



Minutes

The Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Trustees:	Linda Ainsworth (Committee Chairperson), David Bernier, Michelle Griepsma (via video conference), Braden Leal, Kevin MacKenzie, Siobhan Marie (Junior Student Trustee), Helen McCarthy, Eli McColl (Senior Student Trustee), Emmanuel Pinto.
Administration:	Jeannie Armstrong (via video conference), Joan Carragher, Laurie Corrigan, Jonathan Di Ianni, Isabel Grace, Stephen O'Sullivan, Sheila Piggott.
Guests:	Mante Molepo, Equity Advisor.
Regrets:	
Recorder:	Andrea Bradley.

Linda Ainsworth, Committee Chairperson, welcomed Jonathan Di Ianni, Superintendent of Learning / Student Success, to his new position with the Board and to the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Linda also welcomed Eli McColl, returning in his new role as Senior Student Trustee, and Siobhan Marie, as new Junior Student Trustee.

A. Call to Order:

1. Linda Ainsworth asked Isabel Grace to lead the Opening Prayer.
2. Linda Ainsworth, acknowledged that the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishnaabeg.

3. Approval of Open Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie, that the Open Meeting Agenda be accepted as amended with the addition of C.3. – Transportation Update.

Carried.

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

There were no conflicts of interest.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole – Open Meeting held on June 14, 2021.

Motion: Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by David Bernier, that the Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole – Open Meeting, held on June 14, 2021, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

B. Recommended Actions / Presentations:

1. Introduction of Equity Advisor: Mante Molepo.

Jeannie Armstrong, Superintendent of Learning / I/S Program / Faith and Equity, introduced Mante Molepo to the Committee-of-the-Whole. Mante joined the Board as an Equity Advisor, effective August 23, 2021 through to the end of November 2021. Mante will draft the Board's Equity Action Plan in consultation with various stakeholders and will run equity focus groups. She will consult with Clarington Schools on the topic of Anti-Black Racism and will support the Board's Demographic Student Census Project. Mante and Jeannie answered questions from Trustees. David Bernier, Board Chairperson, welcomed Mante and offered support from Trustees. Mante shared her email and looks forward to hearing their concerns.

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2. Ventilation upgrades and public reporting.

Isabel Grace, Superintendent of Business and Finance, updated the Committee-of-the-Whole on the upgrades and public reporting of school ventilation / HVAC and air quality. Students, staff, parents and guardians can learn more about our Board's strategy to optimize air quality through improved ventilation and filtration in schools, including a school-by-school ventilation report, by visiting our website and downloading the PVNC Ventilation Measures report. Over the summer months, PVNC has continued to focus on optimizing air quality in schools and classrooms, making improvements at specific schools such as replacing older portables and replacing or upgrading HVAC systems and installing HEPA units in classroom spaces that have either partial or no mechanical ventilation to improve air quality. For schools or parts of schools without mechanical ventilation, we have placed standalone high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter units in all classrooms and learning environments. These units ensure particle filtration of air and improve air exchange. Isabel also addressed concerns from Trustees.

C. Information Items:

1. Progress Report: St. Paul Catholic Elementary School, Norwood / MTO requirement.

Isabel Grace, Superintendent of Business and Finance, gave a progress report on the project plan for the St. Paul Catholic Elementary School, Norwood parking lot. The MTO wanted to shift the plan for the parking lot by 3 metres. There will be a recommended action in October to award the project. The contractor plans to honour the price from last year, pending any significant changes on the site plan.

2. Updates re: COVID-19 processes and disclosures.

Jonathan Di Ianni, Superintendent of Learning / Student Success made a slide presentation to the Committee-of-the-Whole. He highlighted that weekly meetings with Peterborough Public Health, HKPR Public Health and Durham Public Health and other school boards are ongoing. Schools must report to the Ministry of Education any confirmed cases of COVID-19 for students and staff within any school on a daily basis. Immunization clinics will be set up in particular schools for the month of September. Jonathan also answered questions from Trustees.

3. Transportation Update.

Isabel Grace, Superintendent of Business and Finance, updated the Committee-of-the-Whole on transportation issues. There have been some driver resignations. Last week 10 routes were cancelled and some routes delayed. The situation has improved somewhat since then. There is a continued shortage of bus drivers. STSCO is encouraging operators to entice and hire more drivers while trying to maintain existing drivers. Wages vary as some drivers are unionized. Isabel answered questions from Trustees regarding the shortage of drivers.

D. Old Business:

There was no old business.

E. New Business:

There was no new business.

F. Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

6:30 p.m.

G. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer:

Linda Ainsworth asked Isabel Grace to lead the Closing Prayer.

2. Adjournment:

Motion: Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Kevin Mackenzie, that the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Carried

Linda Ainsworth
Committee Chairperson
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Isabel Grace
Superintendent of Business
and Finance