

SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

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 (ROY EDWARDS ROOM). PUBLIC SESSION will resume AT 7:00 P.M.

- A.**
- (1) Roll Call
 - (2) Approval of Agenda
 - (3) Approval of Minutes
 - (a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held April 26, 2017
 - (b) Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held May 1, 2017
 - (c) Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held May 10, 2017
 - (4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

CLOSED SESSION

- B.** Committee of the Whole
- (1) Personnel Matter

PUBLIC SESSION

- C.**
- (1) Report from Student Trustees
 - (2) Trustee Tribute – George Allen
 - (3) Delegations - Nil

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
 - (a) Report of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting held May 3, 2017
 - (b) Report of the Human Resources Standing Committee Meeting held May 10, 2017
 - (c) Report of the Program Standing Committee Meeting held May 10, 2017
 - (d) Report of the Special Business and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting held May 17, 2017
- (5) Staff Reports – Items for Decision
 - (a) Larsen Trust Transfer
 - (b) Appointment to OPSBA Alternate Director for the 2017-2018 School Year

(6) Committee Minutes/Reports - Items for Information

- (a) Report of the Parent Involvement Committee Meeting held April 18, 2017
- (b) Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held May 8, 2017
- (c) Report of the Joint Business and Facilities/SEAC Meeting held May 3, 2017
- (d) Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held January 30, 2017

(7) Staff Reports - Items for Information

- (a) SCDSB Celebrates Mental Health and Well-Being

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 - Nil
- (6) Correspondence – Nil

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

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting – May 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. – Roy Edwards Room
Community Partnership Consultation Meeting – May 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. – Roy Edwards Room
Audit Committee Meeting – June 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Roy Edwards Room
Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – June 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. – Georgian Room
Business and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting – June 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. – Roy Edwards Room
First Nations Education Advisory Committee Meeting – June 13 at 10:30 a.m. Beausoleil (TBC)
Human Resources Standing Committee Meeting – June 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. – Roy Edwards Room
Program Standing Committee Meeting – June 14, 2017 following HR Meeting – Roy Edwards Room
Special Board Meeting – June 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. – Roy Edwards Room
Regular Meeting of the Board – June 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., followed immediately by the Committee of the Whole in Closed Session, Public Session will resume at 7:00 p.m. – Roy Edwards Room
Special Board Meeting (if required) – June 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. – Roy Edwards Room

G. ADJOURNMENT

**SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION
RECOMMENDED ACTION – WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017**

REPORT	FYI	Decision Req.	MOTION
A-1			Call Meeting to order. Roll Call
A-2		√	That the agenda be approved as printed.
A-3-a Board Minutes April 26, 2017		√	That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held Wednesday, April 26, 2017 be approved as printed.
A-3-b Board Minutes May 1, 2017		√	That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held Monday, May 1, 2017 be approved as printed.
A-3-c Board Minutes May 10, 2017		√	That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held Wednesday, May 10, 2017 be approved as printed.
A-4			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 Trustee Tribute			George Allen
C-3 Delegations			Nil
D-1		√	Report from the Closed Session of the Board in Committee of the Whole

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<p>D-4-a Business & Facilities – May 3, 2017</p>		<p>√</p> <p>√</p> <p>√</p> <p>√</p> <p>√</p> <p>√</p> <p>√</p>	<p>(1) That the Board approve the name Boyne River Public School as the name for the new school to be established effective September 1, 2017, as set out in Report No. BF-D-1, Naming of the New East Alliston Public School, dated May 3, 2017.</p> <p>(2) That the Board approve that Policy No. 2120, Legal Services remain status quo, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-2, Review of Policy No. 2120 – Legal Services, dated May 3, 2017.</p> <p>(3) That the Board approve that Policy No. 2196, Records and Information Management remain status quo, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-3, Review of Policy No. 2196 – Records and Information Management, dated May 3, 2017.</p> <p>(4) That the Board approve that Policy No. 2197, Management of Personal Information remain status quo, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-4, Review of Policy No. 2197 – Management of Personal Information, dated May 3, 2017.</p> <p>(5) That the Board approve that Policy No. 3116, Integrated Accessibility Standards remain status quo, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-5, Review of Policy No. 3116 – Integrated Accessibility Standards, dated May 3, 2017.</p> <p>(6) That the Board approve that Policy No. 2220, Special Grants to Organizations be rescinded, as set out in Report No. BF-D-6, Review of Policy No. 2220 – Special Grants to Organizations, dated May 3, 2017.</p> <p>(7) That the Board approve the revisions to Policy No. 2317 – School Attendance Areas as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. BF-D-1, Revisions to Policy No. 2317 – School Attendance Areas, dated May 3, 2017.</p>
<p>D-4-b Human Resources May 10, 2017</p>		<p>√</p>	<p>That the Board approve the revisions to Policy No. 3145 – Attendance Support/Disability Management Program, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. HR-D-1, Review of Policy No. 3145 – Attendance Support/Disability Management Program, dated May 10, 2017.</p>

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<p>D-4-c Program Standing May 10, 2017</p>		<p>√</p>	<p>(1) That the Board approve revisions to Policy No. 4311, Parent Involvement Committee, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. PRO-D-1, Revisions to Policy No. 4311 – Parent Involvement Committee, dated May 10, 2017.</p>
		<p>√</p>	<p>(2) That the Board approve that the strategic priorities be adopted as outlined in Report No. PRO-D-2, Strategic Priorities 2017 – 2022, dated May 10, 2017.</p>
<p>D-4-d Special Business and Facilities May 17, 2017</p>		<p>√</p>	<p>That the Board approve the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-1, 2017-2018 Proposed Budget, dated May 17, 2017.</p>
<p>D-5-a Larsen Trust Transfer</p>		<p>√</p>	<p>That the Board approve the transfer of the trust funds titled The Fred Larsen Writer’s Award, The Pat Larsen Memorial Award, and The James Larsen Memorial Bursary Award to the Community Fund of Orillia and Area (CFOA) to be administered under the same criteria as the current trust agreements, as set out in Report No. D-5-a, Larsen Trust Transfer, dated May 24, 2017.</p>
<p>D-5-b Appointment to OPSBA Alternate Director for the 2017-2018 School Year</p>		<p>√</p>	<p>(1) That the Board accept Trustee Da Silva’s resignation from the position of alternate director on the OPSBA Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 school year due to her unavailability to attend the OPSBA Annual General Meeting held in June 2017.</p>
		<p>√</p>	<p>(2) That the Board appoint _____ to serve as an alternate director on the OPSBA Board of Directors, as set out in Report No. D-5-b, Appointment to the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA) Alternate Director for the 2017-2018 School Year, dated May 24, 2017.</p>
<p>D-6-a PIC April 18, 2017</p>	<p>√</p>		
<p>D-6-b SEAC May 8, 2017</p>	<p>√</p>		
<p>D-6-c Joint B&F/SEAC May 3, 2017</p>	<p>√</p>		
<p>D-6-d AAC January 30, 2017</p>	<p>√</p>		
<p>D-7-a SCDSB Celebrates Mental Health and Well-Being</p>	<p>√</p>		

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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			
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 APRIL 26, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Simcoe County District School Board was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at the Education Centre.

A. (1) Roll Call

PRESENT:
Trustees

Kathleen Aikins, Donna Armstrong, Peter Beacock (Chairperson),
Donna Da Silva, Jodi Lloyd (Vice-chairperson), Michele Locke,
Krista Mayne.

REGRETS
Trustees

Jennifer Cameron, Annie Chandler, Wayne Clements, Dan Shilling.

PRESENT:
Student Trustees

Grace Leyshon, Matt Thorhauge.

Recording Secretary Debbie Foster.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

(2) Approval of Agenda

MOTION

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Michele Locke

That the Agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

(3) Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held March 22, 2017 (A-3-a)

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Michele Locke

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held Wednesday, March 22, 2017 be approved as printed.

CARRIED

(4) **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest** – Nil

B. Committee of the Whole

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

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 7:50 p.m.

C. (1) Report from the Student Trustees

Student Trustees provided an update on the Student Senate Twitter account and how schools are encouraged to share mental health initiatives through this forum. An update was also provided regarding the Sweet Charity support dogs, the semi-formals and Relay for Life. The elections for the 2017-2018 Student Trustees were held on April 25. The newly elected Student Trustees are Gillian Hunnisett from Orillia Secondary School representing the North and East region, Gabi Millsap from Collingwood Collegiate Institute representing the South and West region, and Ramneet Kaloti from Innisdale Secondary School representing the Central and South region.

(2) **Trustee Tributes** - Nil

(3) **Delegations**

Rob Good Re: French Immersion

Jeannette Paule and Paula Ferguson Re: French Immersion

Chair Beacock indicated that he would be accepting these delegations as information.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

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

(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 Business and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting held
April 5, 2017 (D-4-a)

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

#BF-2017-04-05-33

That the Board approve the amendments to Trust Declarations, as set out in APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B of Report No. BF-D-1, Amendments to Trust Declarations for Scholarship and Trust Funds, dated April 5, 2017.

CARRIED

Report of the Program Standing Committee Meeting held
April 12, 2017 (D-4-b)

Steve Blake, Director of Education, spoke to the report explaining that a small revision had been made to the chart on page 4; however, the revision does not affect the content of the policy.

Director Blake and Superintendent Dance spoke further to the report and responded to questions from trustees.

Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Michele Locke

#PRO-2017-04-12-34

That the Board approve 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 April 12, 2017.

CARRIED

(5) Staff Reports – Items for Decision

Notice of Student Trustee Resignation (D-5-a)

Moved by Michele Locke
Seconded by Krista Mayne

#BP-2017-04-26-35

That the Board accept with regret and best wishes the resignation of Zak Mattila, effective March 17, 2017, as set out in Report No. D-5-a, Notice of Student Trustee Resignation, dated April 26, 2017.

CARRIED

Appointment to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Director and Alternate Director (D-5-b)

Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Donna Armstrong

That Trustee Michele Locke be nominated for the position of director on the OPSBA Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 school year.

Trustee Locke indicated that she would stand.

The Chairperson called for further nominations.

There being no further nominations, Trustee Locke was acclaimed as director on the OPSBA Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 school year.

Chairperson Beacock called for nominations for the position of alternate director on the OPSBA Board of Directors.

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Jodi Lloyd

That Trustee Donna Da Silva be nominated for the position of alternate director on the OPSBA Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 school year.

Trustee Da Silva indicated that she would stand.

The Chairperson called for further nominations.

There being no further nominations, Trustee Da Silva was acclaimed as alternate director on the OPSBA Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 school year.

Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Krista Mayne

#BP-2017-04-26-36

That the Board appoint Michele Locke as the representative to serve as a director on the OPSBA Board of Directors, and appoint Donna Da Silva to serve as an alternate director, as set out in Report No. D-5-b, Appointment to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Director and Alternate Director for the 2017-2018 School Year, dated April 26, 2017.

CARRIED

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Member Appointment (D-5-c)

Chris Samis, Superintendent of Education, spoke to the report.

Moved by Donna Da Silva
Seconded by Kathleen Aikins

#BP-2017-04-26-37

That the Board appoint to the SCDSB SEAC, effective May 1, 2017, Devin Fraser as member for Beausoleil First Nation, as set out in Report No D-5-c, Special Education Advisory Committee Member Appointment, dated April 26, 2017.

CARRIED

Schedule of August 2017 Board Meeting (D-5-d)

Director Blake spoke to the report.

Moved by Krista Mayne
Seconded by Michele Locke

#BP-2017-04-26-38

That the Board approve the rescheduling of the August Board meeting from August 23, 2017 to August 30, 2017, as set out in Report No. D-5-d, Schedule of August 2017 Board Meeting, dated April 26, 2017.

CARRIED

(6) Committee Minutes/Reports – Items for Information

Report of the First Nations Advisory Committee Meeting held
March 21, 2017 (D-6-a)

This report was provided as information.

Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held
March 6, 2017 (D-6-b)

This report was provided as information.

Report of the Parent Involvement Committee Meeting held
February 21, 2017 (D-6-c)

This report was provided as information.

(7) Staff Reports – Items for Information - Nil

E. OTHER MATTERS

- (1) Reports from Liaison Members - Nil
- (2) Notices of Motion for next meeting - Nil
- (3) Questions and Proposals from Trustees

Chair Beacock shared with the group that he had the pleasure of attending the United Nations held at the Ed Centre. Chair Beacock shared that he also attended the Heritage Fair at the Simcoe County Museum and the Grade 7 and 8 Slam Poetry at Shanty Bay P.S. Chair Beacock stated that Director Blake had attended many of these events as well.

Trustee Locke inquired about the log sawing contest at the upcoming Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival. Chair Beacock shared that he and Brian Jeffs, Superintendent of Business Services, would be partners in the contest.

Director Blake shared that he and Superintendent Dance were also participating in the contest and may be the best team win.

Trustee Aikins shared with the group that Zach Hofer, a student from Codrington P.S., is fundraising for, and raising awareness of, youth mental health. Starting August 13th, Zach will run, walk and bike from the Royal Victoria Regional Health (RVH) Centre in Barrie to Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Funds raised will go directly to the RVH Youth Mental Health program.

Trustee Da Silva thanked board staff for their work on improving the live streaming of the Board meetings.

Trustee Lloyd shared that there will be a grand opening for Orillia Secondary School (OSS) on May 9th.

Trustee Lloyd also shared that operation Night Hawk, which was recently held at OSS, was a very successful training operation. Operation Nigh Hawk was an emergency preparedness exercise that involved police, fire, and paramedic emergency response teams. Trustee Lloyd thanked everyone involved.

(4) Professional Development Seminars Attendance

Chair Beacock and Trustees Locke, Aikins, and Da Silva indicated that they would be attending the OPSBA Annual General Meeting in June.

(5) Reports/Update from Staff - Nil

(6) Correspondence - Nil

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

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting – May 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. – Roy Edwards Room

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Special Meeting of the Board (if required) – June 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. – Roy Edward Room

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

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

FROM: The Secretary

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD HELD MAY 1, 2017**

The special meeting of the Simcoe County District School Board was held on Monday, May 1, 2017 at the Education Centre.

A. (1) Roll Call

**PRESENT:
Trustees**

Kathleen Aikins, Donna Armstrong, Peter Beacock (Chairperson),
Jennifer Cameron, Michele Locke, Donna Da Silva,
Jodi Lloyd (Vice-chairperson), Krista Mayne, Daniel Shilling.

**REGRETS
Trustees**

Annie Chandler, Wayne Clements.

**PRESENT:
Student Trustees**

**REGRETS
Student Trustees**

Grace Leyshon, Matt Thorhauge

Recording Secretary Debbie Foster.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

(2) Approval of Agenda

MOTION

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Michele Locke

That the Agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

(3) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – Nil

(4) Presentations by Trustee Candidates for the Simcoe County District School Board, Representing Wasaga Beach, Penetanguishene and Tiny

Chairperson Beacock welcomed and thanked the candidates for their interest in the trustee position with the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB).

All candidates were given five minutes to make a presentation to the Board. Trustees were given five minutes for follow-up questions. The presentation order of the candidates was determined by drawing numbers prior to the meeting. The draw was conducted by Superintendents Kavanagh and Samis.

Following the candidate presentations, Chairperson Beacock reviewed the voting process. He informed the candidates that Superintendents Kavanagh and Samis would be tabulating the votes. Candidates were given the option to assign a scrutineer if they wished to do so. One candidate indicated his request to have a scrutineer present during the tabulation of the votes. The voting took place forthwith.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

(1) Election and Appointment of Trustee for the Simcoe County District School Board, Representing Wasaga Beach, Penetanguishene and Tiny

Chairperson Beacock reported that Robert North was elected as trustee for the SCDSB representing Wasaga Beach, Penetanguishene and Tiny.

Moved by Michele Locke
Seconded by Daniel Shilling

#BP-2017-05-01-39

That Robert North be appointed as trustee for the Simcoe County District School Board, representing Wasaga Beach, Penetanguishene and Tiny, effective immediately following the signing of the Declaration of the trustee.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Donna Armstrong
Seconded by Jodi Lloyd

That the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

Trustee Robert North signed the Declaration and Trustee Code of Conduct.

**C. FUTURE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD, STANDING COMMITTEES
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Roy Edward Room

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

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

FROM: The Secretary

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD HELD MAY 10, 2017**

The special meeting of the Simcoe County District School Board was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at the Education Centre.

A. (1) Roll Call

PRESENT:

Trustees

Kathleen Aikins, Donna Armstrong, Peter Beacock (Chairperson), Jennifer Cameron, Wayne Clements, Donna Da Silva, Jodi Lloyd (Vice-chairperson), Krista Mayne, Robert North, Daniel Shilling.

REGRETS

Trustees

Michele Locke.

PRESENT:

Student Trustees

REGRETS

Student Trustees

Grace Leyshon, Matt Thorhauge.

Recording Secretary

Debbie Foster.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

(2) Approval of Agenda

MOTION

Moved by Krista Mayne
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

That the Agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

(3) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – Nil

B. Committee of the Whole

Moved by Krista Mayne
Seconded by Jennifer Cameron

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 7:10 p.m.

C. 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 May 10, 2017.

(1)
Moved by Robert North
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

#BP-2017-05-10-40

That the Board approve a confidential personnel matter, as set out in motion CL-B-1-a, as discussed at Committee of the Whole In-Camera, dated May 10, 2017.

CARRIED

(2)
Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

#BP-2017-05-10-41

That the Board accept, with regret and best wishes, the notice of resignation from Annie Chandler, effective May 6, 2017, as set out in motion CL-B-1-b, dated May 10, 2017.

CARRIED

(2) Staff Reports – Items for Decision

Trustee Replacement Process (C-2-a)

Chairperson Beacock amended the wording of the motion from 'current elected trustees' to 'current Board of Trustees' in order to be inclusive of all trustees. Chairperson Beacock explained that the process and timelines for appointing a trustee would be the same as used in the recent trustee application process. He stated that the hope was to have a new trustee in place by the end of June.

Moved by Daniel Shilling
Seconded by Jennifer Cameron

#BP-2017-05-42

That the Board approve that the current Board of Trustees appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy created by a trustee resignation, within 90 days after the office became vacant, as outlined in option (a) under Current Status as set out in Report No. C-2-a, Trustee Replacement Process, dated May 10, 2017.

CARRIED

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Krista Mayne

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED

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

FROM: Business and Facilities Standing Committee

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF THE BUSINESS AND FACILITIES
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017**

The Business and Facilities Standing Committee met in Public Session on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at the Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Committee Members

Kathleen Aikins, Donna Armstrong, Peter Beacock, Jennifer Cameron, Donna Da Silva, Jodi Lloyd (fulfilling the role of Vice-Chairperson), Michele Locke, Krista Mayne (fulfilling the role of Chairperson), Robert North, Daniel Shilling.

Student Trustees

Grace Leyshon.

Administration

Steve Blake, John Dance, Christine Evitt, Stuart Finlayson, Daryl Halliday, Brian Jeffs, Jackie Kavanagh, Paula Murphy, Doug Paul, Chris Samis.

Recording Secretary

Lorraine Ryder.

REGRETS:

Committee Members

Annie Chandler, Wayne Clements.

Student Trustees

Matt Thorhauge.

In the absence of Chairperson Chandler, Vice-Chairperson Mayne fulfilled the role of Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee for the evening.

Chairperson Mayne called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Election of Vice-Chairperson

Chairperson Mayne called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee for the evening.

Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Michele Locke

That Trustee Jodi Lloyd be nominated for election as Vice-Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee for the evening.

Trustee Lloyd indicated that she would stand.

Chairperson Mayne called for further nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee for the evening.

There being no further nominations, Trustee Lloyd was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee for the evening.

CARRIED

Trustee Lloyd assumed the position of Vice-Chairperson at this time.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION

Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Robert North

That the agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – Nil

MOTION

Moved by Michele Locke
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee move into closed session.

CARRIED

The Business and Facilities Standing Committee reconvened in public session at 6:45 p.m.

Presentations/Delegations - Nil

Items for Decision

1. Naming of the New East Alliston Public School (BF-D-1)

Daryl Halliday, Superintendent of Education provided an overview of the report that outlined the process followed for the naming of the New East Alliston Public School. The ad hoc naming committee met on several occasions and after much thought and discussion, consensus was to name the school after a significant feature in the local landscape.

Superintendent Halliday responded to questions from trustees at this time.

(1)

Moved by Michele Locke
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

#BF-2017-05-03-31

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve the name Boyne River Public School as the name for the new school to be established effective September 1, 2017, as set out in Report No. BF-D-1, Naming of the New East Alliston Public School, dated May 3, 2017.

CARRIED

2. Review of Policy No. 2120 – Legal Services (BF-D-2)

Brian Jeffs, Superintendent of Business Services indicated that upon review of Policy No. 2120 it was determined that no changes were required to the policy.

(2)

Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Daniel Shilling

#BF-2017-05-03-32

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve that Policy No. 2120, Legal Services remain status quo, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-2, Review of Policy No. 2120 – Legal Services, dated May 3, 2017.

CARRIED

3. Review of Policy No. 2196 – Records and Information Management (BF-D-3)

Superintendent Jeffs stated that upon review of Policy No. 2196 it was determined that no changes were required to the policy.

(3)

Moved by Michele Locke
Seconded by Peter Beacock

#BF-2017-05-03-33

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve that Policy No. 2196, Records and Information Management remain status quo, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-3, Review of Policy No. 2196 – Records and Information Management, dated May 3, 2017.

CARRIED

4. Review of Policy No. 2197 – Management of Personal Information (BF-D-4)

Superintendent Jeffs noted that upon review of Policy No. 2197 it was determined that no changes were required to the policy.

(4)

Moved by Donna Armstrong
Seconded by Peter Beacock

#BF-2017-05-03-34

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve that Policy No. 2197, Management of Personal Information remain status quo, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-4, Review of Policy No. 2197 – Management of Personal Information, dated May 3, 2017.

CARRIED

5. Review of Policy No. 3116 – Integrated Accessibility Standards (BF-D-5)

Superintendent Jeffs remarked that upon review of Policy No. 3116 it was determined that no changes were required to the policy.

(5)

Moved by Daniel Shilling
Seconded by Jodi Lloyd

#BF-2017-05-03-35

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve that Policy No. 3116, Integrated Accessibility Standards remain status quo, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-5, Review of Policy No. 3116 – Integrated Accessibility Standards, dated May 3, 2017.

CARRIED

6. Review of Policy No. 2220 – Special Grants to Organizations (BF-D-6)

Superintendent Jeffs commented that upon review of Policy No. 2220 it was determined that the board has not offered a special grant to an organization in at least seven years and does not foresee offering a grant in the future. Therefore, it was recommended that Policy No. 2220 be rescinded.

(6)

Moved by Robert North
Seconded by Michele Locke

#BF-2017-05-03-36

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve that Policy No. 2220, Special Grants to Organizations be rescinded, as set out in Report No. BF-D-6, Review of Policy No. 2220 – Special Grants to Organizations, dated May 3, 2017.

CARRIED

7. Revisions to Policy No. 2317 – School Attendance Areas (BF-D-7)

John Dance, Superintendent of Facility Services and Human Resources (Acting) outlined the revisions to Policy No. 2317 that incorporated the inclusion of a dispute resolution process and the alignment with the French Immersion policy in regards to attendance areas.

Superintendent Dance responded to questions from trustees at this time.

(7)

Moved by Jodi Lloyd

Seconded by Daniel Shilling

#BF-2017-05-03-37

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve the revisions to Policy No. 2317 – School Attendance Areas as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. BF-D-1, Revisions to Policy No. 2317 – School Attendance Areas, dated May 3, 2017.

CARRIED

Items for Information

1. Contract Awards Within Approved Budget (BF-I-1)

Superintendent Jeffs provided an overview of the report that summarized the awarded contracts within approved budget.

Superintendents Jeffs and Dance responded to questions from trustees at this time.

This report was provided for information.

Correspondence - Nil

Other Matters

1. Trustee Beacock commented on the following events:
 - a) Skills Ontario Competitions – our board did very well winning four gold and three bronze medals with approximately 2,000 students from across Ontario competing.
 - b) Severn Shores Opening – the facility is incredible and the community is forever grateful.
 - c) Barrie Rotary Club – a big thank you to the Rotary Club for providing books to Grade 2 students in our schools.
 - d) Poetry Slam Competition – a wonderful event held at the Education Centre with students presenting original spoken word poems with a focus on mental health awareness.
 - e) Wyevale Public School – hosting students and teachers from India. Trustee Beacock met with students and staff from India who were so grateful to come to Canada and see the things we are doing in Ontario. The visitors commented on the friendliness of everyone and are hoping that students and staff from Wyevale can come and visit their country. This is an excellent learning opportunity for our students and those from other countries.

2. Trustee Lloyd acknowledged and congratulated all the schools that are holding special events in recognition of mental health week

Notices of Motion for Next Meeting - Nil

MOTION

Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Board approve the name Boyne River Public School as the name for the new school to be established effective September 1, 2017, as set out in Report No. BF-D-1, Naming of the New East Alliston Public School, dated May 3, 2017.
2. That the Board approve that Policy No. 2120, Legal Services remain status quo, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-2, Review of Policy No. 2120 – Legal Services, dated May 3, 2017.
3. That the Board approve that Policy No. 2196, Records and Information Management remain status quo, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-3, Review of Policy No. 2196 – Records and Information Management, dated May 3, 2017.
4. That the Board approve that Policy No. 2197, Management of Personal Information remain status quo, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-4, Review of Policy No. 2197 – Management of Personal Information, dated May 3, 2017.
5. That the Board approve that Policy No. 3116, Integrated Accessibility Standards remain status quo, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-5, Review of Policy No. 3116 – Integrated Accessibility Standards, dated May 3, 2017.
6. That the Board approve that Policy No. 2220, Special Grants to Organizations be rescinded, as set out in Report No. BF-D-6, Review of Policy No. 2220 – Special Grants to Organizations, dated May 3, 2017.
7. That the Board approve the revisions to Policy No. 2317 – School Attendance Areas as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. BF-D-1, Revisions to Policy No. 2317 – School Attendance Areas, dated May 3, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brian Jeffs, Superintendent of Business Services
John Dance, Superintendent of Facility Services and Human Resources (Acting)

Approved for submission by:

Steve Blake, Director of Education

May 24, 2017

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

FROM: Human Resources Standing Committee

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017**

The Human Resources Standing Committee met in Public Session on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at the Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Committee Members Kathleen Aikins (Vice-Chairperson), Donna Armstrong (Chairperson), Peter Beacock, Jennifer Cameron, Wayne Clements, Donna DaSilva, Jodi Lloyd, Krista Mayne, Robert North, Daniel Shilling.

Electronic Participation Michele Locke.

Administration Steve Blake, John Dance, Christine Evitt, Stuart Finlayson, Daryl Halliday, Brian Jeffs, Jackie Kavanagh, Paula Murphy, Douglas Paul, Chris Samis.

Student Trustees Grace Leyshon.

REGRETS:

Committee Members

Student Trustees Matt Thorhauge.

Recording Secretary Kary Hancock.

Chairperson Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION

Moved by Daniel Shilling
Seconded by Krista Mayne

That the agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

2. **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest** – Nil

3. **Presentations/Delegations** - Nil

Moved by Krista Mayne
Seconded by Robert North

That the Human Resources Standing Committee move into closed session.

CARRIED

Student Trustee Grace Leyshon left the meeting at this time.

The Human Resources Standing Committee reconvened in public session at 7:35 p.m.

Student Trustee Grace Leyshon returned to the meeting at this time.

Telephone connection with Trustee Michele Locke was re-established.

Items for Decision

1. **Revision to Policy No. 3145 - Attendance Support/Disability Management Program (HR-D-1)**

John Dance, Superintendent of Facility Services and Human Resource Services (Acting) advised that Policy No. 3145 is being brought forward with changes as part of the policy refresh schedule. Minor language changes were made to the policy including adjusting the title to correctly identify the program.

Moved by Robert North
Seconded by Krista Mayne

(1)

#HR-2017-05-10-12

That the Human Resources Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve the revisions to Policy No. 3145 – Attendance Support/Disability Management Program, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. HR-D-1, Review of Policy No. 3145 – Attendance Support/Disability Management Program, dated May 10, 2017.

CARRIED

Items for Information - Nil

Correspondence - Nil

Other Matters – Nil

Notices of Motion for next meeting – Nil

MOTION

Moved by Donna DaSilva
Seconded by Kathleen Aikins

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

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the revisions to Policy No. 3145 – Attendance Support/Disability Management Program, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. HR-D-1, Review of Policy No. 3145 – Attendance Support/Disability Management Program, dated May 10, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

John Dance
Superintendent of Facility Services and Human Resource Services (Acting)

Approved for submission by:

Steve Blake
Director of Education

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

FROM: Program Standing Committee

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE PROGRAM STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017**

The Program Standing Committee met in Public Session at the Education Centre on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

PRESENT:

Committee Members

Kathleen Aikins, Donna Armstrong, Peter Beacock,
Jennifer Cameron, Annie Chandler, Wayne Clements (Chairperson),
Donna DaSilva, Jodi Lloyd, Krista Mayne (Vice-Chairperson),
Robert North, Daniel Shilling.

Electronic Participation

Michele Locke.

Student Trustees

Grace Leyshon.

REGRETS:

Student Trustees

Matt Thorhauge.

Administration

Steve Blake, John Dance, Christine Evitt, Stuart Finlayson,
Daryl Halliday, Brian Jeffs, Jackie Kavanagh, Paula Murphy,
Douglas Paul, Chris Samis.

Staff

Patrick Miller.

Recording Secretary

Mary Cannell.

Chair Clements called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Clements asked trustees for approval of the agenda.

Moved by Donna Da Silva
Seconded by Daniel Shilling

That the agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

2. **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest** – Nil.

3. **Presentations/Delegations** – Nil.

Items for Decision

1. **Revisions to Policy No. 4311 – Parent Involvement Committee (PRO-D-1)**

Superintendent of Education Douglas Paul indicated that the policy is being revised to incorporate minor language changes and to reflect current practice.

Superintendent Paul confirmed that members of the Parent Involvement Committee were consulted about the changes to this policy.

Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Donna DaSilva

#PRO-2017-05-10-09

That the Program Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve revisions to Policy No. 4311, Parent Involvement Committee, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. PRO-D-1, Revisions to Policy No. 4311 – Parent Involvement Committee, dated May 10, 2017.

CARRIED

2. Strategic Priorities 2017-2022 (PRO-D-2)

Director of Education Steve Blake provided an overview of this board's strategic priorities for the next five years that include the four key priorities of excellence in teaching and learning, equity, diversity and inclusion, well-being, and community. Director Blake indicated that the four board targets align with the Ministry of Education's vision for the future and will provide seamless, timely and measurable outcomes for the system.

Director Blake spoke of the consultation that has taken place with community partners and indicated that a community partnership evening will take place May 30 with a view to forming purposeful collaborations that will support student achievement. Director Blake stated that a superintendent of partnerships and lifelong learning will be appointed to champion this work.

Director Blake responded to trustee queries and comments related to maximizing individual student potential and the benefits of leadership opportunities for students.

Discussion took place related to the use and placement of action verbs for each of the four pillars on the Strategic Priorities graphic. At the request of trustees, Director Blake agreed to make a small change to the placement of the verbs and present the revised graphic at the May 24, 2017 Board meeting.

Director Blake provided trustees with an overview of the integrated operational plan for next year that will provide a seamless and structured focus on literacy and numeracy, and increased support for mental health and student well-being, among other targeted supports. Director Blake spoke of the budget priorities for next year and indicated that further information regarding the status of the arts would be forthcoming.

Director Blake responded to trustee queries and comments related to secondary guidance support, the value of professional development for staff, the number of musical instruments in schools, and First Nation, Métis and Inuit tuition agreements. Director Blake confirmed that operational accountability is at the forefront of the strategic priorities.

Moved by Daniel Shilling
Seconded by Jodi Lloyd

#PRO-2017-05-10-10

That the Program Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve that the strategic priorities be adopted as outlined in Report No. PRO-D-2, Strategic Priorities 2017 – 2022, dated May 10, 2017.

CARRIED

Item for Information

1. Innovation 2016-2017 (PRO-I-1)

Principal of Innovation Patrick Miller provided highlights from the work done to date on deepening support for innovative learning and teaching practices in technology-enabled learning environments and creating a culture of learning for staff and students. Principal Miller described the online collaborative School Learning Plans as evidence of visible learning, the virtual music room, and provincial partnerships.

Principal Miller reviewed the success of the *Pedometer Project: Learn to Move. Move to Learn*. Students across the board have together taken over 85 million steps, and are currently working to a goal of walking to the moon. The Pedometer Project provides students with meaningful data management and estimation skills in addition to Daily Physical Activity.

Principal Miller responded to trustee comments and queries related to tracking the number of people visiting the virtual learning room online, student access to music across the board, and the collection of data for the Pedometer Project.

This report was provided for information.

Other Matters

Peter Beacock, Chair of the Board, commended the students of Elmvale District High School for their annual “Elmvale Deserves Help from Students” day that sees students supporting the community by offering to help seniors with yard work and community clean up in general.

Jodi Lloyd, Vice-chair of the Board, spoke of the official opening ceremonies held recently at Orillia Secondary School and Severn Shores Elementary School.

Notices of Motion for Next Meeting - Nil

Moved by Donna DaSilva
Seconded by Peter Beacock

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Board approve revisions to Policy No. 4311, Parent Involvement Committee, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. PRO-D-1, Revisions to Policy No. 4311 – Parent Involvement Committee, dated May 10, 2017.
2. That the Board approve that the strategic priorities be adopted as outlined in Report No. PRO-D-2, Strategic Priorities 2017 – 2022, dated May 10, 2017.

Approved for submission by:

Steve Blake
Director of Education

May 24, 2017

Ensure, enhance, foster and promote:



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

FROM: Business and Facilities Standing Committee

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF THE BUSINESS AND FACILITIES
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017**

The Business and Facilities Standing Committee met in Public Session on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at the Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Committee Members

Kathleen Aikins, Donna Armstrong, Peter Beacock,
Jennifer Cameron, Donna Da Silva, Jodi Lloyd, Michele Locke,
Krista Mayne (Chairperson), Robert North (Vice-chairperson),
Daniel Shilling.

Administration

Steve Blake, John Dance, Stuart Finlayson, Daryl Halliday,
Brian Jeffs, Jackie Kavanagh, Paula Murphy, Doug Paul,
Chris Samis.

Staff

Karen Côté, Corry Van Nispen.

Recording Secretary

Lorraine Ryder.

REGRETS:

Committee Members

Wayne Clements.

Student Trustees

Grace Leyshon, Matt Thorhauge.

Stuart Finlayson, Superintendent of Education called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION

Moved by Jodi Lloyd

Seconded by Kathleen Aikins

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee approve that the agenda be amended to include the election of Chairperson, and if necessary, the Vice-chairperson.

CARRIED

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION

Moved by Michele Locke

Seconded by Kathleen Aikins

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest - Nil

As a result of a trustee resignation, an election took place to fill the vacancy of Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee for the remainder of the one-year term.

Election of Chairperson

Trustee Jennifer Cameron entered the meeting at this time.

Superintendent Finlayson appointed Superintendents Daryl Halliday and Jackie Kavanagh to act as tellers in the event that a vote is required.

Superintendent Finlayson called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee.

Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Michele Locke

That Trustee Krista Mayne be nominated for election as Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee.

Trustee Mayne indicated that she would stand.

Superintendent Finlayson called for further nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee.

There being no further nominations, Trustee Mayne was acclaimed as Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee.

Trustee Mayne assumed the Chair at this time and resigned from her position as Vice-chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee.

As a result of the election of Vice-chairperson Mayne to Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee, an election took place to fill the vacancy of Vice-chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee for the remainder of the one-year term.

Election of Vice-chairperson

Chairperson Mayne called for nominations for the position of Vice-chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee.

Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Kathleen Aikins

That Trustee Robert North be nominated for election as Vice-chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee.

Trustee North indicated that he would stand.

Chairperson Mayne called for further nominations for the position of Vice-chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee.

There being no further nominations, Trustee North was acclaimed as Vice-chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee.

Trustee North assumed the Vice-chair at this time.

Closed Session - Nil

Presentations/Delegations - Nil

Items for Decision

1. 2017-2018 Proposed Budget (BF-D-1)

Brian Jeffs, Superintendent of Business Services, expressed his appreciation and thanks to superintendent colleagues and Steve Blake, Director of Education, for their assistance in the preparation of the 2017-2018 proposed budget. Superintendent Jeffs also acknowledged and thanked Corry Van Nispen, Controller, and Karen Côté, Assistant Manager of Budget and Financial Reporting, and Business Services staff for their hard work and dedication during the budget process.

Superintendent Jeffs presented a PowerPoint presentation that summarized a proposed budget that reflects the proposed strategic priorities and objectives of the board as outlined in the proposed Strategic Priorities 2017-2022. Superintendent Jeffs commented that the proposed budget is being referred to as "Strengthening Our Core". The board's focus and purpose is to ensure, enhance, foster, and promote the following: Excellence in Teaching and Learning; Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; Well-being; and Community.

Superintendent Jeffs reviewed current and future enrolment numbers indicating that enrolment growth over the next four years is projected to increase by 1,985 students.

Superintendent Jeffs indicated that total revenue is projected to increase by 4.64%.

Superintendent Jeffs reviewed the changes in permanent staff complement that have occurred since the closed session of the May 3, 2017 Business and Facilities Standing Committee meeting.

Superintendent Jeffs commented that total expenditures are categorized into three main areas: Schools, Targeted Programs, and System Services. Although a decline in absenteeism is projected, this continues to be an area of fiscal pressure. Transportation is another area where the board is facing pressures for the next school year. It is anticipated that all of the board's transportation reserves will be utilized in 2017-2018 to address the in-year deficit projected at \$17,000.

Superintendent Jeffs reviewed how each of the four proposed strategic priorities align with the proposed budget. The 2017-2018 proposed budget is a good news story. The proposed budget has direct alignment with the renewed vision that the board believes will result in a renewed energy and clearer expectations for staff as well as better achievement for the students served in the Simcoe County District School Board.

Superintendents Jeffs, Finlayson, and Dance responded to questions from trustees at this time.

(1)

Moved by Michele Locke
Seconded by Jodi Lloyd

#BF-2017-05-17-38

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-1, 2017-2018 Proposed Budget, dated May 17, 2017.

CARRIED

Items for Information - Nil

Correspondence – Nil

Other Matters

Trustee North commented that Tosorontio Central Public School in Adjala/Tosorontio borders on a landfill site and there is a proposal to dispose of hazardous waste in that landfill. Trustee North inquired as to whether the board had been consulted on this proposal. Superintendent Dance commented that he had not heard about the proposal but he would check with Planning Department staff, and find out whether the board had commenting status on a project of that nature.

Notices of Motion for Next Meeting - Nil

MOTION

Moved by Donna Da Silva
Seconded by Jennifer Cameron

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-1, 2017-2018 Proposed Budget, dated May 17, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brian Jeffs
Superintendent of Business Services

Approved for submission by:

Steve Blake
Director of Education

May 24, 2017

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

FROM: Superintendent of Business Services

SUBJECT: **LARSEN TRUST TRANSFER**

1. Background

Mr. Fred Larsen established three awards, held in trust by the board, for students attending public secondary schools in Orillia:

The Fred Larsen Writer's Award – Twin Lakes – 2002;

The Pat Larsen Memorial Bursary Award – Orillia Secondary School (formally ODCVI) – 2002;

The James Larsen Memorial Bursary Award – Orillia Secondary School (formally Park Street Collegiate) – 2007.

The original intent of the donor was to build the trust funds to a balance of \$5,000 for each award and have the returns from the principal payout an award of \$200 to \$250 per year. The board invests in zero risk investments (term deposits and GIC's) as directed by the Education Act.

2. Current Status

The trust funds have accumulated capital balances of \$5,000 each; however, the annual returns have not been enough to meet the donor's initial plan of \$200 to \$250. Each year, Mr. Larsen has donated additional funds to top up the trust accounts. Mr. Larsen has approached the board to request that the trust funds be transferred to the Community Fund of Orillia and Area (CFOA) to be administered with the same criteria, but have the opportunity to be invested with greater returns. See APPENDIX A.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the transfer of the trust funds titled The Fred Larsen Writer's Award, The Pat Larsen Memorial Award, and The James Larsen Memorial Bursary Award to the Community Fund of Orillia and Area (CFOA) to be administered under the same criteria as the current trust agreements, as set out in Report No. D-5-a, Larsen Trust Transfer, dated May 24, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brian Jeffs
Superintendent of Business Services

Approved for submission by:

Steve Blake
Director of Education

May 24, 2017

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Business and Facilities

May 1, 2017

Corry Van Nispen
Simcoe County District School Board
1170 ON-26,
Midhurst, ON L9X 1N6

Dear Corry:

This letter is a follow-up to a recent conversation we had on the phone about monies which I have entrusted to the SCDSB trust accounts with the goal of creating three perpetual school bursary awards:

The Fred Larsen Writer's Award at Twin Lakes S.S.

The Pat Larsen Memorial Bursary Award at Orillia S. S. (formerly at ODCVI)

The James Larsen Memorial Bursary Award at Orillia S.S. (formerly at Park St. Collegiate)

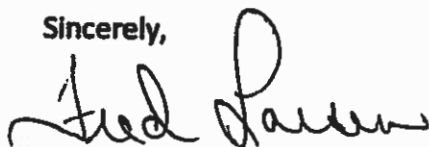
My intention had been to build these trust funds to approximately \$5,000 per award in hopes that, with a decent interest return, they would generate awards in the neighbourhood of \$200-250 per year. I have discovered that the SCDSB restrictions on where these funds can be invested means that the return over several years now has been much less than this target.

Recently I have spoken with _____ administrators of the Community Fund of Orillia and Area (CFOA), who tell me that they could administer the money I have put with the SCDSB and see that it goes to the local schools for these awards. More importantly, they have shown me that their historic return on investments has been, over 10 years, 5.7%—a return sufficient to generate the kind of sums I wanted to pass on to Orillia students each year.

They have also indicated that it might be relatively easy to transfer the funds from the SCDSB to the CFOA and that I should contact you to request that such a transfer be arranged.

It is my hope, of course, that investing the money that I have put aside to date will generate awards that will help future Orillia students go on to develop their interests and skills. It appears that the CFOA can do this for me. I hope you can help me make this transfer happen in the near future.

Sincerely,



Fred Larsen

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

FROM: Director of Education

SUBJECT: **APPOINTMENT TO THE ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION
(OPSBA) ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

1. **Background**

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association represents public school boards from all regions in Ontario. The Association speaks at the provincial level for public school boards and works on their behalf to ensure that the collective interests and needs of the public school system are clearly articulated to the Ontario government, Ministry of Education and other ministries and government agencies. OPSBA represents the interests of more than 1.2 million elementary and secondary students and more than 500 000 adult learners.

2. **Board Representation**

As a member board, the Simcoe County District School Board is required to appoint one trustee as the representative to serve as a director on the OPSBA Board of Directors. The Board may also appoint an alternate director who would have voting privileges, in the absence of the director, at the Association's general meetings or regional meetings only.

At the Regular Board meeting held April 26, 2017, the Board of Trustees appointed Trustee Michele Locke as the representative to serve as a director, and Trustee Donna Da Silva to serve as alternate director, on the OPSBA Board of Directors as set out in Report No. D-5-b, Appointment to the Ontario Public School Board's Association (OPSBA) Director and Alternate Director for the 2017-2018 school year.

Due to Trustee Da Silva's unavailability to attend the OPSBA Annual General Meeting held in June 2017, she must resign her position as alternate director on the OPSBA Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 school year and the Board of Trustees will appoint another trustee to serve as the alternate director.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Board accept Trustee Da Silva's resignation from the position of alternate director on the OPSBA Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 school year due to her unavailability to attend the OPSBA Annual General Meeting held in June 2017.
2. That the Board appoint _____ to serve as an alternate director on the OPSBA Board of Directors, as set out in Report No. D-5-b, Appointment to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Alternate Director for the 2017-2018 School Year, dated May 24, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

Steve Blake
Director of Education

May 24, 2017

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 APRIL 18, 2017**

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Committee Members: (Voting)
Jason Barr, Shannon Daggett, Melanie Darlington, Rachel Draper,
Corryn Mounstephen, Deane Piercey, Brandy Rafeek, Lianne Stock.

**Trustee,
Representatives:** (Non-voting)
Annie Chandler, Michele Locke.

**Administration & Staff
Representatives:** (Non-voting)
Jamie Campbell, Charmaine Chartier (Recorder), Peter McLean,
Doug Paul, Jane Seymour.

REGRETS: Lynda Burton, Ruth Howorth, David O'Brien, Dawn Tufford.

GUEST(S): Glenda Galliford, Student Success Itinerant Resource Teacher-
Guidance & Transitions, Mark Hathaway, Program & Innovation
Resource Teacher-Music K-12, and Jamila Monahan, Program &
Innovation Resource Teacher-Integrated Arts K-12.

1. Welcome and Election of Acting Vice-chair

Vice-chair Corryn Mounstephen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed PIC members, including Brandy Rafeek as the new committee member replacing Nancy Young, as well as any guests from school councils.

Superintendent Paul presented Steve Blake, the new Director of Education for SCDSB. Director Blake introduced himself and shared some of his previous experience, which included working with PIC. He thanked the committee for the invitation and said he looked forward to hearing what was important to parents.

In the absence of Chair David O'Brien, Vice-chair Corryn Mounstephen assumed the role of Acting Chair. She then called for nominations for the office of Vice-chair for the Parent Involvement Committee for the evening.

Moved by Melanie Darlington
Seconded by Deane Piercey

That Rachel Draper be nominated as Acting Vice-chair of the Parent Involvement Committee for the evening.

Committee member Rachel Draper indicated that she would stand.

Acting Chair Mounstephen called for further nominations.

There being no further nominations, committee member Rachel Draper was acclaimed as Acting Vice-chair of the Parent Involvement Committee for the evening.

2. Approval of Agenda

Acting Chair Mounstephen asked the committee for approval of the agenda.

Moved by Shannon Daggett
Seconded by Melanie Darlington

That the agenda be accepted as printed.

CARRIED

3. Guest Speakers:

- a) Glenda Galliford, Student Success Itinerant Resource Teacher-Guidance & Transitions. Presentation "*Supporting Parent Engagement Through the Transition Years*".

Acting Chair Mounstephen introduced Ms. Galliford and provided a brief overview of her experience with the school board.

Ms. Galliford started by explaining she would like to share a few of the presentations the Guidance and Transitions team use to support parent engagement.

- 1) Parenting Transitions Elementary to Secondary:

Ms. Galliford explained that they look at current brain development research related to adolescent development to help parents understand where their children are at within their cognitive, social and emotional development. Next, they explore the changing role of continued parent involvement and support growth mindsets within youth to develop their resilience for independence.

- 2) Parenting Pathways – Planning Future Opportunities:

Working with elementary teachers, the Guidance and Transitions team co-present this look at the interconnected opportunities that are available to students within post-secondary along with the changing realities students face as they plan for careers in the 21st century. Some of the options are:

- Apprenticeship
- College
- Collaborative Programs
- University
- Gap Year Programs – work/volunteer
- Military
- Workplace

3) Creating Pathways to Success (CPS) and the Individual Pathway Planning (IPP) Tools to Support Pathway Exploration:

Ms. Galliford explained that parents would be provided with the opportunity to explore how the myBlueprint education planner, a program used by all SCDSB students Grades 7-12, is employed to support the development of personal exploration, portfolio development and pathway planning. Using Power Point slides, she demonstrated several program sample pages and described some of the more noteworthy features.

At this point, Ms. Galliford opened up the floor to committee members for questions.

Trustee Annie Chandler asked how we (the board) were doing at meeting the needs of locally developed level students.

Ms. Galliford responded by saying that locally developed level students can access the information within myBlueprint through the use of google speak or speech to text features within the program. Students would still need the support of a counsellor/SERT to help them assess post-secondary options but the students can function within all the individual pathway plan options themselves.

Acting Chair Mounstephen thanked Ms. Galliford for her informative presentation.

b) Jamila Monahan, Program & Innovation Resource Teacher-Integrated Arts K-12. Presentation "*The ARTS – SCDSB 2016/17*" and Mark Hathaway, Program & Innovation Resource Teacher-Music K-12. Presentation – "*Virtual Music Room*".

Acting Chair Mounstephen introduced both Ms. Monahan and Mr. Hathaway by sharing their brief biographies with the committee.

Ms. Monahan stated that her presentation would entail a snapshot of what's happening in the Arts in SCDSB and provided an overview of the following initiatives:

- Arts Educator Workshop Series – After school, free workshops for educators that allow teachers to develop their arts skills.
- Professional Development for Teachers – Professional learning communities and teacher directed inquiry groups designed to dig deeper into the teaching and learning of the arts and cross panel collaboration.
- Youth Arts Councils – Designated "Elementary Arts Key Point Person" (KPP) teacher positions and Youth Arts Council development. Ignites creativity and the presence of the Arts in every school. Provides student leadership opportunities.
- SCDSB Youth Arts Symposium 2017 – To support implementation of our Elementary Arts Key Point Person (KPP) and Youth Arts Council. The Symposium is slated for April 28, 2017 at Georgian College.
- Groove Edgeucation Digital Resource Library - PDFs and video supports designed to integrate dance and movement into all areas of the curriculum.

- Flexible Purchasing of Arts Supplies – Getting more arts materials into the hands of our students by allowing for wider selection, superior quality and reduced cost.
- Music Lending Library – Ukulele borrowing program for schools and resources to support their use.

At this point Ms. Monahan turned the presentation over to Mr. Hathaway to explain the Virtual Music Room.

- Virtual Music Room – Playlists and videos created for SCDSB teachers to help support music instruction in our classroom.

Mr. Hathaway explained that the Virtual Music Room is accessible through Office 365 and any teacher can log into their account to access the resource lessons. There has been positive feedback from teachers indicating that it has been very helpful, especially with music theory lessons. The important concepts are movement, playing or singing, creating and listening.

Mr. Hathaway then invited the committee members to participate in a drumming exercise. He explained the lesson basics and started the video on how to play an Ostinato (a continually repeated musical rhythm). He then walked the committee members through the same steps that students use when learning new concepts using clapping, singing and drumming.

After reviewing the learning outcomes, Mr. Hathaway thanked the committee for their participation and opened up the floor to them for any questions they might have.

Acting Chair Mounstephen asked how the Elementary Arts Key Point Persons are chosen at each of the schools. Ms. Monahan responded that people volunteered for the position. She added that this was launched in September and they had done some training with the teachers but that it looked different at each school.

Other committee members commented on their positive experiences with the program at their respective schools and Mr. Hathaway stated that he was glad to hear the feedback.

Acting Chair Mounstephen thanked Mr. Hathaway and Ms. Monahan for their engaging presentation, adding that the interactive component was refreshing.

4. Approval of February 21, 2017 Minutes

Acting Chair Mounstephen asked for approval of the minutes.

Moved by Deane Piercey
Seconded by Lianne Stock

That the minutes of February 21, 2017 be accepted as printed.

CARRIED

5. **Connecting with School Council Chairs – Update from PIC Reps**

Acting Chair Mounstephen asked for the latest updates from committee members and explained this item to new committee member Brandy Rafeek.

Trustee Annie Chandler asked how successful we (PIC) had been with encouraging school council chairs to use their board email addresses rather than their personal ones.

Communications Officer Jamie Campbell replied that when reports were run in the past they were pleasantly surprised at how many school council chairs were using their board email addresses and added that more recent reports could be generated.

Superintendent Paul indicated that this was one of Chair O'Brien's special projects and it was his goal to improve the usage.

Committee member Deane Piercey asked if there was a way to track who was and wasn't using the email addresses. She also asked if a letter could be sent to principals, for their school council chairs, probing why the email address wasn't being used.

Acting Chair Mounstephen suggested that the committee make it a mandate next year to connect with the schools to examine this more thoroughly.

6. **2017 "Connections" Event Planning Sub-Committee Update**

Acting Chair Mounstephen reviewed the details of the sub-committee meeting held on March 21, 2017 to organize the second annual "Connections" event.

The topics discussed included what to keep, what to discard, and what to improve. As a result, it was decided that the regular PIC meeting would be held on October 17 and the Connections event on October 24 as they felt it was important to make more time for networking. Additional decisions based on last year's event feedback comprised adding an additional networking timeslot, all donated information/marketing material would be dispersed in swag bags, and break-out sessions would replace the panel.

Acting Chair Mounstephen asked all committee members to bring their ideas for break-out sessions to the May meeting and if anyone else was interested in joining the sub-committee to please advise her. At this time, committee member Lianne Stock volunteered to join the sub-committee.

7. **Ministry of Education – 8th Annual Barrie Regional PIC Symposium**

Acting Chair Mounstephen reminded committee members that the 8th Annual Barrie Regional PIC Symposium, sponsored by the Ministry of Education, was being held on **Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Liberty North**, 100 Caplan Avenue, Barrie. She reported that the following people would be attending:

David O'Brien – PIC/Steele Street PS
Deane Piercey – PIC/Nottawasaga Pines SS
Melanie Darlington – PIC/Emma King ES
Brandy Rafeek – PIC/Baxter Central PS
Lisa Robertson – Innisdale SS
Marina Johnson – Oakley Park PS
Rosie Da Silva – Goodfellow PS

Acting Chair Mounstephen noted that no symposium agenda had yet been received from the Ministry of Education. She advised attendees to choose their events, take notes and they would later be combined to form a report for all committee members. Superintendent Paul added that he would be joining the group from noon to four o'clock.

8. PRO Grants – 2017-2018 – Numbered Memo 165

Acting Chair Mounstephen reminded committee members to advise their school councils that the application process for 2017-2018 PRO Grants was now open and they could find details/links in Numbered Memo 165 in their file folders.

Trustee Annie Chandler asked how the three bullet points in the Numbered Memo were established. Superintendent Paul responded they were set by the Ministry of Education.

9. Parent Involvement Committee Membership – Numbered Memo 185

Acting Chair Mounstephen reminded committee members to advise the school councils in the areas they represent that we are always looking for school council members who are interested in serving on the Parent Involvement Committee. All information, including an application form, could be found in Numbered Memo 185, which was included in their file folders.

Acting Chair Mounstephen asked committee members if anyone was at the end of their four years of service. It was determined that committee members Jason Barr, Rachel Draper, Melanie Darlington and Chair David O'Brien would not be returning so four spots would be available.

At this juncture, committee member Jason Barr revisited the subject of the number of members on the PIC. He expressed his concerns that given the growth in the board, the areas were underrepresented and asked if it was possible to have two representatives for each area. Superintendent Paul responded that it was something that could be explored.

Trustee Michele Locke, asked when the last time the PIC policy was reviewed. Superintendent Paul replied that the last review was in 2013 and was currently in the process of being reviewed.

10. Updates from Staff

a) June Meeting Date

Superintendent Paul advised committee members that the Georgian Room had been booked for both June 13 and 20 so members could decide if there would be a June meeting and the date.

Committee members decided that even though they had met their required number of meetings, it would be beneficial to hold a meeting on June 13, 2017.

b) Expense Claims

Superintendent Paul reminded committee members to please submit their expense claims as soon as possible rather than waiting until June as that was school year end and would be a very busy month for Charmaine.

c) Follow-up Regarding School Council Meeting Agenda

Superintendent Paul provided feedback regarding Lynda Burton's question at a previous meeting as to whether PIC should be a mandatory school council meeting agenda item. After investigating the matter, it was decided that it was not in the PIC mandate to dictate the format of school council meetings.

11. Additional Updates/Future Agenda Items

Acting Chair Mounstephen spoke briefly about the listed future agenda items. She added that these were just suggestions but that committee members were free to provide feedback and make other recommendations. Those recommendations would then be discussed at our next planning meeting.

- a) Daily Physical Education – Deb Shackell
- b) SCDSB – Capital Plan – Sandy Clee
- c) SCDSB IT
- d) First Nations, Metis, Inuit Presentation – Alison Bradshaw

Acting Chair Mounstephen thanked Director Blake for attending as well as all other guests.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Deane Piercey
Seconded by Brandy Rafeek

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 6:00 p.m. in the Georgian Room at the Education Centre.

13. Report Status

This report is provided for information.

Respectfully submitted by:

Douglas Paul
Superintendent of Education

Approved for submission by:

Steve Blake
Director of Education

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Special Education Advisory Committee

FROM: Chairperson of SEAC
Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD APRIL 10, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee was held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at the Education Centre.

A. Roll Call

PRESENT:

SEAC Members

Kevin Berry (Chairperson), Donna Da Silva (Trustee), Sheryl Eastop, Jill Foley, Dan Stroh, Sandy Thurston, Tanya van Voorst (Vice-Chairperson).

SEAC Alternates

James Hall (Acting Member).

Staff

Steve Blake, Kathy Chapman, Curt Davidson, Dawn Franks, Stephen McClelland, Danielle Mink, Susan Royal, Chris Samis.

REGRETS:

SEAC Members

Donna Armstrong (Trustee), Peter Beacock (Trustee), Mark Bryan, Rose-Ann Marchitto, Sally Seabrook.

Recording Secretary

Tina Bazuk.

Kevin Berry, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

(1) Welcome

(a) Introductions

Chairperson Berry welcomed committee members, staff and guests and shared regrets for the evening.

(b) SCDSB Special Education Statement of Beliefs (A-1-b)

Tanya van Voorst, Vice-Chairperson, read the Statement of Beliefs.

(2) Approval of Agenda

Moved by Sandy Thurston
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

That the agenda be approved as written.

CARRIED

(3) Approval of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of the Regular SEAC Meeting held March 6, 2017 (A-3-a)

Moved by Tan van Voorst
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

That the minutes be approved as written.

CARRIED

B. Presentations

- (1) (a) Steve Blake, New Director of Education: Introduction (B-1-a)**

Chris Samis, Superintendent of Education, introduced Steve Blake, Director of Education, who provided a brief overview of previous experience in other boards, the latest being, the Director of Education for Bluewater District School Board.

Director Blake wishes to build on successes and find solutions for inefficiencies. Student achievement was identified as a top priority.

- (b) Understanding Your Child's IEP Workshop Presentation (B-1-b)

Curt Davidson, Principal of Special Education, and Susan Royal, Itinerant Resource Teacher for Special Education, shared the presentation developed for the Understanding Your Child's IEP Workshops.

The workshops will take place from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- April 11, 2017 at Lions Oval Public School in Orillia
- April 12, 2017 at Bear Creek Secondary School in Barrie
- April 13, 2017 at Mundy's Bay Public School in Midland
- April 18, 2017 at Chris Hadfield Public School in Bradford
- April 19, 2017 at Alliston Union Public School in Alliston
- April 20, 2017 at Admiral Collingwood Elementary School in Collingwood

Principal Davidson called for further volunteers to co-facilitate the workshops and clarified that the role of the SEAC member is not to be the expert, but rather to support staff and reach out to the community. Members interested are to contact Tina Bazuk.

Superintendent Samis and Principal Davidson responded to questions from SEAC at this time.

C. Items for Decision

- (1) (a) Parents Reaching Out Grant – Review of Current Grant and Application for 2017-2018 (C-1-a)**
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Superintendent Samis provided an update on the 2016-2017 Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant "Parent – Parents as Partners: A pathway to success for students with special education needs". The goal of the project was to increase parental

knowledge in relation to Individual Education Plans (IEP). An IEP brochure was developed and printed along with an Understanding Your Child's IEP workshop set up across the county.

Regional PRO Grant applications for the 2017-2018 school year are due May 29, 2017. With the guidance, direction and commitment of SEAC, Special Education staff would submit an application for a Regional PRO Grant to the Ministry of Education to support transition planning for students with special education needs.

Superintendent Samis responded to questions from SEAC at this time.

MOTION

Moved by Sandy Thurston
Seconded by Donna Da Silva

That the SCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) approve the submission of a Parents Reaching Grant, as set out in Report No. SEAC C-1-a, by SCDSB special education staff for consideration to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

D. Items for Information

(1) Follow-up from Previous Meeting - Nil

(2) Staff Reports

(a) Special Needs Strategy Integrated Rehabilitation Update (D-2-a)

Superintendent Samis provided an update on the Special Needs Strategy (SNS) Integrated Rehabilitation update.

Services previously delivered through Community Care Access Centre (CCAC), such as speech, physical and occupational therapy will remain status quo until local proposals are completed (expected September 2018). Language supports and services currently delivered by local school boards will continue as is until the new IR delivery model is approved.

The Ministry drafted a letter with the intent for all school boards to sign and distribute to families advising of the change in September 2018. The SNS committee decided to delay sending the letter until a more effective way to advise families of the changes is determined.

Superintendent Samis and Stephen McClelland, Principal of Special Education, responded to questions from SEAC at this time.

(b) Special Education Plan 2017-2018 – SEAC Consultation (D-2-b)

The Special Education Plan 2017-2018 consultation process for SEAC includes:

- electronic copy of the plan sent to members for review with respective association/agencies on April 6, 2017;
- feedback requested by April 24, 2017;
- annual review prior to the SEAC meeting on April 10, 2017; and,
- final review on May 8, 2017 at the SEAC meeting.

The Board will receive the Special Education Plan 2017-2018 in June 2017 with submission to the Ministry of Education prior to July 31, 2017.

Superintendent Samis responded to questions from SEAC at this time.

(c) Integration Support Program (Secondary) – New Program (D-2-c)

Principal McClelland, provided an overview of the new Integration Support Program (ISP) that will replace the current Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) class at Eastview Secondary School in September 2017.

The ISP class will support secondary-aged students with special education needs using the instructional principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA). Students will have the opportunity to gain academic credits in regular class placements while receiving support either directly or indirectly in the ISP resource room as/when needed.

Admission to the program is based on an Identification, Placement and Review Committee recommendation. The ISP program will support a maximum of 16 students and a diagnosis of ASD is not required.

Superintendent Samis and Principal McClelland responded to questions from SEAC at this time.

(d) Mental Health and Well-Being Annual Action Plan 2016-2017 (D-2-d)

Danielle Mink, Mental Health Lead, and Dawn Franks, Manager of Social Work Services, provided an overview of the Mental Health and Well-Being Annual Action Plan 2016-2017. The action plan outlines strategies as well as identifies the resources and professional learning opportunities provided during the 2016-2017 school year.

The 2016-2017 Mental Health and Well-Being Annual Action Plan reflects a number of system-wide initiatives focusing on improving supports and services available to SCDSB students with mental health challenges and their families to create greater equity of outcomes, academic achievement and well-being.

The three (3) main priorities of the Mental Health and Well-Being Annual Action Plan 2016-2017 are:

- leadership and organizational development;
- enhanced support; and,
- capacity activation.

Superintendent Samis and Mental Health Lead Mink responded to questions from SEAC at this time.

(3) Committee Reports

- (a) 2016-2017 Special Education Plan Sub-Committee (D-3-a)

Refer to item D-2-b Special Education Plan 2017-2018 – SEAC Consultation.

(4) SEAC Member Updates

- (a) Association/Agency Updates – All (D-4-a) - Nil

(5) Board Member Updates

- (a) Updates from Board Meetings – (D-5-a)

Trustee Da Silva advised that Board will approve the 2017-2018 Budget in May 2017 and the Strategic Plan in June 2017.

E. Correspondence - Nil

F. Other Matters

1. Superintendent Samis reminded SEAC members of the Joint SEAC/Business and Facilities Standing Committee Budget meeting on May 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Roy Edwards Room.
2. Superintendent Samis advised SEAC members of the two (2) Inclusive Recreation Programs for students with ASD that will begin on April 19 at Holly Meadows Elementary School and April 20 at Emma King Elementary School. The program is available to students age 5 – 12 free of charge with the goal to help students begin to build recreation skills, confidence and self-esteem in a positive, safe place. Further programs will be offered fall of 2017.

G. Notices of Motion for Next Meeting - Nil

H. Adjournment

Moved by Donna Da Silva
Seconded by James Hall

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

The next meeting date is May 8, 2017.

REPORT NO. D-6-b
MAY 24, 2017 - 6

Report Status

This report is provided for information.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chris Samis
Superintendent of Education

Approved for submission by:

Steve Blake
Director of Education

May 24, 2017

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

FROM: Business and Facilities Standing Committee/SEAC

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE BUSINESS AND FACILITIES STANDING COMMITTEE AND
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETING HELD
MAY 3, 2017**

A meeting of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee and Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 to discuss budget.

PRESENT:

Committee Members Kathleen Aikens, Donna Armstrong, Peter Beacock, Jennifer Cameron, Donna Da Silva, Jodi Lloyd (fulfilling the role of Vice-Chairperson), Michele Locke, Krista Mayne (fulfilling the role of Chairperson), Robert North, Daniel Shilling.

SEAC Members Kevin Berry (Chairperson), Mark Bryan, Rose-Ann Marchitto, Sandy Thurston.

SEAC Alternates Lisa Hickling-Miller (Acting Member), Patrick King (Acting Member), Svetlana Zaruvimski (Acting Member).

Administration Steve Blake, John Dance, Christine Evitt, Stuart Finlayson, Daryl Halliday, Brian Jeffs, Jackie Kavanagh, Paula Murphy, Doug Paul, Chris Samis.

Staff Curt Davidson, Stephen McClelland.

REGRETS:

Committee Members Annie Chandler.

Student Trustees Grace Leyshon, Matt Thorhauge.

SEAC Members Sheryl Eastop, Jill Foley, Devin Fraser, Sally Seabrook, Dan Stroh, Tanya van Voorst.

Recording Secretary Tina Bazuk.

Chairperson Mayne, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Chairperson Mayne provided a brief overview of the structure of the Joint Business and Facilities/SEAC Budget meeting.

Chairpersons Mayne and Berry co-chaired the meeting.

Chairpersons Mayne and Berry welcomed all members and staff to the meeting and allowed the occasion for round table introduction.

Trustee Beacock advised that effective May 1, 2017, Trustee North would be the new Trustee representative for SEAC.

Election of Vice-Chairperson - SEAC

Chairperson Berry called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the evening.

Moved by Kevin Berry
Seconded by Rose-Ann Marchitto

That Mark Bryan, SEAC Member, be nominated for election as Vice-Chairperson of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the evening.

Mark Bryan indicated that he would stand.

Chairperson Berry called for further nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the evening.

There being no further nominations, Mark Bryan was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the evening.

CARRIED

Mark Bryan assumed the Vice-Chair for SEAC at this time.

Approval of Agenda - Business and Facilities Standing Committee

MOTION

Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Robert North

That the agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda - SEAC

MOTION

Moved by Kevin Berry
Seconded by Rose-Ann Marchitto

That the agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest - Nil

Closed Session - Nil

Presentations/Delegations - Nil

Items for Decision - Nil

Items for Information

1. 2017-2018 Proposed Budget - Special Education (BF-I-1)

Brian Jeffs, Superintendent of Business Services, and Chris Samis, Superintendent of Education, provided an overview of the 2017-2018 Proposed Special Education budget.

The Special Education Grant provides additional incremental funding for students with special education needs. Currently the SCDSB supports approximately 10,735 students with individual education plans (IEPs), 88% of which receive instruction in a regular class placement.

At the March 6, 2017 SEAC meeting, SEAC members were provided the opportunity to participate in a 'think-pair-share' activity and determined the following preliminary priorities for the 2017-2018 Special Education budget:

- Additional psycho-educational assessments
- Additional in-class supports (educational assistants (EAs) and child and youth workers (CYWs))
- Staff retention
- Mental health and well-being of students
- Supports/strategies and professional development related to self-regulation
- Increased family engagement
- Early identification/assessments
- Closer partnerships with community agencies
- Increase in transitional EA supports

The 2017-2018 Special Education budget is based on four (4) foundational principles:

- Fostering independence;
- Differentiated instruction based on effective IEPs;
- Community partnerships; and,
- Ensuring successful transitions (into, through and from).

In 2017-2018 the overall revenue for special education is projected to increase by \$2.252 million.

Although there is an increase to the budget of \$2.252 million, some staffing changes are required to balance the 2017-2018 budget. The proposed changes for special education include:

- Decrease of 1.5 Elementary SERTs
- Decrease of 0.7 Secondary SERTs
- Decrease of 1.0 Hearing Resource Teacher (based on reduced needs)
- Decrease of 1.0 Vision Resource Teacher (contracted out orientation and mobility)
- Increase in Transitional EA allocation to meet student needs
- Status quo for Elementary Educational Assistants
- Status quo for Secondary Educational Assistants
- Status quo for Section 23 EAs (elementary and secondary)
- Potential Increase of 3 to 4 Deaf-Blind Intervenors
- Increase of 6 to 9 Applied Behaviour Analysis Support Workers until June 2018

- Status quo for Elementary Child and Youth Worker. (15 Itinerant CYWs are funded through the Multi Disciplinary Team budget)
- Decrease of 1.0 Secondary Child and Youth Worker (Special Incident Portion Claim – No longer needed)

Recent central negotiations between various unionized education sector groups and the Ministry of Education, resulted in the creation of a Local Priorities Fund (LPF) to address a range of priorities, including additional staffing to support students with special education needs. The Local Priorities Funding of \$2,861,682 is in addition to the 2017-2018 special education budget

Superintendent Samis clarified that the Pupil Foundation Grant (PFG) is generated by the number of students placed in a county class for more than 50% of the day through the Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) process. PFG funds are allocated to special education.

Chairperson Berry suggested that in future years Trustees and staff consider allocating other pieces of the SCDSB budget toward special education in addition to the Pupil Foundation Grant and the Special Education Grant.

Superintendent Jeffs and Superintendent Samis responded to questions from trustees and SEAC members at this time.

Correspondence - NIL

Other Matters - Nil

Trustee Beacock provided an update on the Zach Makes Tracks fundraising initiative. Zach is a 12 year old student who will be running from Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) to Ottawa to raise money for RVH youth mental health.

Adjournment - Business and Facilities Standing Committee

Moved by Kathleen Aikins
Seconded by Peter Beacock

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Adjournment - SEAC

Moved by Rose-Ann Marchitto
Seconded by Mark Bryan

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Report Status

This report is provided for information.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brian Jeffs
Superintendent of Business Services

Chris Samis
Superintendent of Education

Approved for submission by:

Steve Blake
Director of Education

May 24, 2017

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

FROM: Accessibility Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD JANUARY 30, 2017**

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) was held on Monday January 30, 2017 at the Education Centre.

PRESENT:

AAC Members: Delmar MacLean, Doug Mein (fulfilled the role of Chairperson),
Barbara Moody.

Staff: Peter Beacock, Curt Davidson, Abigail DesForges, Brian Jeffs,
Sean Levasseur, Kimberley Pickett, Erin Schwarz,
Melanie Slade-Morrison.

Guest: Mandy Masters.

REGRETS:

AAC Members: Sarah Mueller, Margaretta Papp-Belayneh, Caroline Quanbury.

Staff: Kevin LePage.

Recording Secretary: Kylee Zoller.

In the absence of Chairperson Sarah Mueller, Vice-chairperson Doug Mein fulfilled the role of Chairperson for this meeting.

Chairperson Mein called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Chairperson Mein welcomed the group to the meeting. Chairperson Mein noted that Brian Jeffs, Superintendent of Business Services, would be conducting the annual elections, but had been detained dealing with another matter. The meeting was to move forward until Superintendent Jeffs arrived to conduct elections. Chairperson Mein introduced guest Mandy Masters, community member and fundraiser. Round table introductions.

2. **Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee held November 28, 2016**

Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Delmar MacLean

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee held November 28, 2016 be approved as printed.

CARRIED

3. Elections for Committee

Election of Chairperson

Superintendent Jeffs outlined the election process. Superintendent Jeffs called for nominations. Chairperson Mein indicated that Sarah Mueller was willing to stand for Chairperson if nominated in her absence. Superintendent Jeffs as well as Trustee Peter Beacock, indicated that nominations when the candidate was not present were outside of procedure, and gave the committee the chance to object. No objections were raised.

Moved by Doug Mein
Seconded by Peter Beacock

That Sarah Mueller be nominated for election as Chairperson of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Superintendent Jeffs made three calls for additional nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

There being no further nominations, Sarah Mueller was acclaimed as Chairperson of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Election of Vice-chairperson

Superintendent Jeffs called for nominations for the position of Vice-chairperson of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Barbara Moody

That Doug Mein be nominated for election as Vice-chairperson of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Doug Mein indicated that he would stand.

Superintendent Jeffs made three additional calls further nominations for the position of Vice-chairperson of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

There being no further nominations, Doug Mein was acclaimed as Vice-chairperson of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Doug Mein assumed Chairperson of the meeting at this time, in the absence of Chairperson Mueller.

4. Implementation of Jack.org Chapter at Banting; Status Updated

Chairperson Doug Mein introduced guest Mandy Masters. Mandy Masters outlined how the Jack.org Chapter at Banting was initiated. The project began as a desire to find a local charity to donate to involving mental health etc. Mandy Masters was looking to create an event (walk, run, etc.) to support a mental health initiative, and she found Jack.org. Local businesses sponsoring the event were requesting a local implementation of the program to support. Mandy Masters made contact with the school, as well as Danielle Mink, Mental Health Leader and Daryl Halliday, Superintendent of Education, to work on putting a local chapter in at Banting. Banting staff were receptive, as the program they had been using previously was expiring. The September fundraiser was able to raise \$20,000 to go to Jack.org to request a chapter. Jack.org accepted the request officially in January 2017.

The Chapter was currently working towards a March 15 deadline to have student training completed. Events were planned for April, May and June to create awareness of the program in the student body.

Delmar MacLean asked how students would be selected to be involved in the program. Mandy Masters indicated that the existing students that had been involved with the prior program were asked to be involved, and were receptive.

Erin Schwarz, Corporate Risk Officer, asked what was involved in the training modules, including clarification on whether they were geared to help the students in the chapter, or to help the students to help other students. Mandy Masters indicated that the goal was for the students involved to start the conversations and be able to provide information on existing programs.

Barbara Moody asked what the difference would be between the Bell Let's Talk Day and the Jack.org program. Mandy Masters indicated that the program was much more targeted to youth aged 10-18, and how to get them engaged through their schools. Chapters are interconnected, and student groups can learn and grow from each other. Barbara Moody asked if the modules were different based on geography. Mandy Masters indicated that there was no difference.

Chairperson Mein indicated that jack.org was an after-hours program. Mandy Masters indicated that the goal of the chapter would be to create events that involved the entire student body and possibly the community, that would start conversations around different mental health issues and provide information about, where students experiencing issues/difficulties could go for help. Melanie Slade-Morrison, Manager of Communications, indicated that her perception of this program was that it would essentially be an extension of the Bell Let's Talk Day. The group in the school would act as a steering committee to create and promote ongoing activities and foster open conversations within the school. Mandy Masters indicated that the school had recently run a "Blue Shoelace Day". Delmar MacLean asked for confirmation that, in addition to the awareness activities, resources for students would be available for them to take the next steps required. Committee members did express concerns about the detailed implementation and scalability of jack.org throughout the SCDSB. Chairperson Mein indicated that there would be another follow-up at the local chapter level in March. Trustee Beacock indicated that he would like to hear feedback from students.

MOTION

Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Doug Mein

That an additional review and update of the Jack.org program would take place at the May Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

5. Discussion of Posting of Committee Documents to Public Site

Superintendent Jeffs indicated that he had reviewed the existing posted AAC minutes and everything previous to 2013 had been posted. There had been a lapse from 2013 to September of the current year. The process of posting approved minutes had since been reinstated, but there was currently a gap in available documents. The table discussed whether to retroactively post the missing minutes, but decided as a group that as long as the records are available for review upon request, there was no need to update the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) public website.

MOTION

Moved by Brian Jeffs
Seconded by Delmar MacLean

That effective September 1, 2016, all Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes will be posted to the board's public website.

CARRIED

6. Huronia Centennial and Elmvale Secondary Audit Reports

Chairperson Mein indicated that this item had been previously postponed due to Sarah Mueller's absence, and proposed that the group move forward with the review of the items to get the audits on record.

Corporate Risk Officer Schwarz indicated that the disclaimer had not been added to these documents. Chairperson Mein agreed and indicated that any documents posted from today's meeting would be noted as amended, and would include the disclaimer as written and approved at the September 2016 meeting, as follows:

*"The opinions and recommendations found within this report are solely those of the auditors present. The opinions are based on their experience and personal judgement, without prejudice to the requirements of the Ontario Building Code.
In all cases the recommendations will be vetted by staff prior to implementing any changes."*

Trustee Beacock asked whether the schools had received the audit reports back. Corporate Risk Officer Schwarz indicated that Steve Parker, former Manager of Design and Construction, had sent them back to the schools once approved by committee in the past, and that would continue to be the process through Kimberley Pickett, Manager of Design and Construction. Trustee Beacock wanted to ensure that the Elmvale audit goes back to the principal as soon as possible so that any accessibility issues could be incorporated into the current construction project.

Chairperson Mein asked the table to review and call out any additional amendments required or questions on the audit reports:

Elmvale District High School Review:

- No amendments required, beyond the addition of the disclaimer.

Huronia Centennial Elementary School Review:

- Eye wash station "not very accessible" – Barb Moody requested clarification on the notation, as typically items are listed as either accessible or not accessible. Corporate Risk Officer Schwarz clarified that anyone in a chair could use the station, but would require assistance to reach the wand, which technically would not qualify as accessible. Also, all stations are currently located in a locked area, as typically they are required for use after chemical exposure, and are located in locked areas that secure the chemicals. This will be changed to "Not fully accessible for its intended purpose."

Trustee Beacock questioned what the current standards were on doors. In order to meet compliance by 2025, the table questioned if there would be any grandfathering available. Manager Pickett indicated that there was some leeway where projects become cost prohibitive, and referred to an example of a stage that required a lift, where the project wound up at a cost of \$300,000. Trustee Beacock also questioned stage accessibility and schools that had staircases. It was also noted that all new builds should be compliant, but we do still see new builds that have compliance issues. Superintendent Jeffs indicated that the government themselves would have difficulty in meeting the accessibility requirements in their buildings, and noted that clarity was required on what “fully accessible” means. Delmar MacLean agreed that the government may not be sure themselves on what “fully accessible” means. Chairperson Mein indicated that the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario (ADO) has indicated that for major retrofit projects, unless the change was very substantial, the ADO would be looking the other way for the short term. Superintendent Jeffs indicated that the SCDSB takes on as many projects as possible, with a common sense approach. Barb Moody indicated that there has been a change in the communication from our government, where they are stating that they expect that anything requested was expected to be done, and done in a timely manner, but a need may have to be expressed in order to trigger the action to comply. Chairperson Mein indicated that this should be the direction of the committee. Delmar MacLean also mentioned that what was accessible for one person may not be accessible for another, and people with accessibility challenges may need to be flexible. Expectations of perfection may not be realistic.

MOTION

Moved by Delmar MacLean
Seconded by Peter Beacock

That the committee accept both audit reports as amended.

CARRIED

7. Plan and Schedule May 2017 School Accessibility Audits

Manager Pickett reviewed and indicated that the notes left to her by former Manager Parker, show that the committee should be looking at Chris Hadfield Public School and Tecumseth South Central Public School.

Kylee Zoller will follow up with the group on availability for the first two Mondays and Tuesdays of May, and confirm the dates to the group as soon as possible.

8. Other Business

The committee reviewed the video “By Any Measure” as produced and distributed by the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association.

Corporate Risk Officer Schwarz noted that the Access Now app, started by Accessibility Now, was a free app which rates businesses, restaurants, as well as schools, and encouraged committee members to familiarize themselves with the app, should our schools start to appear.

Chairperson Mein requested an update on the Director search, and was advised that there has been no public announcement made for a permanent replacement at this time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Barb Moody
Seconded by Brian Jeffs

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the SCDSB in Midhurst, on Monday, March 27, 2017 in the Roy Edwards Room at 10:30 a.m.

Future meeting dates:

May 2017 – School Audits – Dates to be confirmed
Monday, May 29, 2017 – Working lunch

Report Status

This report is provided as information.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brian Jeffs
Superintendent of Business Services

Approved for submission by:

Steve Blake
Director of Education

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

FROM: Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: **SCDSB CELEBRATES MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

1. Background

Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) staff and students have focused on intentionally integrating a culture of well-being within schools. This has included the creation of welcoming physical environments, enhancing connections, improving student support and embedding mental health learning opportunities into learning and teaching practices.

Recently, schools had the opportunity to highlight student mental health and well-being by celebrating Children's Mental Health Awareness Week from May 1 to 7, 2017. Staff, students and families alike engaged in various activities and initiatives that celebrated and promoted these well-being practices within their school communities.

2. Current Status

Across the board, the SCDSB celebrated Children's Mental Health Awareness week by launching the release of a video highlighting well-being in schools. Staff and students submitted artwork, videos, still photos and gave testimony regarding their efforts and achievements in this regard. Additionally, they provided some examples of their work, which have been displayed at the Education Centre throughout the month of May.

3. Conclusion

The celebratory video was launched during Mental Health Awareness week and is available on the [SCDSB youtube channel](#). It will also be utilized as a promotional video to increase mental health and well-being awareness within the SCDSB, along with local community partners and School Mental Health Assist, the provincial ministry branch that supports the implementation of mental health and well-being strategies in boards.

4. Report Status

This report is provided for information.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chris Samis
Superintendent of Education

Approved for submission by:

Steve Blake
Director of Education

May 24, 2017