

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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MINUTES

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION,
and REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

**Maitland Room, Seaforth Education Centre
62 Chalk Street North, Seaforth, ON**

PRESENT:

Trustees: Lynette Geddes, Robert Hunking, Alyson Kent, Julie Moore, Doug Pratley, Nancy Rothwell, Colleen Schenk, Al Sygrove, Randy Wagler

Senior Staff: Lisa Walsh, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, Superintendents Janet Baird-Jackson, Jodie Baker, Kim Black, Paul Langis, Jane Morris and Associate Superintendent Cheri Carter

Resource: Wes MacVicar

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

CALL TO ORDER

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 2018-09-25-464

(L. Geddes – A. Sygrove)

RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Committee of the Whole, Closed Session at 6:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Vice-Chair Hunking was Chair for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

MOTION 2018-09-25-465

(D. Pratley – L. Geddes)

RESOLVED THAT this Board reconvene into Regular Session at 7:36 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair Wagler recited the Opening Statement:

"We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Anishnaabe Peoples. We wish to recognize the long history of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and show our respect to them today. We recognize their stewardship of the land; may we all live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship."

ROUTINE MATTERS

DECLARATION OF OFFICE/OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Student Senator's Declaration of Office/Oath of Allegiance

Chair Wagler welcomed the 2018/2019 student trustees and student senators. The students together recited the Declaration of Oath of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

- 4.3 Approval of Consent Items – the following items were removed from the Consent Items: 6.3 c) Staff Adjustments, 6.8 c) Letter from Halton District School Board

MOTION 2018-09-25-466**(D. Pratley – N. Rothwell)**

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

No trustee made a declaration of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes

The following amendment was made in Trustee Kent's Good News item. "The latter two of these groups of young vocalists are conducted by long-time music teacher Mark McIntosh."

MOTION 2018-09-25-467**(C. Schenk – L. Geddes)**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, September 11, 2018 be approved as amended.

CARRIED**Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, Report to Board Public Session

Vice-Chair Hunking confirmed there were no reports from Closed Session.

Good News

Superintendent Morris announced many schools have been participating in the Terry Fox Run during the past two weeks. Last year Avon Maitland schools raised almost \$50,000. Over the past 30 years of participating in the Terry Fox Run, Avon Maitland schools have donated \$977,736.00

Trustee Moore highlighted that a number of students participated in the Me to We 'WE Day' on September 20th in Toronto. Inspiring individuals from around the world were presenting and performing. It was a wonderful opportunity for Avon Maitland students. Trustee Moore expressed appreciation to the staff that organized and attended to provide Avon Maitland students with an amazing opportunity.

Superintendent Black announced this week is recognized as International Week of the Deaf. The week was first launched in 1958 launched in Italy. International Week of the Deaf also celebrates International Day of Sign Language as a language of interpretation.

Superintendent Baker reported 150 international students will be travelling to Niagara Falls on Friday to experience life outside of Avon Maitland.

Student Trustee

Student Trustee Vleeming reported that the senators held their first meeting this evening. System Principal April Smith presented to the students on the work that she has been doing with student voice in connection to the Student Symposium held in May 2018.

Student Trustee Moore also noted that the senators discussed the direction for the committee for this year.

Student / Staff Presentation

There were no presentations.

Public Delegations

There were no delegations.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**COMMITTEE REPORT****SEAC**

Superintendent Black presented the report. The Special Education Plan must be submitted to the Ministry by July 31st.

The Plan will be posted on the Board website, and every school will receive a copy that will be accessible in the school office. There will be an announcement through School Messenger that the Plan is available to preview.

MOTION 2018-09-25-468**(D. Pratley – L. Geddes)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the 2018/2019 Special Education Plan.

CARRIED**Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC)**

Superintendent Black noted that at the September 11th board meeting trustees received a letter from Simcoe County DSB noting concern regarding the tabling and cancelling of the consultation session for FMNI and native studies courses. It was agreed that the letter would be reviewed at the IEAC meeting for action.

IEAC met on September 19th and agreed to send a letter from the Committee to the Minister of Education in regards to the cancellation of the curriculum sessions. The Committee also agreed to ask the Board to support their letter.

MOTION 2018-09-25-469**(D. Pratley – C. Schenk)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board support the request from IEAC and send a letter to the Minister of Education in support of the letter from IEAC.

CARRIED**INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS****EQAO 2017/2018 Assessment Results: Primary, Junior, and Grade 9 Mathematics and OSSLT Assessments**

Superintendent Morris and MISA Lead Sandy Kunkel presented the report. The report captured the observations, achievements and responsive action. Schools receive a comparative analysis to see how their marks on EQAO standardize test compares to report cards. This information will be shared with school communities and individual data is expected to be available within the next two weeks. The number of grade 3 students who wrote is 1064, grade 6 there were 1072 students and in grade 9 there were 376 applied students and 646 academic students.

Notice of Motion re Board Policy #14

Director Walsh brought forward the notice of motion and called for additional edits to Board Policy #14 re Trustee Honoraria. No additional edits were received. The policy will be presented at the October 9th board meeting for approval.

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Langis presented the staff adjustments for information.

Retirements/Resignations:

Name	Location	Position	Effective
Dianne Peck	Education Centre	Receptionist	September 28, 2018
Ruth Uyl	South Huron District HS	Educational Assistant	August 31, 2018
Chris Wilson	Stratford Northwestern SS	Custodian	January 31, 2019

New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Effective
Traci Mallory	Elma TPS	Teacher	September 24, 2018
Brock Gleadall	Exeter ES	Teacher	September 24, 2018
Laura Albers	Maitland River ES	DesECE	August 27, 2018
Juanita Belfour	North Perth Westfield ES	DesECE	August 27, 2018
Aleshia Diegel	North Perth Westfield ES	Teacher	September 24, 2018
Tim Diamond	Seaforth PS	Teacher	September 24, 2018
Alyssa Sweitzer	St. Marys DCVI	Teacher	September 14, 2018
Mitchell Arnold	Stratford Northwestern SS	Teacher	February 1, 2019

Superintendent Langis explained that throughout the spring and summer and during the month of September schools are constantly reviewing their school organization. There have been reorganizations in some schools due to various factors including Ministry targets and Collective Agreements related to class size. Trustee Moore noted that in some schools the reorganization took place in September and there were questions regarding the timing of this and whether schools could endeavor to ensure the meet the teacher night happens after reorganization if possible.

Superintendent Langis further explained that there is no intent to move away from split grades. In fact, in small elementary schools it is a necessity. One thing that is monitored in split classes is the number of students that are in splits, for example, one grade 1 student in a grade 1/2 split. This configuration would cause a review of the class organization.

OPSBA Update

Trustee Schenk noted the first Board of Directors meeting will be held September 28th and 29th.

Chair's activitySenior Staff Update

Superintendent Baird-Jackson provided an updated on Stratford. At the end of August a Steering Committee was established with Principals Kevin Mills and Emma Watts, Jeff Reaburn, and Superintendent Baker and Baird-Jackson. The Committee meets weekly and is continuing to work on all issues related to the Stratford project. The Committee has looked into an electronica tool, thought Exchange, for comprehensive and broad input into the information that will help staff, and to reach out to all school communities including rural feeds as well. Staff are looking at processes to communicate and ensure people have technology to be able to respond. Staff believe it is important to get input from as many people as possible and are looking into opening up schools in the evening so people could access technology. As well as work with community partners ie public libraries to promote opening hours. People can also contact their respective trustees with regard to comments.

Associate Superintendent Carter provide an update on enrolment. A final report will be presented to November. At this time elementary enrolment has increased 98 students and has stabilized. Staff continue to monitor secondary enrolment.

Superintendent Black extended an invitation to trustees to an event 'Choosin' Inclusion on October 26th at the Stratford Rotary Complex.

Superintendent Morris noted that September 26th is Rowan's Law Day. The purpose of Rowan's Law is to bring awareness and to increase understanding about concussions. Teachers have been provided with information. This is new legislation that was passed in March 2018 and will be recognized annually on the last Wednesday in September.

Superintendent Morris highlighted Summer Learning which is a collation of sessions from each department. Teaching and Learning Coach Joey Jackson created a link to an overview of what took place in Avon Maitland in July and August. The document is a comprehensive picture of what learning looks like outside the school day.

Board Committee Minutes

- a) Joint Health & Safety Committee: May 31, 2018
- b) SEAC: June 6, 2018

Correspondence:

- a) Letter dated September 12, 2018 from District School Board Ontario North East re 2018: B14 Update: Education Funding 2018-2019
- b) Letter dated September 12, 2018 from Rainy River District School Board re the Health and Physical Education Curriculum
- c) Letter dated September 14, 2018 from Halton District School Board re Ministry of Education's upcoming Education Reform consultation
Trustees discussed whether to respond to the Halton District School Board letter at this time and determined to wait to see the format of the consultation and then decide how Avon Maitland would respond.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- October 9, 2018 – 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Open Session, 7:30 p.m. Regular Session
- October 23, 2018 – 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Open Session, 7:00 p.m. Student Advisory Committee, 7:30 Regular Session

Future Meetings/Events with Trustee Representation (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- Audit Committee – September 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- SEAC – Wednesday, October 3, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
- Director's Review Committee – Monday, October 1, 2018 – 4:30 p.m.
- SAL – Monday, October 29, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.
- HPSTS – teleconference call Tuesday, October 16th at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2018-09-25-470

(C. Schenk – J. Moore)

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
Date approved

Randy Wagler
Chair of the Board

Dr. Lisa Walsh
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board