7 Board Policy Development and Review, to ensure that policies are aligned with Ministry regulations, the Education Act and current practices.

The Director noted that all trustees are welcome to participate on any committees of the Board.

Carried

Report from Operations and Finance

Name for Kindergarten to Grade 8 School in Bancroft

Moved: D. Patterson

Seconded: T. Goodfellow

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the name York River Public School for the Kindergarten to Grade 8 School in Bancroft as contained in Board Report No. B-2 dated January 24, 2011.

Trustee Patterson commented on the process followed to find a suitable name for the new school BS commended the North Hastings Integration Committee for their work on this project.

Carried

Community Use: Grand Tour Village site at Centennial Secondary School

Moved: D. Patterson

Seconded: T. Goodfellow

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board give approval to Velo Quebec to apply for a liquor license for use at the Grand Tour Village to be hosted at Centennial Secondary School from August 8-10, 2011, as contained in Board Report No. B-3 dated January 24, 2011.

Trustee Goodfellow noted that hosting this event in our community is a way of appreciating others from across our country.

Carried

Capital Priorities Submission

Moved: T. Goodfellow

Seconded: D. Patterson

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board submit the business cases outlined in Appendix A to the Ministry of Education as contained in Board Report No. B-4 dated January 24, 2011.

Trustee Goodfellow noted that school boards have been requested to submit business cases reflecting capital priorities that could be completed up to and including the 2015-16 school year. The focus is on projects that meet one or more of the following needs:

- accommodation pressure
- facility condition
- school consolidations

Carried

Draft Floor Plan for Addition and Renovations at Athol Central Public School

Moved: M. Hall

Seconded: T. Goodfellow

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the draft preliminary floor plan for the proposed addition and renovations at Athol Central Public School with an estimated budget of \$781,000 contingent on Ministry funding as contained in Board Report No. B-5 dated January 24, 2011.

Trustee Hall called on Controller of Facility Services, Don Tregenza, to review the draft floor plans. Mr. Tregenza noted the changes and additions including the creation of an Early Learning Program area, accessible washrooms and the addition of two classrooms. Superintendent Rutherford commented that there are a number of funding options available to support this project.

Carried

Geothermal Renewable Energy Projects

Moved: D. Patterson

Seconded: T. Goodfellow

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board award a contract to Ameresco Canada in the amount of \$346,124 to install a geothermal heating system at Coe Hill School as contained in Board Report No. B-6 dated January 24, 2011.

Carried

Tender approval for Prince Charles School (Belleville)

Moved: T. Goodfellow

Seconded: M. Hall

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board award a tender in the amount of \$5,747,525 to QuadPro Construction for an addition and

renovations to Prince Charles School, Belleville as contained in Board Report No. B-7 dated January 24, 2011.

Trustee Goodfellow advised that she was pleased to see the number of contractors who had shown an interest in this project. In response to trustee questions, Don Tregenza advised that although QuadPro is not a local firm, they will be using local trades. Superintendent Rutherford noted that the board is guided by the government's "Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive".

Carried

Audit Committee membership

Moved: M. Hall

Seconded: L. Kyle

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve Cliff Cotton and John Fitzpatrick for appointment to the Audit Committee commencing January 24, 2011 as contained in Board Report B-8 dated January 24, 2011.

Trustee Hall noted that the establishment of an Audit Committee is in response to the new Ontario Regulation 361/10 requiring each district school board to establish an Audit Committee to review and make recommendations to the board on matters concerning financial reporting, internal and external audits and internal control and compliance matters. Superintendent Rutherford added that based on the size of our board, we require five members which includes three board members and two external members.

Carried

Information

Calendar of events

The calendar was reviewed and the following items were noted:

- Ontario Education Services Corporation Part II training
- Public Education Symposium January 27-29, 2011, Sheraton Centre, Toronto
- Ontario Student Trustee Association Conference February 10-13, 2011, Ottawa
- Fundraising event February 11, 2011 at the Duke Dome to support CML Snider School track resurfacing

Report from the chair

Nothing to report.

Report from Executive Committee

Chair Pitman reported on the following items from the Executive Committee:

- policy review process
- trustee department orientation
- Public Education Symposium

Operations and Finance Committee

Trustee Inch reported on the following items from the Operations and Finance Committee:

- delegation regarding the CML Snider School Track

- recommendations that have been brought forward to Board tonight
- revisions to Board Policy No. 11-C – Operations and Finance Committee
- capital project update
- trustee expense reimbursement
- feasibility study for a shared service strategy for Eastern Ontario School Boards

Program and Human Resources Committee

Trustee Goodfellow reported on the following items from the Program and Human Resources Committee:

- Skopus information and demonstration
- new provincial report cards/Growing Success Ministry of Education document
- Adult Education update
- alternative report card
- Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program update
- Expulsion Program update
- school year calendar review

Staff reports

Director's Annual Report

Director Soule referred trustees to the Director's Annual Report 2009/2010 that had been distributed. She noted that this is a Ministry of Education requirement that has taken many different forms over the past few years. This report contains student and staff representation from all secondary schools and a number of elementary schools, and highlights initiatives that are grounded in Growing with Character. Required pieces of the report include financial information, achievement and enrolment statistics, Community Use of Schools information and Provincial Testing results.

The Director stated that she was pleased to present this report to the Board and acknowledged the work of Communications Officer, Kerry Donnell, in coordinating the creation of Director's Annual Report. The Director responded to questions from trustees regarding content of the report.

Moved; D. Patterson
Seconded: T. Goodfellow

That trustees express their appreciation to all those involved in engineering the Director's Annual Report 2009-2010.

Carried

Notices of Motion

The following Notices of Motion were provided:

- Revised Amendment to Board Policy No. 2 Governance By-Laws and Standing Rules
- Revised Amendment to Board Policy No. 3-F Trustee Expense Reimbursement
- Amendments to Board Policy No. 11-H Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils Committee (SALEP)

The Director noted that revised notices of motion were distributed for Board Policy No. 2 Governance By-Laws and Standing Rules and Board Policy No. 3-F Trustee Expense Reimbursement.

Reports from Trustees – Board committees and events

Trustees provided updates on events they attended:

- Leadership Development Strategy Steering Committee – invitation for three trustees to attend “Having Hard Conversations” event March 30, 2011 and April 1, 2011.
- Food for Learning Committee
 - Feed the Meter campaign results
 - Annual auction Thursday, May 5, 2011 at Centennial Secondary School
- Aboriginal Education Steering Committee
- “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” presentation at Centennial Secondary School
- CML Snider School fundraising activity

Trustee proposals and queries

Trustee Patterson asked to have a letter drafted from our Board to the Ministry of Education expressing our appreciation for the Guiding Student Success document which highlights the 21st century learning skills. The Director will draft correspondence for Board approval at the February 28, 2011 Board meeting.

Correspondence

Thank you card

A thank you card from former trustee Monica Walker was circulated.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Chair

Secretary