



Committee of the Whole (Special)

Report No. 21

CW:22A
Tuesday, June 23, 2020
Electronic Meeting

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

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, June 23, 2020 from 4:32 to 6:37 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:

- Staff understands that the ministry is asking boards to prepare for a hybrid/adapted model for September reopening – seeking greater clarity and confirmation in meetings this week with the deputy minister
- Steering committee is in place to develop strategy for successful fall reopening
- 13 sub committees also exist to dive deeply with regard to important issues
- Stakeholder survey responses are due back June 30th – which will inform the development of reopening plans.
- Toronto Public Health has agreed to sit on the TDSB steering committee for school reopening.
- Ministry has not clarified whether 15 is a ‘hard cap’ at this time
- Staff are assessing whether congregated sites might be suitable for an earlier opening
- Staff need to hear from families on whether they are or they aren’t sending their children to school. Those families who choose remote learning may have their children assigned to teachers who are directed to teach exclusively in a remote model
- All issues related to transportation are under consideration by the sub-committees tasked with this. Staff is also exploring how to respond if a family initially does not send their child to school – but then change their decision.

- Given the COVID realities and need to pivot; as the minister has suggested staff is exploring all possible models – to seek the greatest flexibility. A credit requires 110 hours and they can be delivered in a number of different ways
- Staff is discussing through employee services and our different labour partners how to manage any types of issues involving our employees and COVID-19
- Our current staff complement does not provide adequate staffing, however, the model ultimately selected for schools in September; will dictate the level of staffing required.
- Staff in the contingency teams working to plan for any such eventuality and how it will impact on the learning.
- Ultimate goal is to move 1:1 for technology for each student.
- Classrooms are being prepped for summer school this week with start of summer school on July 6th
- 320 schools traditionally have some form of child care that operates during the summer months
- As of July 2nd the TDSB will be available to support child care centres that have satisfied the ministry requirements to reopen. Requests for additional space will be assessed by staff.
- City has approached TDSB with a proposal to operate camps at 60 TDSB locations.
- Program would start July 13 with registration launching on June 24, 2020.
- The fewer times a cohort of students changes – the better it is for cleaning purposes – the deep cleaning that is required to satisfy new guidelines in response to COVID-19
- These new requirements will drive a formal budget pressure as it relates to facilities/caretaking – cleaning supplies
- Looking at ways to offer additional capacity to support child care operators – but board will not be able to accommodate what we have in the past. A communications plan is being prepared to share publicly.

- Focus on Youth proposal for 2020 has been submitted by staff; and a preliminary approval from Ministry has been received.
- Much has been learned over last 3 months; during the remote learning emergency response
- Two summer institutes are planned – real time webinars about real time learning.

5. Report From the Chair of the Board

The Committee received an oral update from the Chair that included:

- i. Participated in call with the Minister yesterday – there was not significant new information or clarity provided through this call.
- ii. Minister spoke about consistency around reopening plans – however, Chairs also emphasized the need for regional flexibility.

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

No matters to report

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

- Final meeting of the school year has been held. A series of webinars have been recently held (Mental Health Well-being and the Early Years).

The next Webinar is on the topic of (Mental Health Well-being and Adolescence) will also be covering issues of race as a well-being issue.

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 Moise, seconded by Trustee Doyle, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

No matters to report

Submitted by: Robin Pilkey, Committee Chair

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