

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

Absent: K. Kramp

Student Trustee: A. Shah (v)

Resources: K. MacIver, K. Donnell

Minutes: D. Lucas, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chair Binder called the meeting to order at 3:36 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 except Trustee Kramp.

6. Approval of agenda

Moved: R. Prinzen

Seconded: R. Speck

That the agenda for February 20, 2024, be approved.

Carried

7. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none declared.

8. Approval of minutes

Trustee Prinzen requested an amendment to the January 15, 2024, minutes; section 10(c) to include reference that Marion Thomson Howell would be providing an interactive workshop for Trustees on February 16, 2024.

Moved: R. Prinzen

Seconded: S. Lewis

That the minutes from the January 15, 2024, meeting be approved as amended.

Carried

9. Delegations - none

10. Report from Staff

(a) Final review Draft Policy XX: Indemnification of Board Members

Director MacIver noted that this is the final review for this draft policy. Legal Counsel reviewed this draft policy with minimal revisions required. Public consultation was gathered, and no additional changes were required.

Recommendation

Moved: S. Lewis
Seconded: R. Speck

That the Governance and Policy Committee recommends that the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve Policy 11: Indemnification of Board Members. With the approval of this revised policy, Policy 3-I will be revoked.

Carried

(b) First review - Draft Policy XX: Board Governance

Director MacIver noted this draft policy is a consolidation of four existing Board Policies and because of the topic and connection to HPEDSB By-Laws, the Education Act and prior HPEDSB policies, this policy has already been reviewed and revised by Legal Counsel. Discussion among committee members resulted in an agreement for Trustee Prinzen to provide suggested revisions by indicating them on the current draft. These revisions will be brought back to the Governance and Policy Committee on March 18, 2024.

(c) Fourth review - Draft Policy XX: Board Communications and Media Relations

Director MacIver noted that this is the fourth review of this draft policy. Legal counsel has reviewed it; additional revisions have been incorporated into this draft policy.

Recommendation

Moved: S. Lewis
Seconded: R. Speck

That the Governance and Policy Committee recommends that the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve Policy 08: Board Communications and Media Relations. With the approval of this revised policy, Policy 3-D will be revoked.

Carried

During the review of this draft policy Legal Counsel recommended that the Board rescind the motion passed on November 27, 2023;

“That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board of Trustees do not have individual Trustee social media accounts”.

As per HPEDSB By-laws section 5.34.1(b), this motion can be rescinded through a two-thirds vote.

Recommendation

Moved: R. Prinzen
Seconded: R. Speck

That the Governance and Policy Committee recommends that the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board rescind the motion passed on November 27, 2023;

“That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board of Trustees do not have individual Trustee social media accounts”.

through a two-thirds vote as per HPEDSB By-Laws, Section 5.34.1(b).

Carried

(d) Draft Agenda

(i) Public Board Meeting February 26, 2024, highlights:

- Presentation: Special Education, Supporting students with Blind/Low Vision & Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services,

- Recommendation – Policy 11: Indemnification of Board Members,
- Recommendation – Policy 08: Board Communications and Media Relations,
- Recommendation - Rescind a Motion from November 27, 2023,
- Reports from staff:
 - Mid-year Strategic Plan update,
 - Recommendation - School Year Calendar,
 - Recommendation - Boundary Review

11. Trustee Motions for Considerations – nil

12. Trustee Notices of Motion—Chair Binder noted that Trustee Robertson submitted a Notice of Motion seconded by Trustee Kramp: “That HPEDSB Advocate for a National School Food Program.” A discussion was held to determine whether this notice should be brought forward to the Regular Public Board meeting on February 26, 2024, for full Board discussion.

Recommendation

Moved: R. Prinzen

Seconded: R. Speck

That the Governance and Policy Committee recommends that this Notice of Motion go forward to the Regular Public Board Meeting on February 26, 2024, for discussion. The Director of Education will advise HPE Food for Learning that this recommendation is being brought forward for discussion.

Carried

13. Correspondence - nil

14. Adjournment - the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.