



## Committee of the Whole (Special)

### Report No. 16

CW:17A  
Tuesday, May 26, 2020.  
Electronic Meeting

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

Trustees participated by electronic means in accordance with [amendments to Section 7 of Ontario Regulations 463/97, Electronic Meetings](#)

Regrets Regrets were received from Trustee Patrick Nunziata

### **Part A: Committee Recommendations**

No matters to report

### **Part B: Information Only**

#### **1. Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands**

An electronic meeting of the Committee of the Whole was convened on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 from 4:33 to 5:52 p.m., with Robin Pilkey presiding.

#### **2. Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest**

No matters to report

### **3. Delegations**

No matters report.

### **4. Report From the Director of Education**

The Committee heard an oral update from the Director of Education that included the following:

#### **Educator Expectations**

- i. Input has been received from teacher federations and via the parent thought exchange – with almost 40,000 responses from parents
- ii. Parents have expressed a desire for more direct contact with classroom teacher – and also a schedule for learning
- iii. A guiding document for remote learning has been developed; which is an attempt to reduce variation of experience from school to school and teacher to teacher
- iv. Focus is upon real time learning – connecting with students to check-in; using online learning to share and collaborate with teachers and also with student to student. Also seeking to use online platforms to celebrate learning
- v. This document is to be a foundation for readiness in planning for September 2020 school opening
- vi. Expectation is that guidelines will be followed once released – but also acknowledge some work will be required and Principals will be tasked with supporting their teachers to meet expectations in the online learning environment.
- vii. An abbreviated parent communication will be prepared and shared that includes a baseline expectation. Real time learning has to fit with the local classroom needs – and how this looks is not the same in each classroom. This is remote learning – not e-learning.

#### **Report Cards**

- i. Bi-weekly assessment update has been taking place
- ii. Staff are awaiting assessment direction from the Ministry; which is expected to arrive this week to clarify strands, how to report, etc.

- iii. All report cards will be sent home electronically; leveraging the school messenger platform – however, a hybrid model will also be available for the 7000 families across the system where we have no email addresses.

#### **End of Year Celebrations/Graduations**

- i. End of year celebrations/graduations are not happening in June. There is a potential liability issue to explore
- ii. These are typically school by school decisions – but these are unusual times; and staff are providing direction/clarity on how to plan for such events in the fall
- iii. Our position is to postpone all graduations to the fall – and that it be face to face; if allowed.

#### **Access Protocol to Retrieve Personal Property**

- i. Staff are finalizing the protocol this week
- ii. Access for staff is to be June 3 – 5, 2020
- iii. Access for students and parents to be between June 8 – 26, 2020
- iv. All protocols and physical distancing requirements will be followed

### **5. Report From the Chair of the Board**

The Committee heard an oral update from the Chair of the Board that included the following:

Chair participated on a call with the Minister and other school board chairs across the province on Friday, May 22, 2020. Questions focused on the re-opening of schools in September. Comments were raised about Ministers' practice of making announcements without consultation or advanced notice about what the public announcements will be.

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

No matters to report

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

The Committee heard an oral update the voluntary redeployment of education workers. Presently 266 employees out of 275,000 total education workers across Ontario school boards have stepped forward to volunteer. None presently placed by the provincial government.

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

The Committee heard that the special meeting of the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee, scheduled for June 4, 2020 is being cancelled. Formal written notice of this cancellation will be sent to trustees shortly.

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

The Committee heard an oral update on the activities of PIAC, including:

A webinar was held May 21, 2020 aimed at supporting school council chairs. The session was very practical in nature and presentations from the webinar will be uploaded to the PIAC website; including the very robust Q & A session. 180 participants attended.

**10. Reports From Student Trustees**

No matters to report

**11. Emergency Motions**

No matters to report

## **12. Other Questions, Insights and Advice From Trustees to Staff**

The Committee heard the following additional questions, insights and advice from trustees to staff:

Trustee Sriskandarajah

- i. Is co-op something that is offered in the summer – is virtual co-op being looked at for the summer or for next fall? In response staff agreed to take this question and develop a response.
- ii. Does staff have any clarity from the province around volunteer hours – and whether students will be exempted from this requirement? In response staff agreed to take this question and develop a response.

## **13. Adjournment**

On motion of Trustee Doyle, seconded by Trustee Smith, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

## **Part C: Ongoing Matters**

No matters to report

Submitted by: Robin Pilkey, Chair

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