

AUGUST 6, 2020 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING RESOLUTION

Item 2, Review of Partnership Agreements With WE Charity/ME to WE (see page 27)

Trustee Pilkey, seconded by Trustee Story moved: **That the matter, Review of Partnership Agreements With WE Charity/ME to WE, be deemed as emergency business and considered.**

The motion was carried.

Trustee Pilkey, seconded by Trustee Story moved:

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 efforts^{1[1]}; and

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.**

¹ <https://www.flare.com/news/we-charity-corruption-trudeau-kielburger/>
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Trustee Kandavel, seconded by Trustee Sriskandarajah, moved in amendment: **That “That interested and relevant institutions and partners in academia be invited to provide academic commentary on the nature, implications, and substance of the programming offered by Me to We/WE Charity to TDSB students” be added as Part (d).**

The amendment was carried.

The main motion, as amended was carried.

Therefore, the Board decided:

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