

REPORT OF THE CHAIR'S COMMITTEE

2020 May 20
3:38 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.

MEMBERS

A. Morell (Chair) J. Bennett
M. Ruddock B. Yeoman
C. Rahman

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

M. Fisher B. Williams

The Chair's Committee met virtually using the TEAMS platform.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by motion.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – none declared

3. REVIEW UPCOMING BOARD MEETING AGENDAS

The in-camera and public Board meetings agendas for 2020 May 26 were reviewed and discussed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Morell reported correspondence received through the Chair's office continues to be forwarded to all Trustees for their information.

5. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC INPUT

B. Williams reported the previously approved application for public input has since been withdrawn.

Applications for public input pertaining to planned changes to the gifted education program were reviewed. It was confirmed the matter is before the Special Education Advisory Committee; Director Fisher described the format being used to collect input noting it will inform the implementation of the new model. It was noted the issue is operational and not governance in nature.

Discussion considered Board Bylaw Section 5.2. Notwithstanding this section, it was agreed to schedule the applicants. Discussion considered the date for hearing public input.

The following motion was moved and CARRIED:

That the public input applications regarding changes to the gifted education program be accepted and scheduled for the June 16, 2020 meeting of the Board.

A recorded vote was requested.

YEA: Ruddock, Bennett, Yeoman, Morell

NAY: Rahman

Applicants will be contacted through Corporate Services. It was suggested a request be made to ask applicants to consider consolidating their input.

6. REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEES' MANDATE

As per the request by a Trustee for a review of the Advisory Committee Mandates, it was agreed to invite input from Trustees at future Advisory meetings.

7. CHAIR'S COMMITTEE OUTSTANDING AND DEFERRED ITEMS

A. Morell shared the list of items previously discussed at the Chair's Committee but remain outstanding. This included Trustee Forums, the replacement of the computer in the Trustee conference room, Trustee team building and professional development, rotation of Board meetings locations, process for receiving requests for agenda items, evaluation of meetings, MPP meetings, and letters of staff recognition.

8. BOARD POLICY – UNDER REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A. Morell and B. Williams advised there are a number of policies ready to come forward to the Policy Working Committee. It was agreed to schedule a virtual meeting on 2020 June 16 at 3 p.m.

9. TRUSTEES' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS

None.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Student Trustee Mentors

It was determined Corporate Services will invite interest from Trustees for mentoring the new student Trustees.

b. Student Trustee Recognitions

Current mentors will be asked to say a few words of recognition at the 2020 June 23 Board meeting. The Communications department will be asked to put together a short video to recognize the contributions of the student Trustees this year.

In addition, the new Student Trustees will be officially welcomed at the 2020 June 23 Board meeting; Corporate Services will invite them to watch the live stream.

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Corporate Services will coordinate a next meeting date. The meeting will be held by teleconference.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. by motion.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

ARLENE MORELL
CHAIR