

Members present: S. Binder, K. Hambly, S. Lewis, S. Maracle, R. Prinzen

Absent:

Student Trustee: A. Shah

Resources: K. Donnell, K. MacIver

Minutes: D. Lucas, Executive Assistant, Director's Office

1. Call to Order

Chair Binder called the meeting to order at 2:58 p.m.

2. Motion to Convene into a closed Governance and Policy Committee meeting - not required.

3. Reconvene to Public Governance and Policy Committee meeting - not required.

4. Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

Trustee Prinzen offered the Land Acknowledgement.

5. Roll Call

Chair Binder requested a roll call of committee members, all members present.

6. Approval of agenda

Moved: K. Hambly

Seconded: S. Lewis

That the agenda for October 16, 2023 be approved.

Carried

7. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none declared

8. Approval of minutes

Moved: R. Prinzen

Seconded: S. Lewis

That the minutes from September 18, 2023 be approved.

Trustee Prinzen requested that the minutes be amended to reflect the correct wording of the secondary motion to read as follows:

Secondary Motion

Moved: R. Prinzen

Seconded: K. Hambly

That the recommendation be postponed until the revisions made to the HPEDSB By-Laws be reviewed with the assistance of a Parliamentarian or Lawyer, prior to the next Governance and Policy Committee meeting.

Not Carried

Recommendation to approve the minutes from September 18, 2023.

Carried

9. Delegations - none

10. Report from Staff

(a) Second review By-Law Revisions

Director MacIver noted the HPEDSB By-Laws were initially approved in September, 2022. After one year of the HPEDSB By-Laws in place a draft of suggested revisions were reviewed at the September 18, 2023 Governance and Policy Committee, with public notice given at the September 25, 2023 Regular Public Board meeting. Legal counsel also reviewed the suggested HPEDSB By-Law revisions with additional minimal revisions.

Recommendation

Moved: K. Hambly

Seconded: S. Lewis

The Governance and Policy Committee recommends the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the revisions to the HPEDSB By-Laws effective October 23, 2023.

Carried

(b) Second review draft Policy XX: Board Communications and Media Relations

Recommendation

Director MacIver noted this policy has been revised with a number of changes. This draft policy was sent out to union leaders and posted on our website for public consultation. Feedback from public consultation was shared with members of the Governance and Policy Committee for consideration. Members of the Governance and Policy Committee reviewed the public consultation feedback, however due to time constraints, a full review of the public consultation feedback did not occur, and this draft policy was deferred to the December 4, 2023 Governance and Policy Committee.

(c) Second review draft Policy XX: Student Representation on Board - deferred to the December 4, 2023 Governance and Policy Committee

(d) First review draft Policy XX: Board Governance - deferred to the December 4, 2023 Governance and Policy Committee

(f) Draft Agenda

(i) Public Board Meeting October 23 2023 highlights:

- Capital and Building Renewal Projects update,
- EQAO Report, and
- Math Achievement Action Plan

11. Trustee Motions for Considerations – nil

12. Trustee Notices of Motion – nil

13. Correspondence - Two non-consent letters were received and acknowledged by Chair Binder. These two letters from parents who do not support the indoctrination of children with radical gender ideology. No action required on these letters.

14. Adjournment - the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.