



**Halifax Regional School Board  
Ad Hoc Governance Committee  
Minutes  
April 15, 2016  
12:00 p.m.**

Meeting was held this date in the Board Lounge,  
33 Spectacle Lake, Dartmouth, NS.

**PRESENT:** Christy Linders  
Dave Wright  
Melinda Daye  
Cindy Littlefair  
Gin Yee  
Nancy Pynch-Worthylake, NSSBA  
Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer

**REGRETS:**

**STAFF:** Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent  
Lance Bullock, Senior Staff Advisor  
Natascha Joncas, Acting Corporate Secretary

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair, Cindy Littlefair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**It was moved and seconded (Yee/Linders) to approve the agenda.**

**(CARRIED)**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

March 2, 2016  
March 23, 2016

**It was moved and seconded (Yee/Linders) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the March 2, 2016 and March 23, 2016 Ad Hoc Governance Committee meeting be approved.**

**(CARRIED)**

**4. Catching Up**

Nancy Pynch-Worthylake gave an update regarding the NSSBA.

**5. Discussion Items**

A discussion ensued around what a report to the Governing Board from the Ad Hoc Governance Committee would entail.

A brief overview of Generative Governance was given. It was stated that certain principles in the Generative Governance model might function within the Halifax Regional School Board. It was noted that this model works with smaller school boards and is often used with independent school boards.

The Committee's next steps were discussed. It was noted that perhaps board training is necessary before a recommendation or decision on a governance model can be decided. It was also noted that professional development should also be put in place for the new board. It was suggested that a meeting could be held in the fall where a facilitator would collect feedback from the outgoing board. A conversation took place surrounding what involvement, if any, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development might have. It was noted that the governance model should fit within the standards mandated by the Department; otherwise, the work of the Governing Board could be duplicated or found less effective. It was suggested that a strong PD plan could be put in place for the Governing Board with relevant experts and all the necessary information.

**6. Decision Items**

It was noted that the session with the representatives from the Louis Riel School Division should take approximately an hour.

**7. Next Meeting**

April 20, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. Skype call with Louis Riel School Division.

**8. Adjournment**

**It was moved and seconded (Yee/Wright) that the meeting be adjourned.**

**(CARRIED)**

Meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.