

Written Notice of Motion for Consideration as Emergency Business (Trustees Pilkey and Story)

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In accordance with the Board's bylaws, emergency business is defined as:

a situation, or the threat of a situation, adversely affecting health, safety and/or well-being, or resulting in significant legal risk or financial damage or loss, which by its nature and seriousness requires an immediate response...

Further,

5.12.7 A matter not on the agenda or directly related to matters arising from discussion cannot be introduced by a trustee at a Board or Committee meeting, or after the notice of agenda has been circulated to members, unless the item qualifies as emergency business and is confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

Review of Partnership Agreements With WE Charity/ME to WE

Trustees Pilkey and Story have submitted the following as a matter of urgency and for consideration as emergency business;

Therefore, be it resolved:

A. That the following matter be deemed as emergency business;

and, if approved (requires a two-thirds majority vote of the members present to be considered);

B. That the following be considered:

Whereas, increasing media scrutiny on WE Charity/ME to WE has surfaced concerns regarding some of the organization's practices and policies both domestically and in the countries they seek to assist; and

Whereas, through existing partnership agreements, the Toronto District School Board provides WE Charity and ME to WE with a great deal of access to its students, staff, schools and families; and

Whereas, the WE Charity/ME to WE model intentionally engages schools as a conduit for their organization's fundraising efforts¹; and

¹ <https://www.flare.com/news/we-charity-corruption-trudeau-kielburger/>

Whereas, the TDSB's current partnership agreements do not expire until February 2021;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the TDSB suspend its current agreements with WE Charity/ME to WE and any other related organizations, pending a review of the agreements;
- (b) That the Director review the terms of the current agreements in the fall of 2020, and present a report to the Board, through the Committee of the Whole, on the scope, process, considerations and outcome of this review before the end of the calendar year 2020, and before any consideration is made regarding any future contracts between the TDSB and WE Charity/ME to WE;
- (c) That the report at Part (b) above include a detailed description of the financial activity between the parties, as well as an analysis of both the formal and informal connections between WE Charity/ME to WE and the TDSB.