



Committee of the Whole

Report No. 10

CW:011A

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Boardroom, Main Floor, 5050 Yonge Street. Toronto

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

Regrets Regrets were received from Trustees Chris Moise and Alexandra Lulka

Trustees Doyle, Gill, Li, Mammoliti and Patel participated by electronic means. Trustee Rajakulasingam participated for part of the meeting by electronic means and for part in person.

Part A: Committee Recommendations

1. Toronto Lands Corporation: Extension of Appointments of Citizen Directors

The Committee considered correspondence from the Chair of the Toronto Lands Corporation (CW:011A, page 1) requesting a further temporary extension of the terms of office for four citizen directors on the TLC.

Moved By: Trustee Nunziata

Seconded By: Trustee Tonks

The Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS:**

That the term of office for the following citizen directors on the Toronto Lands Corporation be further extended for the period February 6 to March 11, 2020:

- i. Steven Zakem**
- ii. Michael Fenn**
- iii. Sheerin Sheikh**
- iv. Brenda Patterson.**

Carried

2. Toronto Lands Corporation: Management Report to the Board, November 2019

The Committee considered a report from the Toronto Lands Corporation (CW:011A, page 3) presenting the TLC's management quarterly report.

Moved By: Trustee Brown

Seconded By: Trustee Smith

The Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS that the report be received.**

Carried

3. Secondary Program Review: Update #3 [3823]

The Committee considered a report from staff (CW:011A, page 13) presenting update #3 on the review of secondary programming.

Moved By: Trustee Rajakulasingam

Seconded By: Trustee Donaldson

The Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS that the report be received.**

Carried

4. Pupil Accommodation Review for George Harvey Collegiate Institute and York Memorial Collegiate Institute: Initial Staff Report [3828]

The Committee considered a report from staff (CW:011A, page 47) requesting approval for the establishment of a pupil accommodation review for George Harvey Collegiate Institute and York Memorial Collegiate Institute.

Moved By: Trustee Tonks

Seconded By: Trustee Nunziata

The Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS:**

(a) That a pupil accommodation review be established for George Harvey Collegiate Institute and York Memorial Collegiate Institute;

(b) That the review proceed as a modified pupil accommodation review process as per policy P068, Accommodation and Program Review.

Carried

5. French-as-a-Second-Language Programs Review: Update #2 [3824]

The Committee considered a report from staff (CW:011A, page101) presenting update #2 on the review of French-as-a-Second-Language programming.

Moved By: Trustee MacLean

Seconded By: Trustee Chernos Lin

The Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS that the report be received.**

Carried

6. Transportation Update on Changes to Bell Times in 2020-21 [3832]

The Committee considered a report from the staff (CW:011A, page 111) presenting information changes student transportation by adjustments to bell times.

Moved By: Trustee Nunziata

Seconded By: Trustee Donaldson

The Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS that the report be received.**

Carried

7. Revisions to Policy P087, Concussions Based on Ministry of Education Policy/Program Memorandum 158 [3831]

The Committee considered a report from staff (CW:011A, page 343) presenting information on proposed changes to policy P087 as a result of Ministry requirements..

Moved By: Trustee Donaldson

Seconded By: Trustee Story

The Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS** that revisions to policy P087, Concussions, as presented in the report, be approved.

Carried

8. Basketball Net Pilot Project Update [3830]

The Committee considered a report from the staff (CW:011A, page 153) presenting an update on a basketball nets pilot project.

Moved By: Trustee Story

Seconded By: Trustee Nunziata

The Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS** that the matter be referred back to staff for further information.

Carried

Staff undertook to:

- consider options for backboard replacements,
- review proposed distance requirements from homes,
- provide data on the list of schools that would be impacted,
- share data regarding feedback received,
- consider a n appeal process for those with medical conditions
- examine the City's process around similar situations
- examine ways to enforce the bylaws regarding noise.

9. Change in Timing for Relocation of Bloor Collegiate Institute and ALPHA II Alternative School During Construction of Replacement School [3829]

The Committee considered a report from staff (CW:011A, page 157) presenting information on the timing of the relocation of Bloor Collegiate Institute and ALPHA II Alternative School during construction of a replacement school

Moved By: Trustee Donaldson

Seconded By: Trustee Chernos Lin

The Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS** that the timing of the relocation of Bloor Collegiate Institute and ALPHA II Alternative School to Central Technical School, be changed from September 1, 2020 to September 1, 2021, for the duration of the construction of the replacement school for Bloor Collegiate Institute and ALPHA II Alternative School, as presented in the report.

Carried

Part B: For Information Only

11. Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

12. Approval of the Agenda

On motion of Trustee Story, seconded by Trustee Aarts, the agenda was approved.

13. Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

Nil

14. Delegations

The following oral delegation was heard in accordance with the Board's delegation procedure:

re Basketball Net Pilot Project Update [3830]

1. Tanus Rutherford
2. Edward Clark

15. OPSBA Directors' Report

The Committee heard an oral update from Trustee Donaldson, on behalf of the Directors of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association on activities of the OPSBA. Trustee Donaldson reported that:

- Thanks to a motion from Trustees Laskin and Story to enhance OPSBA's advocacy, Nic Nanos was contracted to do important polling that was very well received across the province. The Board's OPSBA reps continue to advocate to the OPSBA executive that it continue to work with Nanos to undertake more regionally specific polling to continue to inform OPSBA's advocacy work;
- OPSBA's Public Education Symposium was held on January 22 to 26, 2020;
- The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2020;
- The spring regional meeting will be held on March 28, 2020 at the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board;
- The OPSBA labour relations and human resources symposium will be held from April 30 to May 1, 2020.

15. Resolution Into Private and Reconvene

On motion of Trustee Rajakulasingam, seconded by Trustee Kandavel, the meeting resolved into private, to consider matters on the private agenda and reconvened in public at 10:38 p.m.

16. Adjournment

At 10:38 p.m., on motion of Trustee Donaldson, seconded by Trustee Story, the meeting adjourned.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

17. Notice of Motion: Information on Immunization (Trustees Aarts and Donaldson)

Trustees Aarts and Donaldson provided notice of the following motion for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the committee:

Whereas, the World Health Organization has declared vaccine hesitancy as one of the top ten global health threats in 2019¹ and that measles, a vaccine preventable, serious disease, has recently seen a global increase of 30 percent, and

Whereas, in September 2019 the Toronto Medical Officer of Health and the Toronto Board of Health reported on the growing risk of vaccine hesitancy in the City^{2,3}; and

Whereas, vaccine hesitancy stems, in part, from communication gaps about vaccine safety and efficacy and misinformation that is spread via the internet and social media; and

Whereas, low vaccination rates can also stem from limited access to information and resources and insufficient access to medical services; and

Whereas, vaccine hesitancy reduces herd immunity (the critical immunization level required to prevent disease outbreaks) and therefore increases the risk of serious disease outbreak in TDSB schools, posing a risk to students, staff and their families; and

Whereas, every school board in the province works with a local public health unit to administer those school-related requirements of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*⁴ that:

- (i) allow students to register for school only once they have disclosed their immunization record, and
- (ii) issue suspension notices each year for non-compliance with the legislation;

and

Whereas, the TDSB issues approximately 4000 non-compliance suspensions each year representing an unnecessary administrative burden; and

Whereas, absenteeism due to suspensions can negatively impact student success; and

Whereas, the TDSB is a strong partner of Toronto Public Health and is committed to communicating critical information to families on topics that impact student health, wellbeing, and achievement; and

Whereas, the World Health Organization and the Toronto Board of Health report that health workers, especially those in communities, remain the most trusted advisors of vaccination decisions, and can be supported to provide trusted, credible information on vaccines;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the Chair write to Ontario's Minister of Health, the Minister of Education, and Health Canada to request:
 - (i) that the Provincial and Federal governments provide resources and funding to enhance digital record-keeping that will reduce the administrative burden on schools and streamline notification to families;
 - (ii) that the Provincial and Federal governments provide resources and funding for enhanced education for parents and school communities about immunizations, including but not limited to, resources targeted specifically at the most vulnerable communities;
- (b) That the Director strengthen the Board's communications to support the provision of information about immunizations, such as:
 - (i) updating the Board's website and resources for Kindergarten and General Registration to include links to the Toronto Public Health online vaccination reporting website⁵,
 - (ii) working with Toronto Public Health to facilitate greater access to public health community resources, including existing educational resources and school-based supports for parents, teachers and schools.

Note:

1. World Health Organization - "Ten Threats to Global Health in 2019" (<https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories/ten-threats-to-global-health-in-2019>)

2. (September 9, 2019) Report from the Medical Officer of Health on Moving to Acceptance: Toronto Public Health's Strategy to Address Vaccine Hesitancy (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-137355.pdf>)
3. (September 23, 2019) Presentation from the Associate Medical Officer of Health on Moving to Acceptance: Toronto Public Health's Strategy to Address Vaccine Hesitancy (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-138045.pdf>)
4. Immunization of School Pupils Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. I.1: (Immunization of School Pupils Act, RSO 1990, c. I.1)
5. Toronto Public Health - Report Student Immunization (<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/health-programs-advice/immunization/get-immunized-children-youth/report-student-immunization/>).

Submitted by: Robin Pilkey, Committee Chair