

**Trillium Lakelands District School Board
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Public Session**

Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Location: Muskoka Education Centre
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Present: D. Alton, S. Binstock, J. Byrne, L. Clodd, C. Galea, D. Morrison, B. Reain, J. Saunders, C. Wilcox
Regrets: G. Brohman
Administration: B. Barrett, A. Gillespie, D. Golden, L. Hope, B. Kaye, K. MacIver, D. Scates, C. Shedden

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS

There were no additions or deletions.

D. Morrison / C. Wilcox

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED .

Carried.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1. Administrative Reports

5.1.a. Treasurer's Report

Superintendent of Business Kaye presented to trustees the Treasurer's Report.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2017 WAS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

5.1.b. Travel Rate Review Report

Superintendent of Business Kaye presented to trustees the Travel Rate Review Report.

J. Byrne / S. Binstock

THAT THE BOARD ALIGN THE TRAVEL RATE IN THE BU-3000 TRAVEL RATE POLICY FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF STAFF FOR THE USE OF A PERSONAL VEHICLE ON BOARD BUSINESS, WITH CANADA REVENUE AGENCY AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE RATE. THIS WOULD ESTABLISH THE RATES AT 54 CENTS/KM FOR THE FIRST 5,000 KM DRIVEN IN EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND 48 CENTS/KM DRIVEN THEREAFTER FOR THE BALANCE OF THE CALENDAR YEAR, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017.

Carried.

5.1.c. HR-4005 Employee Assistance Program Policy

Superintendent Scates presented to trustees the HR-4005 Employee Assistance Program.

C. Wilcox / L. Clodd

THAT THE HR-4005 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM POLICY BE APPROVED.

Carried.

5.1.d. HR-4006 Employee Assistance Program Procedure

Superintendent Scates presented to trustees the HR-4005 Employee Assistance Program.

THE HR-4006 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROCEDURE WAS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

5.2. Trustee Reports

6. INFORMATION ITEMS (VERBAL)

6.1. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (VERBAL)

6.1.a. Administrative Update

Director Hope updated trustees on the following items and events:

- GSN information will be coming soon
- Professional development on high poverty schools– schools came away with new learning and goals for their schools
- Two opportunities for early years teachers to come together – focus was on the “Communication of Learning” which is the name of the new Kindergarten report card
- Involved in a pilot project with a major publisher and Microsoft Canada in something called a “digital backpack” – 2 grade 8 classes in the board (one at Riverside PS and one at Jack Callaghan PS). Each student will be provided with a device to use rather than traditional text books as well as other curricular resources
- Annual facility partnership meetings took place in March – in CKL, Haliburton, and in Muskoka. Met separately with the CKL about the path forward including municipal services, new 8 ward distribution, long term visioning, and request for connecting with the school board

- Met with the Mayor of Huntsville and some city staff to discuss the ongoing concerns about the HHS parking lot
- Community breakfasts coming up April 12 in CKL, April 26 in Haliburton, and May 3 in Muskoka

6.1.b. System Update

District Manager Shedden provided an update on events that have occurred or are upcoming in the board

6.2. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS (VERBAL)

6.2.a. G7 Student Senate Report

Student Trustee Galea provided an update on recent G7 activities and initiatives.

6.2.b. OSTA-AECO Report

Student Trustee Galea provided an update on her activities at OSTA-AECO.

6.3. Trustee Reports

6.3.a. Honey Harbour Public School Accommodation Review

Trustees were given the opportunity to discuss the Honey Harbour Public School accommodation review:

- Discussion on the process for voting. The final report will be sent to trustees. At the end of the report there will be a recommendation. Trustees will be required to make a decision based on the recommendation(s). Trustees will have the opportunity to debate and make amendments to the original recommendation. This will be secret ballot process.
- Question around the possibility of a moratorium of accommodation reviews based on the recent memo sent from the Minister of Education: the board has been following all the accommodation review guidelines. Conversation with the Ministry of Education has been around the way the schools have been funded. The Lady Eaton ES / Scott Young PS school review has been based on a financial concern; in Honey Harbour PS the biggest concern is the multi-grade classrooms making it very difficult to deliver programming. It is hoped that the upcoming GSNs will provide a solution for smaller rural schools. There are going to be town hall meetings run by the ministry to discuss the accommodation review process.
- What are examples of curriculum that is lacking quality in the multi-grade classrooms in Honey Harbour? Staff at HHPS have done the very best they can do in covering curriculum in classrooms with 4 or 5 grades. Difficult to engage in collaborative processes for one grade curriculum topic if there is only 1 child in that grade; to participate in regional sports tournaments; to run a music program for intermediate grades.
- Can we hold off on a decision until after the Minister's town hall? The timing is interesting and has made it difficult for school boards in Ontario. The

restrictions we must abide by are minimum days in between . On April 25th, after reviewing all the information received, nothing prohibits trustees from making an alternative recommendation including timelines and if-then statements. The process is intended to be open and transparent and provide trustees to do what they feel is best for students in the system.

6.3.b. Lady Eaton Elementary School Accommodation Review

Trustees were given the opportunity to discuss the Honey Harbour Public School accommodation review. Answers to the above discussion provided information required.

6.3.c. OPSBA Report

Trustee Morrison provided an update from OPSBA meetings attended.

6.3.d. Two Minute Updates

- Judy Saunders – visited the Imagine Canada 2017 Camp
- David Morrison – attended a music workshop with consultant Jelynne Sornberger and the Battle of the Books regional and final competitions
- John Byrne – attended Battle of the Books; attended OPSBA regional meeting; promoted the “Kiss a Pig” campaign at Bobcaygeon Public School
- Colleen Wilcox – attended OPSBA Labour Symposium
- Bruce Reain – visited a maple syrup process with Spruce Glen Public School students; attended Robotics competition in North Bay - HHS came 7th out of 26 qualifying them to go to the provincial championships

6.3.e. ADJOURNMENT

J. Byrne / C. Wilcox

THAT THE BOARD DO NOW ADJOURN AT 8:14 P.M.

Carried.

Louise Clodd, Chairperson of the Board

Larry Hope, Director of Education

Catherine Shedden, Recording Secretary