

REPORT OF THE CHAIR'S COMMITTEE

2020 June 17
3:04 p.m. – 4:18 p.m.

MEMBERS

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

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

M. Fisher B. Williams

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda, as amended, was approved by motion.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

As declared under item 6.0.

3. REVIEW UPCOMING BOARD MEETING AGENDAS

The upcoming in-camera and public Board meetings agendas for June and July were reviewed and discussed.

Recognizing Board motions from the 2020 April 21 and April 28 Board meetings pertaining to the 2020-21 Board meeting schedule and the use of video recordings for the Advisory Committees were deferred to the 2020 June 30 Board meeting; and

That, in consideration of the 2020 June 30 Special Meeting of the Board having been cancelled due to a change in the budget approval process resulting from a delay in receiving the Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) from the Ministry, the following recommendation was moved and carried:

That discussion and decision on the 2020-2021 Board meeting schedule and consideration of video recordings of Advisory Committee meetings be deferred to the 2020 July 14 Special Meeting of the Board, or if necessary, until a Special Meeting of the Board is called to receive the preliminary budget.

It was noted the 2020 July 14 Special Meeting of the Board was called to receive the preliminary budget. If further delays by the Ministry impact the ability to present a preliminary budget on July 14 that meeting may need to be rescheduled.

4. CORRESPONDENCE – none

5. STUDENT TRUSTEE MENTORS AND BOARD ROOM SEATING

Board room seating and Student Trustee mentors was discussed.

The following recommendation was moved and carried:

That Trustees B. McKinnon, C. Rahman, and C. Antone be appointed as mentors to the three incoming Student Trustees.

Changes to the Boardroom seating plan were made and will be posted in the Trustee Conference Room in preparation for September meetings.

6. TRUSTEES' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS

Chair Morell and Trustee Ruddock declared a conflict of interest.

The following motion was moved and carried:

That Trustees A. Morell and M. Ruddock be approved to participate in an online training program being offered June-August, 2020 called *Culture, Covid and the Board: Navigating the Greatest Culture Transformation Opportunity and Threat of our Lifetime!*

7. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Governance Processes

Through discussion it was agreed to move forward with a facilitated session on governance processes. A. Morell identified two potential organizations that may be available. The importance of ensuring group work and discussion is a focus of the session was voiced. Quotes for services will be requested for the Chair's Committee to review. It was agreed, if possible, schedule the session for July.

b. Thought Exchange: ReEntry to School

A. Morell advised on the emails Trustees are receiving from parents wondering about the reentry to schools in September. Recognizing guidelines and direction will be provided from the Ministry in this regard, it was suggested a Thought Exchange be used to gather input/thoughts from parents. Director Fisher offered this was possible noting the other option was the use of Qualtrics.

In response to a question about potential regional differences in responses to COVID-19, Director Fisher advised on the consultations with each of the Health Units in the District and recognized regional considerations are likely.

c. City of London Motion

Understanding the City of London has passed a motion requesting action of the Thames Valley District School Board pertaining to Black Lives Matter, A. Morell advised that when that correspondence is received it will be included on a future Board agenda. Discussion centered on the process for adding items to the Board agenda in this respect.

d. Process for Deferred Motions

Discussion considered process issues pertaining to the deferred motions of the 2020 June 16 meeting.

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m. by motion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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ARLENE MORELL
CHAIR