

Planning and Priorities Committee (Special Meeting) Revised Agenda

PPC:003A
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
4:30 p.m.
Electronic Meeting

Trustee Members

Alexander Brown (Chair), Michelle Aarts, Rachel Chernos Lin, Stephanie Donaldson, Trixie Doyle, Harpreet Gill, Parthi Kandavel, Shelley Laskin, James Li, Alexandra Lulka, Dan MacLean, Christopher Mammoliti, Chris Moise, Patrick Nunziata, Zakir Patel, Robin Pilkey, Yalini Rajakulasingam, David Smith, Anu Sriskandarajah, Jennifer Story, Chris Tonks, Manna Wong

The purpose of the meeting is to provide strategic advice and recommendations to the Board on COVID-19 related matters.

Pages

- 1. Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands
- 2. Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest
- 3. Delegations

To be presented

4. Report From the Director of Education

Oral update

5. Report From the Chair of the Board

Oral update

6. Report From Representative on the City's Board of Health

Oral update

7. Report From the Directors on the Ontario Public School Boards' Association

Oral update

8. Report From the Chairs of the Governance and Policy Committee, the Program and School Services Committee, the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee

Oral update

9. Report From Representatives on the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee and the Special Education Advisory Committee

Oral update

10. Reports From Student Trustees

Oral update

11. Other Questions, Insights and Advice From Trustees to Staff

To be presented

- 12. Written Notice of Motion
 - 12.1. Vaccinations for Education Staff (Trustees Mammoliti and Brown)
- 13. Adjournment

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Written Notice of Motion (Trustees Mammoliti and Brown)

From: Denise Joseph-Dowers, Manager, Board Services, Governance and Board Services

In accordance with Board Bylaw 5.15.2, the following motion is submitted as notice at this time and for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

5.15.2 A notice of motion will be introduced by a member who is present as an advance notification of a matter at Board or Committee, and will be considered at a subsequent Committee meeting. A notice of motion will not be debated at the meeting at which it is introduced...

5.15.2 (c) A notice of motion submitted prior to, or at a committee meeting, will be considered at a subsequent committee meeting...

Vaccinations for Education Staff

Whereas, education workers face elevated risks for contracting COVID-19 due to their daily exposure to large numbers of students for extended periods of time where physical distancing is often times not possible; and

Whereas, remote learning cannot replace in-person instruction long term, creates equity gaps and, over time, poses significant risks to the mental health and well-being of not only staff but children, where it can inhibit developmentally-appropriate socialization, and challenge effective delivery of special education services; and

Whereas, no matter the heroic efforts of teachers and education workers, the longer the pandemic continues and schools remain closed, the risk of gaps in student learning, progress and achievement grows; and

Whereas, the Provincial Government has acknowledged the importance of prioritizing inperson learning in their COVID-19 response plan;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the Chair of Board send a letter to the Premier of Ontario and the Ministers of Health and Education to request that teachers and other education workers be included as a priority population in Ontario's Vaccine Distribution Implementation plan¹;
- (b) That Toronto Public Health, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and the chairs of all Ontario school boards be copied on the correspondence at Part (a).

¹ https://files.ontario.ca/moh-covid-19-vaccine-distribution-implementation-plan-en-2020-12-11-v3.pdf

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Our Mission

To enable all students to reach high levels of achievement and well-being and to acquire the knowledge, skills and values they need to become responsible, contributing members of a democratic and sustainable society.

We Value

- Each and every student's interests, strengths, passions, identities and needs
- A strong public education system
- A partnership of students, staff, family and community
- Shared leadership that builds trust, supports effective practices and enhances high expectations
- The diversity of our students, staff and our community
- The commitment and skills of our staff
- Equity, innovation, accountability and accessibility
- Learning and working spaces that are inclusive, caring, safe, respectful and environmentally sustainable

Our Goals

Transform Student Learning

We will have high expectations for all students and provide positive, supportive learning environments. On a foundation of literacy and math, students will deal with issues such as environmental sustainability, poverty and social justice to develop compassion, empathy and problem solving skills. Students will develop an understanding of technology and the ability to build healthy relationships.

Create a Culture for Student and Staff Well-Being

We will build positive school cultures and workplaces where mental health and well-being is a priority for all staff and students. Teachers will be provided with professional learning opportunities and the tools necessary to effectively support students, schools and communities.

Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students

We will ensure that all schools offer a wide range of programming that reflects the voices, choices, abilities, identities and experiences of students. We will continually review policies, procedures and practices to ensure that they promote equity, inclusion and human rights practices and enhance learning opportunities for all students.

Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs

We will allocate resources, renew schools, improve services and remove barriers and biases to support student achievement and accommodate the different needs of students, staff and the community.

Build Strong Relationships and Partnerships Within School Communities to Support Student Learning and Well-Being

We will strengthen relationships and continue to build partnerships among students, staff, families and communities that support student needs and improve learning and well-being. We will continue to create an environment where every voice is welcomed and has influence.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe (A NISH NA BEE), the Haudenosaunee (HOE DENA SHOW NEE) Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.

Reconnaissance des terres traditionnelles

Nous reconnaissons que nous sommes accueillis sur les terres des Mississaugas des Anichinabés (A NISH NA BAY), de la Confédération Haudenosaunee (HOE DENA SHOW NEE) et du Wendat. Nous voulons également reconnaître la pérennité de la présence des Premières Nations, des Métis et des Inuit."

Funding Information Requirement

At the special meeting held on March 7, 2007, the Board decided that to be in order any trustee motion or staff recommendation that would require the Board to expend funds for a new initiative include the following information: the projected cost of implementing the proposal; the recommended source of the required funds, including any required amendments to the Board's approved budget; an analysis of the financial implications prepared by staff; and a framework to explain the expected benefit and outcome as a result of the expenditure.

[1]Closing of certain committee meetings

- (2) A meeting of a committee of a board, including a committee of the whole board, may be closed to the public when the subject-matter under consideration involves,
- (a) the security of the property of the board;
- (b) the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian;
- (c) the acquisition or disposal of a school site;
- (d) decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the board; or
- (e) litigation affecting the board. R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2, s. 207 (2).
- (2.1) Closing of meetings re certain investigations A meeting of a board or a committee of a board, including a committee of the whole board shall be closed to the public when the subject-matter under considerations involves an ongoing investigation under the Ombudsman Act respecting the board