



SPECIAL CHAIR’S COMMITTEE REPORT

MANDATE

To support the Chair in monitoring the effectiveness of the Board, determining action for correspondence received by the Board, and supporting the Chair in fulfilling their obligations under the Education Act and as assigned by the Board.

Meeting Type:	Public Board Meeting
Presented for:	Input/Advice
Date and Time of meeting	The committee met on 2025 January 06 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
Content:	<p>The committee completed the following actions to work towards fulfilling its mandate:</p> <p>Streamlining Committee Work: A PowerPoint presentation created by committee members as well as a report were presented for trustee input. It outlined current problems, background, priorities, upcoming actions, and a preliminary recommendation for non-statutory committees of the Board (with the exception of First Nations Advisory Committee) to reprioritize their workplans and for that work to be uploaded to twice-monthly Board meetings in order to allow for timely decision-making and consistent, pre-planned meeting times.</p> <p>The following suggestions were captured from the conversation that occurred following the presentation. The intention is for the conversation around potential reorganization of Board work to be brought to all members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trustees are willing to examine the committee structure and are willing to pivot - Consolidate Program and School Services Advisory Committee and Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee into a public Committee of the Whole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Suggestion to have two of these meetings per month in addition to Board meeting per month, with additional Special Board meetings being scheduled as needed within the required notice period o Suggestion to hold a Board meeting twice a month, moving into Committee of the Whole to allow for

	<p>extensive discussion, Rising and Reporting to the Board to move (or defer) recommendations from Committee of the Whole</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain Policy Working Committee as a committee and make it an expectation that all trustees attend each meeting; - For Committee of the Whole and Board meetings, keep standing agenda items that allow for updates to be brought as needed (ex. Financial Recovery Plan, Human Resources Update) - Chairs of committees should get together to work on/prioritize workplan items to focus on budget, Financial Recovery Plan, policies flagged by audit, MYSP metrics, possible additional items - Musical performances at Board meetings should be suspended as a cost-saving measure and to allow us to focus on the work at hand <p>OSTA-AECO Education Action Conference Student Trustee PD Request:</p> <p>The following motion was motion and CARRIED:</p> <p>THAT Student Trustees Park, Vimal, and Westlake be approved to attend the OSTA-AECO Education Action Conference in Ottawa including transportation, accommodation, registration and meal costs from 2025 February 13-16 provided the expenses fall within their Student Trustee PD funding allotment.</p>
<p>Recommendations: <i>(only required when presenting for Board/COW approval)</i></p>	<p>MOTIONS <i>(if applicable)</i> None.</p>
<p>Financial Implications:</p>	
<p>Timeline:</p>	
<p>Communications:</p>	
<p>Appendices:</p>	



Item #:

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Meeting Type:	Public Board Meeting
Presented for:	Information
Date and Time of meeting	The committee met on 2025 January 21 from 1:04 p.m. to 2:41 p.m.
Content:	<p>The committee completed the following actions to work towards fulfilling its mandate:</p> <p>Self-assessment results were reviewed. It was determined to re-open the survey to have a representative sample of survey results on which to base committee reflection.</p> <p>The Committee inquired about possible cost savings that could be proposed relative to the work of the Board through Board Services. Staff indicated that recommendations could come through Planning and Priorities Advisory (PAPA) Committee.</p> <p>The committee requested clarification on best practices for reporting out from Committee of the Whole, In-Camera. The item was referred to Board Services for feedback.</p> <p>Reviewed upcoming meeting agendas including the 2025 January 28 Regular Board meeting, considered agenda item requests, approved the January Villager article for Trustees Mai and Moore, and discussed a public input request.</p> <p>Conversation explored letters from Durham and Near North District School Boards. It was determined these letters would be shared with board members for information.</p> <p>Trustee membership opportunities on the Accessibility Working Group were identified for later follow up.</p>

	Trustees at the meeting also discussed their interest in exploring a joint Program and School Services and Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee initiative to support conversation at the January 6 Chair’s Committee meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee timelines for program and budget relative to timelines for Board decision, and the potential of a revised board committee meeting schedule for the remainder of the year (referred to Board Services for information).
Recommendations: <i>(only required when presenting for Board/COW approval)</i>	MOTIONS <i>(if applicable)</i> None.
Financial Implications:	n/a
Timeline:	n/a
Communications:	n/a
Appendices:	n/a