

SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015

REVISED A G E N D A

NOTE: PUBLIC SESSION will commence at 6:00 P.M., followed immediately by the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE in CLOSED SESSION (GEORGIAN ROOM). PUBLIC SESSION will resume AT 7:00 P.M (ROY EDWARDS ROOM).

PUBLIC SESSION

- A. (1) Roll Call
- (2) Approval of Agenda
- (3) Approval of Minutes
 - (a) Regular Meeting of the Board held June 17, 2015
 - (b) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

CLOSED SESSION

- B. Committee of the Whole
 - 1. Personnel Matters
 - 2. Property Matters

PUBLIC SESSION

- C. (1) Report from Student Trustees
- (2) Trustee Tributes - Nil
- (3) Delegation
Aubrey Hawton, Re: Concerns regarding EFSL in SCDSB

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

- (1) Report from the Closed Session of the Board in Committee of the Whole
- (2) Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:
Motion(s) for which notice was given at previous Board Meeting - Nil
- (3) Notice of Time Sensitive Motions from Statutory Committees - Nil
- (4) Committee Minutes/Reports - Items for Decision - Nil
- (5) Staff Reports – Items for Decision
 - (a) Schedule of Board Meetings
 - (b) Appointment of Student Trustee Mentor
 - (c) Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Change in Delegation of Responsibilities
- (6) Committee Minutes/Reports - Items for Information
 - (a) Report of the Parent Involvement Committee Meeting held May 19, 2015
- (7) Staff Reports - Items for Information – Nil

E. OTHER MATTERS

- (1) Reports from Liaison Members
- (2) Notices of Motion for next meeting
- (3) Questions and Proposals from Trustees
- (4) Professional Development Seminars Attendance
- (5) Reports/Update from Staff
- (6) Correspondence - Nil

F. FUTURE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD, STANDING COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Special Meeting of the Board – September 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Business and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting – September 2, 2015 following the Special Meeting of the Board – Georgian Room
Human Resources Standing Committee Meeting – September 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. – Georgian Room
Program Standing Committee Meeting – September 9, 2015 following HR Meeting – Georgian Room
Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – September 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. – Georgian Room
Regular Meeting of the Board – September 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., followed immediately by the Committee of the Whole in Closed Session (Georgian Room), Public Session will resume at 7:00 p.m. (Roy Edwards Room)
Parent Involvement Committee Meeting – September 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. – Georgian Room

G. ADJOURNMENT

SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PUBLIC SESSION

REVISED RECOMMENDED ACTION – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015

REPORT	FYI	Decision Req.	MOTION
			Call Meeting to order. Roll Call
		√	That the agenda be approved as printed.
A-3-a Minutes June 17, 2015		√	That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held Wednesday, June 17, 2015 be approved as printed.
			Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
MOTION		√	That we go into Closed Session of the Committee of the Whole
PUBLIC SESSION			
C-1			Report from Student Trustees
C-2 Presentations			Nil
C-3 Delegations			Aubrey Hawton, Re: Concerns regarding EFSL in SCDSB
D-1		√	Report from the Closed Session of the Board in Committee of the Whole
D-5-a Schedule of Board Meetings		√	(1) That the Board approve the rescheduling of the December Board meeting from Wednesday, December 23, 2015 to Wednesday, December 16, 2015, as set out in Report No. D-5-a, Schedule of Board Meetings, dated August 26, 2015.
		√	(2) That the Board approve the rescheduling of the January Board meeting from January 27, 2016 to January 20, 2016, as set out in Report No. D-5-a, Schedule of Board Meetings, dated August 26, 2015.
		√	(3) That the Board approve the rescheduling of the June Board meeting from Wednesday, June 22, 2016 to Wednesday, June 15, 2016, as set out in Report No. D-5-a, Schedule of Board Meetings, dated August 26, 2015
D-5-b Appointment of Student Trustee Mentor		√	That the Board appoint Trustee _____ to serve as the Student Trustee Mentor from August 27, 2015 to July 31, 2016, as set out in Report No. D-5-b, Appointment of Student Trustee Mentor, dated August 26, 2015.

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D-5-c Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Change in Delegation of Responsibilities		√	That the Board approve, pursuant to s.49(1) of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, as may be amended from time to time, the delegation of its powers and duties as a head under the Act to the Board’s Superintendent of Business, as set out in Report No. D-5-c, Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Change in Delegation of Responsibilities, dated August 26, 2015.
D-6-a PIC – May 19, 2015	√		
E-1 Reports from Liaison Members			
E-2 Notices of Motion for Next Meeting			
E-3 Questions and Proposals from Trustees			
E-4 Professional Development Seminars Attendance			
E-5 Reports/Update from Staff			
E-6 Correspondence			Nil
Future Business			
Adjournment		√	Motion to Adjourn

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: The Secretary

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD HELD JUNE 17, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Simcoe County District School Board was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at the Education Centre.

A. (1) Roll Call

PRESENT:

Trustees

Kathleen Aikins, Donna Armstrong, Peter Beacock (Chairperson), Jennifer Cameron, Annie Chandler, Wayne Clements, Donna Da Silva, Jodi Lloyd (fulfilling the role of Vice-chairperson), Krista Mayne.

REGRETS:

Trustees

Pamela Hodgson, Michele Locke, Daniel Shilling.

PRESENT:

Student Trustees

Carly Gardiner, Twesh Upadhyaya.

REGRETS:

Student Trustee

Maya Burhanpurkar.

Recording Secretary

Lena Robyn.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Due to the absence of Vice-chairperson Locke, Chairperson Beacock called for nominations for Vice-chairperson for the evening.

Moved by Donna Armstrong
Seconded by Annie Chandler

That Trustee Jodi Lloyd assume the role of Vice-chairperson for the evening.

Trustee Lloyd indicated that she would stand.

Chairperson Beacock called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Trustee Lloyd was acclaimed as Vice-chairperson for the evening. Trustee Lloyd assumed the role of Vice-chairperson at this time.

(2) Approval of Agenda

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Krista Mayne

That the Agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

(3) Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held May 25, 2015 (A-3-a)

Moved by Annie Chandler
Seconded by Jennifer Cameron

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held Monday, May 25, 2015 be approved as printed.

CARRIED

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held May 27, 2015 (A-3-b)

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Donna Armstrong

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held Wednesday, May 27, 2015 be approved as printed.

CARRIED

(4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest - Nil

B. Committee of the Whole

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Krista Mayne

That the Board move into Committee of the Whole in Closed Session at this time.

CARRIED

The Public Session of the Board re-convened at 7:00 p.m.

C. (1) Report from the Student Trustees

Student Trustees Carly Gardiner and Twesh Upadhyaya shared the following update:

There was nothing to report from Student Senate as the last session was held in May. The Student Trustees reflected on their term on the Board, highlighting some of their favourite experiences and achievements. They thanked board staff including Superintendent Paula Murphy, Lena Robyn and Denise Cole, as well as all members of the Board of Trustees.

(2) Presentations

Out-going Student Trustees (Maya Burhanpurkar, Carly Gardiner, Twesh Upadhyaya)

Trustee Mayne thanked Student Trustees Maya Burhanpurkar, Carly Gardiner and Twesh Upadhyaya for their leadership this year as Student Trustees in the Simcoe County District School Board.

Trustee Mayne recognized their many contributions, which included setting the agendas and running the Student Senate monthly meetings and attending Board meetings as well as leading the Student Senate special projects.

The Mental Health and Student Involvement Student Senate initiatives were highly successful and were well received by the system and engaged all secondary schools and many elementary schools.

She acknowledged that besides the role these Student Trustees take on at the board level, Student Trustees also demonstrate this positive leadership at their high schools with involvement in bands, teams, clubs and student council. All three Student Trustees are actively involved in their school community in many activities that have supported the positive image of their schools in the broader community.

Trustee Mayne thanked the Student Trustees for their dedication to the role and wished them well in their future academic pursuits. She indicated that Carly Gardiner will be attending Nipissing University for the Nursing program, pursuing her Bachelor of Science; Twesh Upadhyaya will be attending the University of Toronto to pursue the field of science and engineering; and Maya Burhanpurkar will continue to attend Barrie North for her Grade 12 year.

(3) Delegations - Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

(1) **Report from the Closed Session of the Board in Committee of the Whole**

Report from the Closed Session of the Board in Committee of the Whole from June 17, 2015.

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Annie Chandler

#BP-2015-06-17-59

That the Board approve the school administrator appointments, as set out in Report No. CL-HR-D-1, School Administrator Appointments, dated June 10, 2015.

CARRIED

(2) **Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:
Motion(s) for which notice was given at previous Board meeting** - Nil

(3) **Notice of Time Sensitive Motions from Statutory Committee** - Nil

(4) **Committee Minutes/Reports – Items for Decision**

Report of the First Nations Education Advisory Committee Meeting held March 10, 2015 (D-4-a)

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Jennifer Cameron

#FNEAC-2015-03-10-60

That the Board approve the changes to the FNEAC Terms of Reference, as set out in APPENDIX D of Report No. D-4-a, Report of the First Nations Education Advisory Committee Meeting held March 10, 2015.

CARRIED

Report of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting
held June 3, 2015 (D-4-b)

(1)
Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

#BF-2015-06-03-61

That the Board approve the name Tay Shores Public School as the name to replace the current Victoria Harbour Elementary School effective September 1, 2015, as set out in Report No. BF-D-1, Replacement Name for Victoria Harbour Elementary School, dated June 3, 2015.

CARRIED

(2)
Moved by Donna Armstrong
Seconded by Jennifer Cameron

#BF-2015-06-03-62

That the Board approve the attendance area for the new Alcona South p.s., as set out in Report No. BF-D-2, Attendance Area Review (AAR): New Alcona South P.S., dated June 3, 2015.

CARRIED

(3)
Moved by Annie Chandler
Seconded by Donna Armstrong

#BF-2015-06-03-63

That the Board approve the implementation of the attendance areas effective September 2016, as set out in Report No. BF-D-2, Attendance Area Review (AAR): New Alcon south P.S., dated June 3, 2014.

CARRIED

(4)
Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

#BF-2015-06-03-64

That the Board approve the adoption of Policy No. 2199, Flag Protocol, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-3, New Policy No. 2199, Flag Protocol, dated June 3, 2015.

CARRIED

Report of the Program Standing Committee Meeting held June 10, 2015 (D-4-c)

(1,2,3,4)
Moved by Donna Armstrong
Seconded by Jennifer Cameron

(1)
#PRO-2015-06-10-65

That the Board approve the revisions to Policy No. 4116, French Immersion, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. PRO-D-1, Revisions to Policy No. 4116, French Immersion, dated June 10, 2015.

(2)

#PRO-2015-06-10-66

That the Board rescind Policy No. 4325, Balanced School Day, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. PRO-D-3, Policy No. 4325, Balanced School Day, dated June 10, 2015.

(3)

#PRO-2015-06-10-67

That the Board approve the revisions to Policy No. 4430, Field Trips and Student Exchanges, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. PRO-D-4, Revisions to Policy No. 4430, Field Trips and Student Exchanges, dated June 10, 2015.

(4)

#PRO-2015-06-10-68

That the Board approve the adoption of Policy No. 4431, Student Exchanges, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. PRO-D-5, New Policy No. 4431, Student Exchanges, dated June 10, 2015.

CARRIED

(5) Staff Reports – Items for Decision

Appointment of Student Trustee Mentor (D-5-a)

At the December 2014 Board meeting, Trustee Mayne was appointed as the Student Trustee mentor until July 31, 2015. The Board is required to appoint a trustee to serve as mentor from August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016.

Moved by Donna Armstrong
Seconded by Annie Chandler

#BP-2015-06-17-69

That the Board appoint Trustee Kathleen Aikins to serve as the student trustee mentor from August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016, as set out in Report No. D-5-a, Appointment of Student Trustee Mentor, dated June 17, 2015.

CARRIED

Amendments to Trust Declarations for Scholarship and Trust Funds (D-5-b)

Barrie Central will see the final graduating class in June 2016. As per the Trust Declarations, the Committee of Awards at Barrie Central have submitted requests to the Board to amend the Trust Declaration, allowing the retirement of six awards over the coming two graduating classes.

Moved by Donna Armstrong
Seconded by Krista Mayne

#BP-2015-06-17-70

That the Board approve the amendments to Trust Declarations, as set out in APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B of Report No. D-5-b, Amendments to Trust Declarations for Scholarship and Trust Funds, dated June 17, 2015.

CARRIED

(6) Committee Minutes/Reports – Items for Information

Report of the First Nations Education Advisory Committee Meeting
Held January 13, 2015 (D-6-a)

This report was provided as information.

Report of the Audit Committee Meeting held June 1, 2015 (D-6-b)

This report was provided as information.

Report of the Human Resources Standing Committee Meeting
held June 10, 2015 (D-6-c)

This report was provided as information

(7) Staff Reports – Items for Information - Nil

E. OTHER MATTERS

(1) Reports from Liaison Members

Trustee Lloyd indicated that the Student Transportation Consortium meeting was cancelled today due to lack of quorum. The next meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

(2) Notices of Motion for next meeting - Nil

(3) Questions and Proposals from Trustees

Chairperson Beacock attended the Board's retirement function on June 8th and commented that it was a wonderful event. Chairperson Beacock thanked Superintendent Medysky and her staff for their work in coordinating this event

Chairperson Beacock also attended the school closing ceremony for Port McNicoll Public School on June 12, 2015 and commented that it was a great celebration.

Chairperson Beacock attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 11-13, 2015 and provided an update to trustees on the judicial review relating to compensation. He also reported that Karen Pitre, Chair of the new Premier's Community Hub Framework Advisory Group attended the meeting and facilitated a meeting with trustees who had an opportunity to provide their input regarding community hub; specifically related to representation on the Advisory Group, as well as the definition of a community hub. Chairperson Beacock also provided trustees with a written summary of the sessions he attended during the AGM meeting.

Trustee Lloyd recently attended Rama Central's 50th Anniversary celebration which was very well attended.

Trustee Chandler attended a social media workshop during the AGM meeting and was very happy to announce that the Simcoe County District School Board's website was presented as a model to follow.

Trustee Aikins was proud to announce that at the AGM meeting, the Simcoe County District School Board made a 5 minute presentation on the Hands in the Dirt, Mittens in the Snow and Singing in the Rain Outdoor Education Programs. She commented that other trustees were very interested in the program for their own boards.

(4) Professional Development Seminars Attendance - Nil

(5) Reports/Update from Staff

Director Wallace congratulated Kristen Muscatt-Fennell, an Instructional Resource Teacher, K-8 Mathematics, who has been recognized for her work in innovative practices in mathematics and was awarded one of five Honourable Mentions through the Ken Spencer Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.

Director Wallace also congratulated Fieldcrest Elementary School who was also awarded an Honourable Mention. Balanced Math at Fieldcrest was one of two winning projects in Ontario, and the sole elementary project recognized in the province. There were four secondary and two elementary/secondary combinations in the top 7.

The Ken Spencer Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning was established by Dr. Ken Spencer to recognize and publicize innovative work that is sustainable and has the potential of being taken up by others; to encourage a focus on transformative change in schools; and to provide profile for classroom innovation within school districts, schools, and the media.

Director Wallace commented on the Green Team event which took place today at the Education Centre. This event recognized green teams at various schools.

Chairperson Beacock and Director Wallace wished everyone a safe and happy summer and thanked everyone for their support during this school year.

(6) Correspondence

Letter from Premier Wynne Re: Appointments to the Premier's Community Hub Framework Advisory Group

F. FUTURE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD, STANDING COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Regular Meeting of the Board – August 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., followed immediately by the Committee of the Whole in Closed Session (Georgian Room), Public Session will resume at 7:00 p.m. (Roy Edwards Room)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Donna Da Silva
Seconded by Jennifer Cameron

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Concerns regarding EFSL in SCDSB

Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Aubrey Hawton, and I am a recently-retired EFSL teacher, who taught in the Simcoe County EFSL programme since its inception. I am also the parent of a child currently enrolled in the elementary EFSL programme.

In addition to this information, I think it would be useful for you to know that I have always been a strong proponent of French-as-a-second-language “education” in Simcoe County, both in the classroom and outside the classroom. I organized a wide variety of French-language activities for the students in the schools in which I taught, the most successful and memorable of which was a 14-day exchange with a school in the greater Quebec City area, in which my Grade 7 class participated for 8 years prior to my retirement. After my retirement, I continued to promote French-language learning for elementary school students in Simcoe County by organizing a Summer French Exchange, in conjunction with Canadian Parents for French---Simcoe County Chapter. Unfortunately, the SCDSB refused to distribute our promotional materials this year, and deprived many SCDSB students of an exceptional opportunity to have a real-life experience in which they could “vivre en français”.

I was a SCDSB teacher in 1988, and I was pleased when the SCBE decided, after many years of deliberation, to implement a trial Extended French programme at its January 19 meeting. I was even more pleased to learn that in 1989, the Extended French programme was fully endorsed as a 50% English/50% French programme which would provide students with almost 2000 hours of French instruction by the time they completed Grade 8.

The EFSL teachers in the schools in which I taught, worked hard to ensure that the requirements of 50% French instruction were met. I felt confident signing the so-called “French Cards” that are a part of the OSR at the end of each year, and including the required 450-hour notation which is indicative of 50% of the instruction being done en français.

After my retirement, my daughter transferred from the school in which I had previously worked, to her home EFSL school. I assumed that, based on the SCDSBs web site and print material still stating that there would be 50% instruction en français, her continuing French education would not be in jeopardy. Unfortunately, as the year progressed, reports of 1, or perhaps 2 periods of French each day, became the norm. On some days, she would return from school stating that there was NO FRENCH that day, and that she felt that her ability to communicate in her second language was being lost.

Discussions with the teacher and the principal proved to be unsatisfactory. Statements like “We’re working towards 50%”, or “Literacy and numeracy are the SCDSBs big push, and the time has to come from somewhere” were offered as possible explanations.

A call to the trustee sounded like it might bring about some positive changes. The trustee informed me that a conversation would be held with “board officials”, and I would hear the result.

You can imagine my dismay when the result was that the SCDSB website magically changed to state that 40% to 50% French would be sufficient in the EFSL programme. It seems to me that a decision of trustees in 1988 and 1989 should not be able to be changed with the click of an administrative mouse, but perhaps I’m mistaken!

As the end of the school year approached, I once again checked the SCDSB website to determine whether the description of the EFSL programme had remained constant. Once again, it had changed to state that students would finish their Grade 8 year with 1260 hours of instruction en français. This is the equivalent of 31.6% instruction en français during students’ Grades 5-8 years.

All of the students currently enrolled in EFSL in the SCDSB were promised a programme that included 50% instruction in French. The SCDSB website promised that; the SCDSB print material promised that. Students and parents made a decision to enter the programme based on those promises. How can the SCDSB, in good conscience, make such drastic changes without consulting with the trustees, and without at least informing the parents that such changes were coming?

I would encourage you, as trustees, administrators and Board officials, to live up to the promises that have been made to every child currently enrolled in the EFSL programme, and to their parents---50% of the instruction in EFSL will be done in French.

If you are not able to do this, then these students and parents deserve a full explanation of why they were misled when the EFSL programme was presented to them for consideration. It would be disingenuous of the SCDSB to do otherwise.

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: Director of Education

SUBJECT: **SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS**

1. Background

The regular December Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 23, 2015 which is during the Christmas break. At this time it is proposed to hold the December Board meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

The regular January Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2016. The Ontario Public School Boards' Association 2016 Public Education Symposium is being held on January 28-30, 2016. It is proposed to hold the January Board meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 to accommodate those trustees who will be attending the OPSBA symposium.

The regular June Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2016 which is during commencements. It is proposed to hold the June Board meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

Article II of the Board By-laws, Regular Meetings of the Board, Section 1, requires a Board resolution to change these dates.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Board approve the rescheduling of the December Board meeting from Wednesday, December 23, 2015 to Wednesday, December 16, 2015, as set out in Report No. D-5-a, Schedule of Board Meetings, dated August 26, 2015.
2. That the Board approve the rescheduling of the January Board meeting from January 27, 2016 to January 20, 2016, as set out in Report No. D-5-a, Schedule of Board Meetings, dated August 26, 2015.
3. That the Board approve the rescheduling of the June Board meeting from Wednesday, June 22, 2016 to Wednesday, June 15, 2016, as set out in Report No. D-5-a, Schedule of Board Meetings, dated August 26, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathryn Wallace
Director of Education

August 26, 2015

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: Director of Education

SUBJECT: **APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT TRUSTEE MENTOR**

1. **Background**

At the June 17, 2015 Board meeting, trustees approved the appointment of Kathleen Aikins to serve as the Student Trustee Mentor from August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016. Trustee Aikins has notified Chair Beacock, in writing that she is unable to assume her role as Student Trustee Mentor due to a scheduling conflict with her university timetable.

2. **Current Status**

The Board is now required to appoint another trustee to serve as the Student Trustee Mentor from August 27, 2015 to July 31, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board appoint Trustee _____ to serve as the Student Trustee Mentor from August 27, 2015 to July 31, 2016, as set out in Report No. D-5-b, Appointment of Student Trustee Mentor, dated August 26, 2015.

Approved for submission by:

Kathryn Wallace
Director of Education

August 26, 2015

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: Superintendent of Business Services

SUBJECT: **MUNICIPAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY
ACT – CHANGE IN DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Background

The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) outlines the legislative requirements a public sector body must adhere to when dealing with matters under the Act.

Section 49 (1) of the Act states the following:

A head may in writing delegate a power or duty granted or vested in the head to an officer or officers of the institution or another institution subject to such limitations, restrictions, conditions and requirements as the head may set out in the delegation.

2. Current Status

Corporate Risk Officer, Gina Coish tendered her resignation with the Board in July with an end date of August 20, 2015. In her most recent role with the board, Gina was accountable for the work related to information requests under MFIPPA. With Gina's departure, the work related to information requests is being transferred to Brian Jeffs, Superintendent of Business. In accordance with Section 49 (1) of the Act, the board has received advice that this change in delegation of responsibilities requires resolution by board motion.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve, pursuant to s.49(1) of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, as may be amended from time to time, the delegation of its powers and duties as a head under the Act to the Board's Superintendent of Business, as set out in Report No. D-5-c, Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Change in Delegation of Responsibilities, dated August 26, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brian Jeffs
Superintendent of Business Services

Approved for submission by:

Kathryn Wallace
Director of Education

August 26, 2015

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: Parent Involvement Committee

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2015**

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Committee Members: (Voting)
Jason Barr, Ken Boyington, Melanie Darlington, Rachel Draper,
Jennifer Johnson (Vice-chairperson), Anita Johnson-Ford,
Corryn Mounstephen, David O'Brien (Chairperson).

Electronic Participation: Mona Shah.

Trustee

Representatives: (Non-voting)
Wayne Clements.

Administration & Staff

Representatives: (Non-voting)
Rita England (Recorder), Jackie Kavanagh, Peter McLean,
Jane Seymour.

REGRETS: Christine Bowman, Annie Chandler, Sheri Doyle, Sarah Huter,
Marla Tomlinson.

GUEST(S): Kathi Wallace, Gina Coish, Anna Marie Boulding.

1. Welcome

Chairperson David O'Brien called the meeting to order a 6:00 p.m. and welcome guests Director Kathryn Wallace, Gina Coish, Anna Marie Boulding and PIC members to the meeting.

Chair O'Brien commented that committee member Sheri Doyle stepped in on short notice and presented the *Math 101 – All Parents can support their children in math* session on April 21, 2015 at Banting Memorial High School. A formal thank you will be presented to Sheri at the next meeting.

Chair O'Brien expressed regrets on behalf of Trustee Annie Chandler, Sheri Doyle and Marla Tomlinson.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson O'Brien asked the committee for approval of the agenda.

Moved by Jennifer Johnson
Seconded by Anita Johnson-Ford

That the agenda be accepted as printed.

CARRIED

3. Presentation - Let's Hear it for Our Boys

Director of Education, Kathryn Wallace spoke to the committee about EQAO data which continues to show the gap between boys and girls achievement scores all across the province. Director Wallace presented a video clip developed by Curt Dafoe, Media Specialist for the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), entitled "Let's Hear it from our Boys." Media Specialist Dafoe interviewed a number of boys regarding the engagement of boys' in the learning process.

On December 2014, schools were asked to voluntarily apply for up to \$500.00 each to support an initiative to develop inclusive practices to reduce the gender gap. Twenty-five schools, consisting of 18 elementary and 7 secondary submitted project requests.

Director Wallace commented on a number of initiatives proposed by the schools to support boys' learning, which included: strategic use of resources to attract more young males to reading materials, field trips directed to learning, Lego applications involving technology, mentorship to small groups of young boys who require role models, the use of additional technology to build confidence and provide shop classes/mini technical labs in grades seven and eight.

Director Wallace concluded that the gender gap trend is not taken lightly by the Board and this trend is being addressed and monitored so that all students are able to accomplish the best they possibility can.

Director Wallace responded to questions from the committee relating to the gender gap trends throughout the province and country wide.

Director Wallace provided the committee with information on the new SCDSB Mission and Vision statement.

MISSION: We inspire and empower learning for life.
VISION: A community of learners achieving full potential.

Chair O'Brien thanked Director Wallace for her presentation.

4. Making Mistakes in the GAFE Sandbox: Teachable Moments for Digital Citizenship

Gina Coish, SCDSB Freedom of Information Officer and Anna Marie Boulding, Teaching and Learning Consultant provided a presentation entitled Making Mistakes in the GAFE Sandbox: Teachable Moments for Digital Citizenship.

Freedom of Information Officer Coish reported on the application Google Apps for Education used in many school boards to encourage students to explore digital technology in a safe environment. The suite of products is provided free to school boards and allows students access to their data from home, is portable, can create a lifelong portfolio that can be taken with students when they leave education and is provided in a secure area to which the general public has no access.

Consultant Boulding spoke on digital citizenship for students. There is no digital citizenship class because it is not part of the formal curriculum; however technology has become infused in modern teaching and the concepts have become integrated in everything that is taught. Parents and educators are involved to foster our students' digital citizenship.

Topics covered in the presentation included: posting personal photos and positive branding, parents involvement in digital citizenship, blogging about the positive things students are doing, the impact of a digital legacy, disconnecting from technology, internet addiction, open and positive communication with students and the educator as the role model.

Consultant Boulding concluded that as educators we cannot monitor everything students do online, instead use positive relationships and earned trust to help students monitor themselves and each other.

Gina Coish and Anna Marie Boulding responded to questions from the committee and it was suggested by the committee that GOOGLE Apps might be a useful continuity tool to be used for school council chairs.

The committee thanked Gina Coish and Anne Marie Boulding for their informative presentation and Chair O'Brien welcomed the team to bring back additional informal at a later date.

5. Approval of March 24, 2015 Minutes

Chair O'Brien asked for approval of the minutes.

Moved by Jennifer Johnson
Seconded by Anita Johnson-Ford

That the minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting be accepted as revised.

CARRIED

6. Minister's Sixth Annual PIC Symposium Report

Chair O'Brien and committee member Corryn Mounstephen provided a report to the committee and spoke on the April 24-25, 2015 Minister's Sixth Annual PIC Symposium held at the Ministry of Education, 900 Bay Street, Toronto.

A copy of the report entitled Inspire, Engage, Connect! – Achieving Excellence, The Minister's Sixth Annual Parent Involvement Committee Symposium was provided to PIC members.

Committee member Mounstephen and Chair O'Brien commented on the valuable opportunity the symposium provided to communicate with other PIC members from the various school boards across Ontario.

7. Circle of Learning Parent Academy (COLPA) Update

Chair O'Brien updated the committee on the number of individuals attending the COLPA sessions since the March PIC meeting:

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| a) | April 16, 2015 COLPA - Twin Lakes S. S. | 17 |
| b) | April 21, 2015 COLPA - Banting Memorial H.S. | 28 |
| c) | May 13, 2015 COLPA – Nottawasaga Pines S.S. | 29 |
| d) | May 13, 2015 COLPA - Eastview S.S. | 76 |

Chair O'Brien reported on the winners of the \$100 gift certificates for the schools with the highest parent participation at each COLPA session:

- a) Cundles Heights E.S. won at the Education Centre presentation
- b) Guthrie P.S. won at Twin lakes presentation
- c) Ernest Cumberland P.S. won at the Banting presentation
- d) Nottawasaga Pines S.S. won at Nottawasaga Pines, and
- e) Eastview S.S. won the final Eastview S.S. presentation.

The \$100 gift certificate is for schools to purchase resources to be used to support parent engagement at their school.

8. PRO Regional Grant Application 2015-2016

Chair O'Brien reported that the PRO grant application was due May 19, 2015 and that input and proposals had been invited from the committee.

A PRO Grant has been submitted to the Ministry entitled: *Circle of Learning – Family of Schools Outreach*.

If the application is accepted by the Ministry, members of the PIC, in partnership with school council members and school staff will organize opportunities for parents to be co-learners with their children.

PIC members will work with the school councils, principals and community members to identify school communities where parents face barriers to involvement in their child's learning and development and will co-host six to eight events throughout the 2015-2016 school year across Simcoe County.

School councils and PIC members will work with school staff and school councils to organize activities that will introduce skills to support healthy eating, increase physical activity outside the school day, improve parental understanding of learning strategies used in the classroom and develop social, emotional and self-regulation skills.

An application process will be developed for interested schools to apply for funding to host an activity for the *Circle of Learning – Family of Schools Outreach* at their school.

9. Updates from Staff

- a) Family of Schools Meetings - NIL
- b) PIC Membership Applications and Requirements – Update - Chair O'Brien reported that there have been three applications received to date for positions on PIC. Because Areas 4 and 5 are underrepresented, Superintendent Jackie Kavanagh has contacted principals from those areas before the prospective applicants are placed in position on the PIC.
- c) School Council Survey - Superintendent Kavanagh provided a handout entitled School Council Survey Summary Report – May 19, 2015, prepared by Garrett Hilborn – Research Analyst, and reviewed the school council chair responses with the committee.
- d) CPF Symposium on FSL Education - Chair O'Brien brought forward an opportunity for interested PIC members to attend the CPF Symposium on FSL Education – Parents as Partners in Program Enrichment to be held Saturday, October 24, 2015, held at the Toronto Marriott. PIC members were encouraged to contact Chair O'Brien with any expressions of interest.
- e) Health and Physical Education Curriculum - People for Education Tips for Parents - Superintendent Kavanagh provided a handout to the committee from the People for Education entitled "*Tips for Parents, Sex Education in Ontario.*"
- f) SCDSB Family Survey 2015 - postponed to the June 2015 meeting.

11. Additional Updates/Future Agenda Suggestions- Nil

12. Adjournment

Moved by Mona Shah (Electronic Participation)
Seconded by Jennifer Johnson

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next regular and final PIC meeting for the 2014-2015 school year will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 6:30 p.m., Georgian Room at the Education Centre.

Report Status

This report is provided for information.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Approved for submission by:

Kathryn Wallace
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