



HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PROGRAM AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2013

Members present: J. Cobb; B. Danes; T. Goodfellow, Vice-chair; M. Hall; D. Inch; L. Kyle;
D. Patterson; J. Williams, Chair

Student Trustees: D. Wilson, R. McDougall

Regrets: None

Guests: M. Brant

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

Minutes: C. Reid, Administrative Assistant

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Delegations/presentations - None

Approval of agenda

Moved: M. Hall

Seconded: T. Goodfellow

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Approval of minutes

Moved: T. Goodfellow

Seconded: J. Cobb

That the minutes of the November 12, 2012 regular meeting be approved.

Carried

Business arising from the minutes

Superintendent Rogers distributed a Supplementary Report on the Progress of Students in the Locally Developed Pathway to share additional information as a follow up to the report presented in October 2012. She noted that the supplementary report highlights additional academic information about the students who were part of the former EDP program. The academic achievements of this group of Grade 10 students during the 2011-2012 school year was reviewed indicating that 89% of credits attempted during that year were completed successfully. The distribution of final marks by school was reviewed and it was noted that not only were these students successful, but many achieved marks over 70% and some students even had final marks in the 90-100% range. With respect to the OSSLT results, it was noted that these results are being reviewed in detail and the necessary resources are being put in place to ensure that students are successful.

Clarification was sought regarding the types of courses in which students received the highest marks. It was noted that there would have been a variety of courses in which students were successful and teachers in secondary schools worked very hard to support students in achieving these results. Comments were made regarding the letter that was sent to EQAO requesting changes to the OSSLT. No response has been received to date. It was agreed that a follow up letter would be sent. Director McGall commented that if courses are chosen carefully, students can be successful in achieving credits. With this change in approach students achieve success and bring assets with them into their

adult life. He noted that the OSSLT is a standard that is meant for academic and applied students, not those in a Locally Developed pathway and changes to the OSSLT are worth exploring over time.

Recommendations - None

Information

Mental Health Update

Superintendent Rogers introduced Donalda Simmons who distributed a report containing the draft Board Mental Health and Addictions Strategy. She commented that the Mental Health Advisory Committee met in the spring to develop the mission and vision contained on page one. They met again in the fall to review and revise based on feedback from various stakeholders. The committee is inviting further input on the draft document, which will go back to the senior team for final approval.

The mission and vision were reviewed and specific details were provided regarding the three main goals and their respective action steps. A question was raised regarding the composition of the working groups mentioned in the goals and action steps. It was confirmed that there is one large working group that is the core group to oversee all of the pieces. Smaller sub-groups dealing with specific issues will be formed as needed. Clarification was provided regarding the connection to Canadian Mental Health Association and mental health workers at Quinte Healthcare. It was noted that three agencies are receiving funding connected to this initiative: Youth Habilitation; Canadian Mental Health and the Parent, Child & Youth Clinic. Information was sought regarding what evidenced based prevention programs are. These are packaged programs that are purchased for use in school. Examples include Friends for Life, Lion's Quest and Positive Action. The committee has access to a lot of tools to help guide them in choosing the best programs for the district.

Instructional Technology Advisory Committee Update

Senior ITS Officer, Kelvin MacQuarrie reviewed Report No. C-1. One priority defined by the committee for the 2012/2013 school year was to pilot a parent portal. This portal provides access for parents/guardians to information such as their student's achievement and attendance data, as well as timetable information. Bayside Secondary School has been piloting the portal since mid-September. School council parents were provided access to the Maplewood student information system for their students for a number of student items including student and parent demographics, medical information, student timetable, course history, attendance and transportation information. The feedback has been positive from the BSS parents and they have appreciated the opportunity to participate in the pilot project.

Another priority identified by the committee is cloud computing. On November 26, 2012, ITAC invited two companies to demonstrate their cloud computing technologies:

- Sheepdog Inc., presented Google Docs as their cloud computing solution for both students and staff;
- Microsoft, presented Office 365 as their cloud computing solution for both students and staff.

Both products offer services which support the many components of a 21st century learning environment. The intent of the committee is to pilot both products in two schools during the 2012/2013 school year. The committee is also looking for perspective school boards to make presentations regarding their experiences with cloud computing. It was confirmed that only student work will be piloted at this point. Board data will not be moved to cloud computing at this time.

Review of Program and Human Resources Committee Meeting Date Changes

Director McGall reviewed Report No. C-2. Since September 10, 2012 committee meetings have been held back-to-back. Trustee comments regarding this change have been positive and the format has provided for information sharing at one session instead of two. The Executive Committee has discussed this change and will be bringing the following recommendation forward to the January 28, 2013 Public Board Meeting.

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve maintaining the current format of holding the Program and Human Resources Committee meeting on the second Monday of the month as per Committees of the Board Policy No. 11-B Program and Human Resources Committee Section 4.1

If approved, alignment of meeting times will be considered during the next policy review process. All committee members were in favour of the recommendation.

Trustee proposals and queries – None

Correspondence – None

The Program and Human Resources Committee moved into closed session at 6:22 p.m.