



Committee of the Whole (Special)
Report No. 18

CW:19A
Tuesday, June 9, 2020
Electronic Meeting

Members Present Robin Pilkey (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, Yalini Rajakulasingam, David Smith, Anu Sriskandarajah, Jennifer Story, Chris Tonks and Student Trustee Ivy Deng. Regrets were received from Trustees Alexander Brown and Manna Wong,

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 Chris Tonks.

Part A: Committee Recommendations

1. Supporting Non-Profit Community Program Partners

Moved By: Trustee Aarts

Seconded By: Trustee MacLean

Whereas, the TDSB supports and encourages community programming, including low-cost and free programming, in our facilities through the Community Use of Schools subsidy (3760 permits in 2018/19) and the Local Neighbourhood Support Program (241 permits this year); and

Whereas, this programming is important for school-community connections and for supporting well-being for youth, seniors, and families; and

Whereas, low cost or free programs, such as after-school programs, March-break, and summer camps, are especially important supports for our highest needs communities and much of this programming depends on not-for-profit businesses who run and subsidize the programs; and

Whereas, the current, Covid-19 school closures, and foreseeable changes to building access and social distancing, are having negative impacts on the ability of community agencies and program partners to maintain their businesses; and

Whereas, many not-for-profits do not qualify for Provincial and Federal Covid-related loans or grants as they are neither incorporated businesses or registered charities and are also experiencing a significant reduction in donations; and

Whereas, the TDSB and other school boards stand to lose significant community supports from not-for-profit partners and programs if their not-for-profit partners disappear, which will negatively impact our school communities;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the Chair write to the Ministry of Education, the City of Toronto, and other appropriate Provincial and Federal Ministries, to advocate for financial support for not-for-profit businesses that run community programming in our schools to bridge the current school closures and mitigate foreseeable increased program costs that will be needed to accommodate social distancing once schools reopen;**
- (b) The Director review what changes will be needed to support programming by existing not-for-profit permit holders through recovery from Covid-19 and present an update to the Board at the earliest possible convenience on the new permit conditions/expectations for permit holders that might impact permit holder cost or operating conditions (e.g. limits on program size, PPE, fees, etc), and on the impacts of Covid-19 on the status or numbers of the TDSB's existing fee-subsidy programs and program partners (e.g. change in number or types of programs, loss of partners).**

Carried

At the Committee meeting, on amendment of Trustee Laskin, seconded by Trustee Mammoliti, “the City of Toronto” was added after “Ministry of Education” at Part (a).

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, June 9, 2020 from 6:32 to 8:03 p.m., with Trixie Doyle 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:

- i. If parents are not satisfied with something related to educational experience – parent concern protocol is still in place. Staff are preparing for all models of learning.
- ii. To have all preparations in place for 2020 – we need insights from staff, students, and the public – gaining insights from all our stakeholders – by end of June – a parent, student, and staff survey will be going out to gather this information.
- iii. Methods of engagement that have traditionally been used – will not be possible; in the current environment/climate – with greatly shortened timelines; and information coming to the board for consideration at times in intervals that can prove challenging.
- iv. Summer school is continuing to be developed and prepared for. Demand for summer high school has been very high. High school students will be moved towards remote learning platform – there has been no interest in a hybrid model but tremendous interest to our virtual model

- v. Ministry is changing the focus of focus on youth program – the focus is on engagement and student employment.
- vi. Retrieval of Belongings – This has started in our schools; and all protocols are being followed – PPE is available for those who need it – schools are reporting about 25-30% of families are coming to retrieve personal belongings.
- vii. Child Care Centres – government today announced the reopening of all child care centres in Ontario. Staff are working cooperatively in preparation for children returning to these centres. An information update will be issued tomorrow morning – it is expected parents will be seeking information about protocols that will be required for their children to return. Child care staff will return to work shortly – but children will not be returning immediately. Each centre will determine their actual date for opening.

5. Report From the Chair of the Board

No matters to report

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

The Committee heard an oral update from the representative on the City's Board of Health:

- i. The Board of Health met on June 8, 2020
- ii. COVID Update – Trustees have been emailed an extract from slide deck at the Board of Health
- iii. Focus is development of a province-wide strategy around COVID testing.

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

The Committee heard an oral update from the directors on the Ontario Public School Boards' Association:

- i. School Reopening – OPSBA is collaborating with Ministry; current advice is to prepare for three different modes of delivery in September – boards are being asked to consider how SIS systems can be of support to contact tracing.
- ii. Ministry may support possible changes that may be necessary to school year calendars.

- iii. There remains a need for additional staff to be redeployed in support of COVID efforts. 663 people have registered for voluntary redeployment across the province.
- iv. OPSBA has created a survey to two workgroups around school reopening – however, it is acknowledged that all next steps are dependent on the direction provided by Toronto Public Health.

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

No matters to report

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

The Committee heard an oral update from the representative on the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee:

- i. Regular weekly meetings have been taking place with PIAC and staff from the Parent Community Engagement Office.
- ii. \$130,000.00 in PRO grant money has been set aside for future Parents as Partners conference. Other PRO grant money has been set aside for assuring that virtual platforms to support parent engagement in a virtual space is available.

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

No matters to report

13. Adjournment

On motion of Trustee Donaldson, seconded by Trustee Smith, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

No matters to report

Submitted by: Trixie Doyle, Chair pro tem