

REPORT OF THE CHAIR'S COMMITTEE

2021 January 5
3:00 p.m. – 3:43 p.m.

MEMBERS

B. McKinnon (Chair) A. Morell
L. Pizzolato C. Rahman
M. Ruddock

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 public Board meeting agenda for 2021 January 12 was reviewed; the in-camera meeting is cancelled. Committee members enquired about future agenda items including an update on the expunging of suspensions from student records per the approved motion from the 2020 December 15 Board meeting and a presentation from the Health Unit regarding COVID-19. Also in follow up, the question of budget needs for learning applications is to be considered through the budget process.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2020 JULY 14 MEETING OF THE BOARD

Chair McKinnon advised on business arising from the 2020 July 14 meeting noting the following motion was deferred until the 2020 January 26 meeting. The purpose of placing it on the Chair's agenda was to provide a mechanism to bring back the deferred motion for consideration.

The motion reads: That all Program and School Services Advisory Committee meetings and Planning and Priority Advisory Committee meetings be video recorded and broadcast as is done for formal meetings of the Board.

Discussion considered a process for revisiting the Board meeting structure for the rest of the school year noting the current structure of two regular Board meetings a month reverts back to the two Advisory meetings and one Board meeting a month effective February 1. It was suggested a recommendation be brought forward through the Chair's Committee report to allow for debate and decision.

The following recommendation was moved and carried:

That the current Board meeting structure of two meetings a month continue through to the end 2021 June 30, with the Advisory Meetings being suspended.

A poll vote was conducted:

Yeas: M. Ruddock, A. Morell, B. McKinnon

Nays: C. Rahman, L. Pizzolato

5. STUDENT TRUSTEES ON THE BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE

It was noted the Policy Working Committee has requested a review of the Student Trustees on the Board policy and procedure. The policy and procedure are under the purview of the Chair's Committee for review.

The Committee members discussed potential changes to the policy and procedure regarding geographical representation and terms of service. Supervisor B. Williams was asked to incorporate the suggested amendments into the procedure for review and discussion at the next meeting. The importance of gathering student Trustee input as part of the review process was emphasized.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS/INITIATIVES

Upcoming events were reviewed. Student Trustee elections have been rescheduled to April 21 and April 22.

7. TRUSTEES' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS - None

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was a request to review the Trustee Budget at a future meeting.

Discussion considered whether there was a need for a Budget Chair pending the outcome of the Trustee decision under item 4.0.

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 2021 January 19, 12 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m. by motion.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the current Board meeting structure of two meetings a month continue through to the end 2021 June 30, with the Advisory Meetings being suspended.

BILL MCKINNON
CHAIR