

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

Student Trustees: A. Shah, C. Vance, J. Webster (v)

Absent:

Guests: Prince Edward Collegiate Institute staff and students

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 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Regular Public Board meeting.

- 2. Presentation** – Prince Edward Collegiate Institute Vocal Choir, opened the meeting by singing “Hallelujah” and “Hey Soul Sister”. Teacher Andrew Cranshaw and students Kyleigh Condon, Lei Lani Charlie, Amy Lamundo, Daytona Roloson, Hailey Smith, Bella Watts provided a vocal performance at the Regular Public Board Meeting December 11, 2023.

3. Motion to convene into Closed Committee of the Whole

Chair Binder noted that there is a Closed Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for this evening, however a motion to move item 3 to item 25 for tonight’s meeting is requested.

Recommendation

Mover: A. Robertson

Seconder: K. Hambly

That agenda item 3 be moved to item 25.

Carried

- 4. Reconvene to Regular Public Board meeting** – not required.

5. Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

Trustee Prinzen offered the Land Acknowledgement.

6. Roll Call

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

7. Approval of the agenda

Mover: A. Robertson

Seconder: K. Kramp

That the agenda for the December 11, 2023, Regular Public Board Meeting be approved.

Carried

- 8. Conflict of Interest** – None declared

9. Consent Agenda Items

Request to remove item 9(a) Organization and Regular Board Meeting, November 27, 2023, from the consent agenda items and move to item 9.1 for discussion.

Recommendation:

Mover: R. Prinzen
Seconder: A. Robertson

That the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

- (a) Committee Meeting Minutes (for information only)**
- i) Governance and Policy November 21, 2023**
 - ii) Special Education Advisory Committee November 23, 2023**

Carried

9.1 Approval of the minutes from the Organization and Regular Board Meeting held on November 27, 2023

Recommendation

Mover: K. Hambly
Seconder: S. Lewis

That item 9.1 Organization and Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 27, 2023, be approved as amended:

- **Page 1: remove S. Binder from members present,**
- **Page 8 item 12(a)iii: correct the name of the committee that Trustee Lewis was elected for to Student Learning, Well-Being and Equity Committee and,**
- **Page 10, item 16(a): provide the correct name for the Grace Inn Homeless Shelter**

Carried

10. Rise and Report from Closed Committee of the Whole – no report

11. Report from External Organizations:

(a) Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) – Vice-chair Robertson provided the following highlights from OPSBA:

- **Priorities for OPSBA Advocacy Day (held Nov 27) included: Education Funding, Indigenous Education, School Capital, and Facilities, GSN, and the proposed Accelerated Apprenticeship Pathways,**
- **reviewed a Letter to MP template re: Private Member’s Bill C-322- National Framework for a School Food Program Act,**
- **received a reminder to participate in the Pre-Budget Consultation online Survey (closes January 31, 2024), and**
- **received a reminder regarding the registration for the upcoming Public Education Symposium.**

(b) Food for Learning Steering Committee – no report

12. Standing Committee Reports:

(a) Governance and Policy Committee – Chair Binder shared highlights from the December 4, 2023 meeting:

- **reviewed a third draft of Policy XX: Board Communications and Social Media,**
- **reviewed a second draft of Policy XX: Student Representation on the Board and approved to go forward to the Board,**
- **approved a recommendation to revise public notice regarding By-Law revisions.**

i) Recommendation - Policy XX: Student Representation on the Board:

Recommendation:

Mover: A. Robertson

Seconded: S. Maracle

That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve Policy 09: Student Representation on the Board and revoke Policy 3-C.

Carried

ii) Recommendation - Revised Public Notice regarding By-Law Revisions:
Recommendation:

Mover: A. Robertson
Seconded: S. Lewis

That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board provide revised advance written notice to the public that revisions to the HPEDSB By-Laws will be coming forward to the January 22, 2024, Regular Public Board Meeting.

Carried

(b) Student Learning, Well-Being and Equity Committee – no report

(c) Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee – Committee Chair, Trustee

Kramp shared highlights from the December 11, 2023, meeting:

- made a recommendation for the Multi-Year Annual Accessibility Plan, to be brought forward to the January 22, 2024, Regular Public Board Meeting,
- reviewed a report on Boundary Review Ad Hoc Committee updates,
- reviewed a report on Central Hastings School – Outdoor Programming/Greenspace Concepts,
- reviewed a report on Revised Estimates,
- reviewed a report on Trustee Honoraria, and
- heard a verbal update on Extracurriculars (Sports, STEM and Arts) at HPEDSB.

i) **Revised Estimates** – The report provided an update on Revised Estimates. Trustees asked questions, Superintendent Kishinchandani responded to their questions. To review the report click [here](#) and go to page 22.

ii) **Boundary Review Update** – The report provided an update on Boundary Reviews. Trustees asked questions, Superintendent Kishinchandani responded to their questions. To review the report click [here](#) and go to page 47.

13. Standing Committee Reports:

(a) Audit Committee – no report

(b) Parent Involvement Committee – no report

(c) Special Education Advisory Committee – Trustee Lewis shared highlights from the December 7, 2023, meeting:

- elected Lisa Rashotte as Chair for 2023-2024,
- elected Ashley Card as Vice-chair for 2023-2024,
- received a presentation by Glenda McComb, Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Blind/Low Vision (DHH/BLV) Coordinator sharing data pertaining to student support, assessments, equipment/technology, and Special Education Amount (SEA) in creating a barrier free learning environment with different accommodations in place,
- received a presentation by Stephanie Taylor-Harvey, System Lead on student achievement data from 2022-2023 EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading for Grades 3 and 6 students with special education needs,
- reviewed the Special Education Plan review process,
- tentatively scheduled the Tri-Board SEAC meeting, for Monday May 13, 2024, at Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, and
- reviewed a final copy of the Special Incidence Portion (SIP) letter which will be forwarded to the Minister of Education.

- (d) **Supervised Alternative Learning Committee** – Trustee Hambly provided highlights from the meeting held on November 29, 2023:
- approved several students for the Supervised Alternative Learning Program.

14. Advisory Committee Reports:

- (a) **Accessibility Advisory Committee** – no report
- (b) **Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee** – no report
- (c) **Indigenous Education Advisory Committee** – Trustee Maracle provided highlights from the meeting held on December 7, 2023:
- worked on the Indigenous Action Plan, template being created,
 - planned several professional learning opportunities for teachers who work in Indigenous Education.
- (d) **Student Voice Committee** – Student Trustees provided highlights from the student voice committee meetings:
- attended the Lorne Brooker show on December 5, 2023, with Director MacIver,
 - selected two student representatives from each secondary school to participate in the Student Voice Group,
 - working on which initiatives to focus their energies on this school year.

15. Ad Hoc Committee Report - no report

16. Chair's Report – no report

- (a) **Trustee Sharing** - no report

17. Director's Report – Report included the following highlights:

- thanked the Student Trustees for their leadership and thoughtful sharing on the Lorne Brooker Show last week,
- reminded Trustees that the HPE Learning Foundation Annual General Meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2023,
- shared a letter from the Canadian Cancer Society regarding fundraising at Eastside Secondary School through the Relay for Life Youth Event, \$14,500 was raised,
- shared an update from the Ministry of Education regarding change in education for September 2024; more information to follow when it becomes available,
- shared information about a Technology Teacher Session being hosted by Human Resources for individuals interested in learning how to become a qualified Technology Teacher.

18. HPEDSB Staff Reports

- (a) **Special Education Update** – Report included an update on services provided by the Special Education Department. Trustees asked questions and Superintendent Dostaler responded to their questions. To review the entire report, click [here](#) and go to page 48.
- (b) **Mental Health and Well-Being Update** – Report included an update from system committees relating to Mental Health and Well-Being. Trustees asked questions and Superintendent Dostaler responded to their questions. To review the entire report, click [here](#) and go to page 51.
- (c) **Student Achievement Plan** – Superintendent Elliott provided a verbal report on the Student Achievement Plan highlighting:
- progressing with literacy and numeracy work to support students in these areas,
 - waiting for information from the Ministry of Education about requirements for Student Achievement Plans. Trustees asked questions and Superintendent Elliott responded to their questions.

(d) **Reading/Literacy Update** – Superintendent Elliott and Curriculum Coordinator Stefanie Cranshaw provided a verbal report on Reading/Literacy update highlighting:

- support for students in K - 2, specifically how to read and how HPEDSB is supporting students using valid early reading screening tools that are valid and intervention supports in schools. Trustees asked questions and Superintendent Elliott responded to their questions.

19. **Calendar of Events:** To review the calendar of events and meetings, click [here](#) and go to page 53.
20. **Correspondence** – nil
21. **Unfinished Business** – nil
22. **Trustee Motions for Consideration** - nil
23. **Trustee Notice of Motions** - nil
24. **Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**
25. **Convene into the closed Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:35 p.m.**

Chair

Secretary