

Members present: S. Binder, K. Kramp, S. Lewis (v), R. Prinzen, R. Speck(v)

Absent: None

Student Trustee: A. Shah

Resources: K. MacIver, K. Donnell

Minutes: C. Reid, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chair Binder called the meeting to order at 3:30 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

Student Trustee Shah 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. Kramp

Seconded: R. Prinzen

That the agenda for December 4, 2023 be approved.

Carried

7. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none declared

8. Approval of minutes

Moved: S. Lewis

Seconded: R. Prinzen

That the minutes from the November 21, 2023 meeting be approved.

Carried

9. Delegations - none

10. Report from Staff

(a) Third review Draft Policy XX: Board Communications and Media Relations

Director MacIver noted that this is the third review for this draft policy. Suggested changes from the last meeting have been incorporated into this policy.

Based on the feedback provided through public consultation, clarification was requested regarding sections 3, 4 and 6 of the draft policy in relation to section 218.1 of the *Education Act* regarding the role of trustees versus the role of the Board.

A request was made to convene into a closed Governance and Policy Committee meeting to discuss a confidential personnel matter.

Recommendation:

Moved: R. Prinzen

Seconded: S. Lewis

That the Governance and Policy Committee convene into closed session.

Carried

The Governance and Policy Committee reconvened into public session at 4:39 p.m.

Based on previous discussions, it was confirmed that the word "Trustees" in section 4 a), 4 b) and 6 c) of the draft policy will be changed to "The Board." It was also agreed that further review of this policy is required. The policy will come back to the Governance and Policy Committee in January for further discussion.

(b) Second review Draft Policy XX: Student Trustee Representation on the Board

Director MacIver noted that this is the second review for this draft policy.

Based on feedback it was agreed that it would be beneficial to have the Indigenous Trustee as a mentor to the student trustee. Section 6 b) of the draft policy will be amended to include reference to the Indigenous Trustee as a mentor.

Recommendation:

Mover: R. Prinzen

Seconder: R. Speck

That the Governance and Policy Committee recommend the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve Policy 09: Student Representation on the Board. With the approval of this revised policy, Policy 3-C will be revoked.

Carried

(c) Recommendation - By-Law Revisions

Director MacIver noted that as a result of a recommendation being approved at the November 27, 2023, Organization and Regular Public Meeting, public notice was given that the HPEDSB By-Laws would be revised and brought forward to the December 11, 2023, Regular Public Board Meeting for approval.

Further changes to section 5.28 were noted and the Director of Education will communicate these changes by email to committee members prior to bringing them back to the January meeting.

Recommendation:

Moved: R. Prinzen

Seconded: K. Kramp

That the by-law revisions be postponed to the January 2024 Board meeting in order to give the Governance and committee more time to review the language.

Carried

(d) Draft Agenda

(i) Public Board Meeting December 11, 2023, highlights:

- ~~Recommendation for Policy XX: Board Communications~~
- ~~Recommendation for Policy XX: Student Representation on the Board~~
- Recommendation for Revised HPEDSB By-Laws
- Reports from staff:

- Revised Estimates,
- Boundary Review Ad Hoc,
- Special Education Update
- Mental Health,
- Student Achievement Plan
- Reading/Literacy Update

11. Trustee Motions for Considerations – nil

12. Trustee Notices of Motion – nil

13. Correspondence - nil

14. Adjournment - the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.