
Members present: E. Charlton, S. Binder, K. Hambly, K. Kramp, S. Lewis, S. Maracle, E. Parsons, R. Prinzen, A. Robertson, R. Speck-(v),

Student Trustees: A. Shah, C. Vance, J. Webster

Absent:

Guests: Park Dale School Principal Cassandra Windsor, Vice-principal Jake Wallwork, Teachers Lindsay Bolton and Leah Gariepy, and students Bentley Farrell and Faris Lashari

Resources: K. Donnell, K. Dostaler, T. Elliott, N. Kishinchandani, K. MacIver, K. Niemi, D. McFarlane

Minutes: D. Lucas, Executive Assistant

1. Call to order

Chair Binder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Public Board meeting.

2. Motion to convene into a closed Committee of the Whole – not required.

3. Reconvene to Regular Public Board meeting - not required.

4. Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

Trustee Speck offered the Land Acknowledgement.

5. Presentation: Park Dale School - Math Presentation

System Lead, Suzanne Cholasta introduced guests from Park Dale School, “On the move with Math”. Students at Park Dale school are improving in learning math. The school is a focus school at HPEDSB and is identified by the Ministry of Education. The school team shared the approach to teaching and learning, highlighting successes, which include using high impact instructional practices; engaging in professional learning; and knowing their learners. Families are engaged through school open houses and collaboration is key to making improvements.

6. Roll Call

Chair Binder requested a roll call of Trustees and Student Trustees. All members present.

7. Approval of the agenda

Mover: K. Kramp

Seconder: A. Robertson

That the agenda for the October 23, 2023 Regular Public Board Meeting be approved.

Carried

8. Conflict of Interest – None declared.

9. Consent Agenda Items

Recommendation

Mover: A. Robertson

Seconder: K. Hambly

That the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

- (a) Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes September 25, 2023
- (b) Committee Meeting Minutes (for information only)
 - i) Student Learning, Well-Being and Equity May 29, 2023
 - ii) Student Learning, Well-Being and Equity September 6, 2023
 - iii) Parent Involvement Committee May 30, 2023
 - iv) Special Education Advisory June 8, 2023
 - v) Physical Planning, Finance and Building September 11, 2023
 - vi) Governance and Policy September 18, 2023

Carried

10. Rise and Report from the Closed Committee of the Whole – nil

11. Report from External Organizations:

- (a) Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) – Trustee Robertson provided the following highlights from OPSBA:
 - OPSBA hosted an online workshop on Meaningful Engagement as part of their Good Governance Leaders Academy, next online workshop on Delegations scheduled for November 22, 2023,
 - OPSBA hosted a townhall facilitated by law firm Neinstein LLP, on the potential opportunity for Ontario school boards to join a mass tort lawsuit that names social media companies Meta, Snap(Chat) and TikTok as the defendants,
 - Local Governance Week was held during the week of October 16th and promoted throughout HPEDSB,
 - OPSBA has prepared submissions to the government on:
 - submission on Surplus School Board Property + Schools on a shared site,
 - pre-budget consultation on Education Funding and the upcoming Grants for Student Needs,
 - the Eastern Regional meeting is scheduled for November 4th, hosted by Upper Canada DSB at Gananoque Intermediate Secondary School.
- (b) Food for Learning Steering Committee - no report

12. Standing Committee Reports:

- (a) Governance and Policy Committee - Chair Binder shared highlights from the October 16, 2023:
 - there is one recommendation to come forward regarding HPEDSB By-Laws as follows:

Recommendation:

Mover: E. Charlton

Seconder: S. Lewis

That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the suggested By-Law Revisions effective October 23, 2023.

Director MacIver noted that the HPEDSB By-Laws were adopted in September 2022. After using the By-Laws for one year, there were some revisions, small in nature and some housekeeping items, but the majority of the revisions are to bring clarity to the By-Laws that exist. Legal counsel reviewed the changes to assure the Governance and Policy Committee that these are all suitable revisions.

Secondary motion

Mover: R. Prinzen

Seconder: A. Robertson

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board commit to bring the By-Laws back to the Governance and Policy Committee for a thorough review.

Not carried

The initial recommendation to approve the suggested By-Law revisions effective October 23, 2023.

Carried

(b) Student Learning, Well-Being and Equity Committee – Trustee Lewis shared highlights from the October 2, 2023, meeting:

- reculturing IEP's,
- reviewed 2022-2023 Suspension and Expulsion Summary,
- reviewed Math Achievement Action Plan for HPEDSB,
- reviewed student achievement plan consulting overview, and
- received a verbal update on EQAO.

(c) Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee – Trustee Kramp shared highlights from the October 10, 2023, meeting:

- reviewed a report on Enrolment updates,
- reviewed a report on Capital Planning and Construction Process,
- reviewed a report on Capital Projects,
- reviewed a report on Community Planning and Partnership meetings,
- received a verbal update on School Sports Funding,
- received a verbal update on the 2024-2025 Education Funding Consultation Guide.

13. Standing Committee Reports:

(a) Audit Committee - Trustee Robertson shared highlights from the September 20, 2023 meeting:

- there is one recommendation to come forward from the Audit Committee held on September 20, 2023 for Board approval as follows:

Recommendation:

Mover: E. Charlton

Seconder: K. Kramp

That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the 2023-2024 Regional Internal Audit Plan.

Carried

(b) Parent Involvement Committee – Trustee Speck shared highlights from the the October 18, 2023 meeting:

- elected two new co-chairs for the 2023-2024 school year; Alison Kelly, parent from Athol-South Marysburgh School and Harley Hill, parent from Susanna Moodie Public School,
- received an information report on Math, Reading and D-streaming,
- received information on the 2023-2024 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant available for all schools to submit an application form for funding up to a maximum of \$1,000,
- shared a list of fundraising ideas from last year,
- reviewed and approved \$25,000 worth of equipment needs for 26 schools,

- reviewed the Province of Ontario has provided an additional \$5.5M to support student nutritional programs across Ontario; share is about \$73,000 to support our Food for Learning program.
- (c) **Special Education Advisory Committee** – Chair Binder shared highlights from the September 26, 2023, meeting:
 - received a presentation summarizing individual education plans, modifications and best practices,
 - reviewed the Special Education Advisory Committee Governance Directive,
 - received an update on Student Services personnel, and
 - received a verbal update on Student Mental Health Program/Policy Memorandum 169 which requires school boards and partners to provide student mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention services.
- (d) **Supervised Alternative Learning Committee** – Trustee Hambly provided highlights from the four meetings that have been held:
 - approved 50 students to the program.

14. Advisory Committee Reports:

- (a) **Accessibility Advisory Committee** – no report
- (b) **Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee** – Trustee Charlton provided highlights from the meeting held on October 11, 2023:
 - reviewed HPEDSB Equity Team Roles & Responsibilities,
 - reviewed plan for Trauma-Informed Practices training such as Live Streaming on PA days for staff,
 - highlighted some Human Rights training for staff,
 - received an overview of school climate teams,
 - reviewed commemoratives dates,
 - developed Anti-Hate & Anti-Racism procedures, protocols and plans, and
 - reviewed timelines and actions for the development of 2023-2027 Equity Action Plan.
- (c) **Indigenous Education Advisory Committee** – Trustee Maracle provided highlights from the meeting held on October 4, 2023:
 - Eastside Secondary School staff participated in a professional learning opportunity on the Mohawk Territory,
 - Jordan's Principle Educational Assistants participated in a professional learning session,
 - received a report on North Hastings High School summer Reach Ahead Program,
 - received an update on Indigenous Student Population,
 - received a staffing update regarding new Indigenous Student Success Coaches (formerly known as Grad Coaches),
- (d) **Student Discipline Committee** – no report
- (e) **Student Voice Committee** – Student Trustees provided highlights from the student voice committee meetings:
 - attended the Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA-AECO) conference on October 20 - 21, 2023, engaged in a number of breakout sessions,
 - planning is currently underway to get a student voice meeting scheduled for November 2nd, reaching out to leaders in secondary schools to put together an initial committee of about seven students,
 - Student Trustee Vance attended the Northern Ontario Conference for Indigenous Student Trustees held in Sault Ste. Marie on October 13 - 14, 2023.

15. Administrative Committee Reports

- (a) **Information Technology Advisory Committee** – no report
- (b) **Mental Health Leadership Team** – Vice-chair Prinzen provided highlights from the Mental Health Leadership Team meeting held on September 19, 2023:
 - highlights of this meeting have already been shared by Superintendent Dostaler in last

- month's board meeting, agenda item 19(b),
 - Trustee Maracle touched on some of the Indigenous students transitioning in the North,
 - requested OPSBA representative, Trustee Robertson to ask OPSBA to advocate for the Board regarding funding and support for addiction services.
- 16. Ad Hoc Committee Report** - no report
- 17. Chair's Report** - Report included the following highlights:
 - joined the HPE Learning Foundation Strategic Plan Implementation Ad Hoc Committee, as Chair.
- 18. Director's Report** – Report included the following highlights:
 - previewed a new student achievement data web page, which will go live later in the week,
 - hosted EQAO team during meetings with school administrators to review data and assist principals use it for school improvement planning and improved student outcomes.
 - attended a Vital Signs Report meeting,
 - attended a meeting with Hastings County CAO, Connor Dorey,
 - attended a lunch meeting with local federation presidents,
 - distributed personally the “Ray of Sunshine” awards to 10 employees,
 - scheduled three community partner breakfast meetings, the first one being held on October 24th for Belleville & Quinte West, November 2nd for Centre and North Hastings community partner breakfast and November 7th for Prince Edward County community partner breakfast.
- 19. HPEDSB Staff Reports:**
 - (a) Capital and Building Renewal Projects Update:** Report included an update related to the capital construction work completed during 2022-2023. Trustees asked questions and Superintendent Kishinchandani and Senior Facility Manager, Kim Horrigan responded to their questions. To review the report, click [here](#) and go to page 91.
 - (b) EQAO Results 2022-2023:** Report included an overview of student achievement within the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board, as measured by the Education and Quality Accountability Office (EQAO) for 2022-2023. Notable improvements seen in Grade 6 math and OSSLT. Trustees asked questions and Director MacIver responded to their questions. To review the report, click [here](#) and go to page 93.
 - (c) Math Achievement Action Plan:** Report included the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board “All Schools’ Math Achievement Action Plan (MAAP) for endorsement by the Director and Trustees prior to submitting to the Ministry. Trustees asked questions and System Lead, Suzanne Cholasta responded to their questions. To review the report, click [here](#) and go to page 94.
- 20. Calendar of Events and meetings scheduled for September 2023:**
Trustee events, committee meetings and school events are noted on the agenda.
- 21. Correspondence** – nil
- 22. Unfinished Business** – nil
- 23. Trustee Motions for Consideration** - nil
- 24. Trustee Notice of Motions** - nil
- 25. Meeting adjourned at 8:47p.m.**

Chair

Secretary

