



**Halifax Regional School Board
Leadership Session
Minutes
March 5, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

A leadership session was held this date in Room 105,
33 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth, NS.

PRESENT: Steve Warburton Melinda Daye
Cindy Littlefair Christy Linders
Dave Wright Bridget Ann Boutilier
Nancy Jakeman Gin Yee
Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison

Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer

REGRETS: Kirk Arsenault
Alison Leverman, Director, Program

STAFF: Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent
Gary Adams, School Administration, Supervisor
Selena Henderson, Corporate Secretary
Danielle McNeil-Hessian, Director, School Administration
Doug Hadley, Coordinator, Communications
Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services
Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services
Mike Christie, Director, Human Resource Services
Tracey Jones-Grant, Coordinator, Diversity Management
Vicki Palmeter, Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Preliminary Budget Discussions

Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the proposed cost pressure estimates.

3. Capital Projects

Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services, reviewed a draft Capital Construction Project List for 2015-16 with the Governing Board. The Governing Board provided feedback on the proposed list, and on how they would like to proceed through the process.

4. NSSBA Resolutions

Board Member Melinda Day, Director of Nova School Boards Association, reviewed the NSSBA Resolution guidelines with the Governing Board.

Chair Gin Yee recommended that the Governing Board have a high level discussion on items the Board may want to take forward.

- Board Member Christy Linders proposed a resolution on travel and walking distances for students. A draft resolution was submitted to the Corporate Secretary.
- Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison proposed a resolution to remove mandatory lunch supervision in schools.
- Board Member Steve Warburton proposed a discussion around the current marking system in schools as a proposed resolution. It was discussed that this would fall under the current review of student report cards that is currently being carried out by the Province.
- Board Member Nancy Jakeman proposed a discussion around Digital Citizenship policy at the provincial level as a proposed resolution.

5. Hector Montgomery Award

Board Member Melinda Day, Director of Nova School Boards Association, reviewed the selection criteria for the Hector Montgomery Award.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- Leadership Session – April 2, 2014

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.