



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

Monday, June 8, 2009

- Members present:** T. Goodfellow, M. Hall, H. Marissen, C. Pitman, M. Walker,
J. Williams
- Absent:** None
- Regrets:** None
- Guests:** None
- Resource:** T. FitzGibbon, R. McGall, J. Montgomery, J. Rogers, K. Soule
- Minutes:** C. Reid, Administrative Assistant

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Delegations/presentations

Growing with Character presentations to Kiwanis Clubs

System Principal Colleen DeMille thanked the local Kiwanis Clubs for the excellent work they do serving the students and communities of Hastings and Prince Edward counties.

A video recognizing the many contributions the Kiwanis Clubs make to the schools and the community was viewed. The video celebrates the valuable partnership between Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board and the local Kiwanis Clubs. System Principal DeMille noted that the goals of the Kiwanis Clubs embrace and exemplify the same character attributes as those adopted by Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board. It was noted that the name Kiwanis is a term coined by Aboriginal people and means "share our talents".

Recognition certificates and copies of the video were presented to the Kiwanis Clubs of Belleville, Kente, Madoc, Picton, Trenton and Tweed.

At 6:20 p.m. the Program and Human Resources Committee recessed and moved into the Committee Room.

At 6:25 p.m. the Program and Human Resources Committee reconvened.

Approval of agenda

Moved: C. Pitman
Seconded: M. Walker

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Approval of minutes

Moved: T. Goodfellow
Seconded: M. Hall

That the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2009 be approved.

It was noted that Trustee Inch is not a member of the Program and Human Resources Committee.

Carried

Business arising from minutes - None

Information

Hastings & Prince Edward Learning Foundation update

Director Soule introduced the Hastings & Prince Edward Learning Foundation's Executive Director, Maribeth deSnoo and Vice-chair, Elanor Pound. Ms. deSnoo reviewed the report, noting that 75 Student Emergency Fund requests have been received to date. She shared samples of those requests and the positive feedback that has been received from principal and students.

Food for Learning continues to assist schools with the organization and funding of nutrition programs. So far this year, 146 nutrition programs have served 500,000 meals, snacks and breakfasts. Ms. deSnoo thanked Trustee Goodfellow for her continued commitment to the Food for Learning Committee. A chart showing the recent growth of programs under the Student Nutrition Programs was provided in the report. The Learning Foundation continues in the role as the lead agency for these programs in south east Ontario.

Vice-chair of the Foundation Board, Elanor Pound, commented about her positive experiences with the Student Emergency Fund and thanked the Board for allowing the Foundation's participation in enhancing student learning.

Committee members commented about the success of the Agribition and the Learning Foundation's innovative planning noting that it reflects deep caring for students and allows the Board to do more for students.

Recommendations

Special Education Plan 2009

The report noted that Special Education staff reviewed the 2009 Special Education Plan to ensure that current programs and services were reflected accurately. Amendments reflect minor changes in language and format to ensure consistency throughout. Revisions were presented to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) at the

regular meeting in May, and were approved by the Committee on May 20, 2009. The revisions were reviewed by Superintendent FitzGibbon with the committee members.

Moved: H. Marissen
Seconded: T. Goodfellow

That the Program and Human Resources Committee recommend that the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the amendments to the Special Education Plan 2009 as contained in the Program and Human Resources Committee public session report No. B-1 dated June 8, 2009.

Committee members commented about the increased waiting times for assessments.

Carried

Textbook/novel approval

One of the titles that had originally been on the list for approval at the last meeting had been missed. The title has been reviewed by the school principal, curriculum services staff or superintendent and trustees on the Program and Human Resources Committee.

Moved: M. Hall
Seconded: T. Goodfellow

That the Program and Human Resources Committee recommend that the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the list for use in schools as described in Appendix "A" as contained in the Program and Human Resources Committee public session report no. B-2 dated June 8, 2009.

Committee members commented about the book, *The Secret Life of Bees*, and the movie that has been made based on the book. It was noted that the book is historical fiction.

Carried

Notice of motion

Revisions to Policy No. 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Discipline

The report was distributed and Superintendent Rogers reviewed the background for the need to make changes to the existing policy. A recent decision by the Child and Family Services Review Board has raised the issue of school boards imposing an expulsion for a single serious incident and whether a school board's policies are sufficient to allow an expulsion in the circumstances. As a result of this decision, the legal firm representing boards on the implementation of Safe Schools legislation recommends an amendment to the Board's current policy/procedures.

Moved: T. Goodfellow
Seconded: M. Hall

That the Program and Human Resources Committee bring the following notice of motion to the June 15, 2009 Board meeting:

That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board amend Policy No. 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Discipline by addition of Article 17.5 to read “The Student Discipline Committee may expel a student from a school or all schools of the Board as a result of his/her involvement in a single act, a single incident or a single infraction where, in the opinion of the Student Discipline Committee, the student’s behavior was a serious breach of the expectations of student behavior.” and re-number the articles as required according to Article XII, Policy No. 2 – Governance By-Laws and Standing Rules.

Carried

Correspondence – None

At 7:05 p.m. the Program and Human Resources Committee moved into closed session.