



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

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

PRESENT: Dave Wright Christy Linders
Cindy Littlefair

Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer

REGRETS: Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent
Lance Bullock, Senior Staff Advisor
Melinda Daye
Gin Yee
Nancy Pynch-Worthylake, NSSBA

STAFF: Natascha Joncas, Acting Corporate Secretary
Athena Leclair, Administrative Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Cindy Littlefair, called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

(CARRIED)

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Linders) that the minutes from the January 29, 2016 Ad Hoc Governance Committee meeting be deferred until the next meeting.

(CARRIED)

4. Catching Up

The Ad Hoc Governance Committee's composition and size was discussed.

5. Discussion Items

Discussion regarding how research is readily available Policy Governance took place. It was mentioned that there is not as much information available for Coherent Governance, and therefore comparing the two models is difficult. It was also noted that they are similar models and that Coherent Governance appears to have been evolved from Policy Governance.

Board Member Linders noted that the tenure of the Halifax Regional School Board's Members is short compared to other boards and that it is difficult to foresee what problems will arise given the short term.

Natascha Joncas explained that in Policy Governance, the Board reports on certain policies, as outlined in a yearly agenda. All other policies are reported by the Superintendent or staff, and do not have to go to the Board for approval.

The difficulty of switching models was discussed. It was noted that without the whole board approving the change, switching models will be difficult. It will also mean changes are needed within the Department of Education.

Discussion regarding reporting took place. The level of reporting to the Board was discussed and if switching models would result in less reporting or would the level of reporting stay as is.

Please see SWOT Analysis – Carver Policy Governance

Next steps were discussed.

6. Decision Items

7. Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 - 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

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

(CARRIED)

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.