



Committee of the Whole

Report No. 33

CW:035A

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Electronic Meeting

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

Regrets Trustees Parthi Kandavel and Alexandra Lulka.

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

PART A: Committee Recommendations

1. Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy 2020-2029 [3971]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see CW:035A, page 1) presenting information on the Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy and Annual Planning document.

Moved By: Trustee Li

Seconded By: Trustee Donaldson

The Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS** that the **Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy 2020-2029 and Annual Planning Document 2020-2021, as presented in the report, be approved.**

Carried

2. Secondary Program Review: Final Report [3964]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see CW:035A, page 241) presenting information on preliminary concepts and phase one priorities of the secondary program review.

Moved By: Trustee Laskin

Seconded By: Trustee Rajakulasingam

The Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS:**

- (a) That the preliminary concepts identified in Appendix A, of the report be developed into future studies within the 2021-30 Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy document;**
- (b) That small collegiates be prioritized during the first phase of reviews to align with the commitments and vision for secondary schools, as discussed with Trustees in the Secondary Program Review workshops held in the spring of 2020, and presented in the Interim Report received by Trustees on 20 May 2020.**

Carried

3. TDSB Support for Ranked Ballots

Moved By: Trustee Doyle

Seconded By: Trustee Laskin

The Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS:**

Whereas, the City of Toronto runs municipal elections which include the elections for public school board trustees; and

Whereas, the Provincial Government is considering Bill 218, *Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020*, which would amend the *Municipal Elections Act* to revoke the power previously granted to Ontario Municipalities to hold ranked ballot votes for municipal elections; and

Whereas, ranked ballots, where voters rank candidates in order of choice, allow voters to vote for candidates they support, not just vote against candidates they oppose; and

Whereas, ranked ballots ensure candidates with the most support win; and

Whereas, ranked ballots ensure more choice, more voices, more engagement and more diversity – and it is known that democracy is strongest when more voices are heard;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- a) **That the Chair of Board send a letter to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing indicating the Board's opposition to the proposed revocation of the Ontario Municipalities' ability to hold ranked ballot votes for municipal elections, copying OPSBA and the City of Toronto;**
- b) **That the Chair of Board send a letter to the City of Toronto Clerk's Office indicating the Board's support for the use of ranked ballots for municipal elections, copying the Mayor and City Councillors.**

Carried

PART B: Information Only

4. Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was convened electronically on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 from 4:30 to 6:29 p.m. with Alexander Brown presiding.

5. Approval of the Agenda

On motion of Trustee Laskin, seconded by Trustee Doyle, the agenda was approved.

6. Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

No matters to report

7. Delegations

re French Immersion in Virtual School

1. Heather Pun, Parent

8. Report From Trustees Appointed to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association

The Committee heard an oral update from Trustees Donaldson and Laskin on the activities of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), including the following upcoming events:

- i. The Central East Regional Meeting will be held on November 7, 2020 via Zoom
- ii. The Education Program Work Team meeting at OPSBA will be held on November 10, 2020 via Zoom –Integrity Commissioners, GSN Consultation and Child Care Consultation will be discussed
- iii. The next OPSBA Board of Directors meeting will be held on November 27-28, 2020
- iv. OPSBA's Public Education Symposium will be held on January 28, 2021.

9. Adjournment

On motion of Trustee Nunziata, seconded by Trustee Wong, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

PART C: Ongoing Matters

No matters to report

Submitted by: Alexander Brown, Committee Chair