

AGENDA

Committee of the Whole Meeting



Wednesday, June 14, 2017

6:00 pm

Board Chambers
33 Spectacle Lake Drive
Dartmouth, NS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Halifax Regional School Board acknowledges that this meeting is being held on Mi'kmaw territory.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

May 10, 2017

5. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 [Report #2017-04-19 – Focus on Learning: Literacy Strategy](#), Alison King, Director, Program

6.2 [Report #2017-06-23 – Focus on Learning: Novel Programs in the Halifax Regional School Board](#), Alison King, Director, Program

7. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Policy Development and Review Committee – June 14, 2017

Audit – June 21, 2017

Regular Governing Board Meeting – June 21, 2017

Committee of the Whole – September 13, 2017

9. ADJOURNMENT



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
May 10, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Archy Beals
Suzy Hansen
Linda MacKay
Jessica Rose
Gin Yee
Bridget Boutilier
Cindy Littlefair
Jennifer Raven
Dave Wright

REGRETS: Nancy Jakeman

STAFF: Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent
Lance Bullock, Senior Staff Advisor
Selena Henderson, Corporate Secretary
Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services
Tracy O’Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services
Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services
Alison King, Director, Program
Marlene Ruck Simmonds, Senior Diversity Advisor
Susan Tomie, Director, School Administration
Doug Hadley, Coordinator, Communications
Trevor Baker, Manager, VoIP & Network Structure
Athena Leclair, Administrative Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Let the record show that all Board Members are in attendance with the exception of Nancy Jakeman who sent her regrets.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cindy Littlefair, Committee Chair noted that item 7.1 would be moved to occur after item 5.1.

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Beals) that the Governing Board approve the agenda as amended.

(CARRIED)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Raven/Rose) that the Governing Board approve the April 12, 2017 minutes.

(CARRIED)

5. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Anti-bullying Day Presentation – Harbour View Elementary

Harbour View Elementary students Akeelah Tupper, Jeremy Whitenect, Joehanna Chiasson, and Sangamitrai Suresh Kumar with Katie Aucoin, Classroom Teacher, Carolyn Sullivan, Resource Teacher, and Kendra Lindala, Consultant, Safe Schools, School Administration presented.

D'Arcy Morris-Poultney – Restorative Approaches – Presenter - *presented*

This item was moved from item 7.1.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Report #2017-04-18 – Focus on Learning: Comprehensive Guidance and Counselling Program, Alison King, Director, Program

Alison King, Director, Program, introduced Maureen Banfield, Facilitator, Programs & Student Services – Unit 1, Dr. Janice Graham-Migel, and Lisa Dexter who all presented the report and responded to questions from Board Members.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) to defer the remaining items to the next Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for June 14, 2017.

(CARRIED)

6.2 Report #2017-04-19 – Focus on Learning: Literacy Strategy, Alison King,
Director, Program

Item deferred.

7. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

7.1 D’Arcy Morris-Poultney – Restorative Approaches – Presenter

This item was moved after item 5.1.

8. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Policy Development and Review Committee – May 24, 2017 – TBC

Regular Governing Board Meeting – May 31, 2017

Committee of the Whole – June 14, 2017

Audit – June 21, 2017

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned by the Governing Board at 6:41 p.m.

Cindy Littlefair
Chair
Halifax Regional School Board

Selena Henderson
Corporate Secretary

Prepared by Athena Leclair
Administrative Assistant to the Corporate
Secretary

Halifax Regional School Board Focus on Learning: Literacy Strategy

Purpose

To provide the Governing Board members information on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Provincial Literacy Strategy.

Background

The Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB) remains focused on providing a high quality education for every student every day and is committed to supporting the initiatives and actions outlined in the *3Rs: Nova Scotia Action Plan for Education 2015*. One of the four business plan goals for the 2016-2017 school year: *To improve student achievement* is aligned with these two foci. A board priority identified to reach this goal is to implement the provincial literacy strategy for grades primary – 12.

In May, 2016 the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) released the Nova Scotia Provincial Literacy Strategy. This strategy identifies the goal that “Nova Scotia students will achieve a high level of literacy so that they can thrive in school and beyond.” The Literacy Strategy outlines ways the EECD will support students and teachers in achieving this goal.

Content

The actions outlined in the EECD Literacy Strategy to support students and teachers in strengthening literacy include both staffing supports and curriculum and instruction supports. Staffing allocation to support literacy instruction has been increased to include two literacy lead positions, 10 literacy coaches, 26.9 early literacy teachers, and an expansion of Reading Recovery. In addition to this targeted funding, the HRSB assigns additional allocations to coaching and early literacy positions from the general fund.

The Primary to 12 literacy curriculum is being clarified and strengthened to provide clear expectations for speaking and listening, reading and writing, or other ways of communicating at each grade level. The EECD is developing a curriculum website that will house the curriculum and all supporting resources for easier teacher access. High leverage literacy practices including culturally relevant pedagogy spanning grades Primary to 12 have been identified and have been the focus of professional development for teachers, starting with grades P-3. Professional development has also been provided to literacy coaches focusing on a student centered approach to coaching.

Funding Details

N/A

Timeline

Ongoing

Appendices

Please see attached PowerPoint.

Recommendations

Recommend that the Governing Board Members accept this report for information.

Communications

AUDIENCE	RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
Committee of the Whole	Alison King	June 14, 2017

Contact

For further information, please contact Alison King, Director, Program and Student Services at aking@hrsb.ca or 464 2000 ext. 2567

Halifax Regional School Board Focus on Learning: Novel Programs in the Halifax Regional School Board

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board Members with an overview of novel programs in the Halifax Regional School Board.

Background

At the April 2017 Regular Board Meeting, Board Member Raven provided the following notice of motion: *I move that the Superintendent develop a staff report identifying novel programs in the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB) initiated at the board and school level.*

Content

This report identifies a number of programs, courses and activities that are offered across the HRSB. Some programs may be offered to every school across a level while others may be unique to one or a small number of schools.

Programs: The following programs have been implemented and are supported systematically by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) and / or the HRSB.

Cooperative Education (Co-op) Program
Options and Opportunities (O2) Program
Skilled Trades Programs (Construction, Transportation, Manufacturing Trades)
Discovering Opportunities 9
Nova Scotia Virtual School
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
Advanced Placement Program
French Second Language Programs (Immersion, Intensive French, Integrated French)
All City Music Program (Choral, Instrumental)
Fine Arts Programming (Fine Arts Specialists, Pottery Lab)

Public Schools Program (PSP) Courses: Within the PSP there are a variety of courses that appeal to a wide range of student interests. A sample of these courses include:

Drama 10, 11, 12	Multi Media 12
Gaelic 10, 11, 12	Communications Technology 11
Child Studies 11	Production Technology 11, 12
Business Technology 12	Leadership 12
Exploring Technology 10	Applied Networking Technology 11
Computer Programming 12	Business Management 12
Film and Video Production 12	Entrepreneurship 12

Locally Developed Courses: Locally developed courses are developed at the board level and approved by the EECD. These courses are designed to meet the interests and needs of our students. The locally developed courses offered in the Halifax Regional School Board during the 2016-2017 school year (not including AP or Pre-IB courses) were:

Applied Networking Technology 11	Auto Body 11
Astronomy 12	Auto Body 12

Auto Maintenance 11
Auto Systems 12
Business 10
Comparative World Religions 12
Dance 12
English as an Additional Language 10
English as an Additional Language academic language 10
English as an Additional Language literacy 10

Home Trades Technology 12
Human Biology 11
Investment and Finance Academic 12
Journalism 12
Leadership 12
Philosophy 12
Physical Education Martial Arts 11
Social Literacy 11
Social Literacy and Technology 11

Co-curricular / Extra-curricular Activities: Schools across the HRSB implement a wide variety of co-curricular and extra curriculum activities. Co-curricular activities help students achieve the curricular outcomes and usually take place during the school day while extra-curricular activities enhance student's school experience and take place outside of the school day. Schools are not required to seek permission from board staff to offer these activities as long as HRSB policies are followed. Therefore this list is a sample of activities offered in schools.

Heritage Fair
Concours d'Art Oratoire
Science Fair
Destination Imagination
Universite Ste-Anne Trip
Outdoor Ed Co-op
Swim to Survive
Roots of Empathy
Edible Gardens
Food Literacy Programs
Makerspace
Artist in Schools
Geni-Arts
Odyssey Program
Quebec Student Exchange
Diplome d'études de Langue Française (DELF)
Junior Achievement
Mad Science
Mathematics contests (Gauss, Pascal, Cayley, Fermat, Fryer, Galois, Hypatia, Euclid)
Duke of Edinburgh Program
Best Buddies
Pals program
Battle of the books
Take our Kids to Work

Coding Quest
Entrepreneurial Adventures
Turning Points
First Lego League
RoboFest
Brainwars
NSCC Underwater Competition
Purple Comet Math Meet
Incredible Years
Friends for Life
IMHOTEP
Black Educators Association (BEA) tutors
Restorative approaches
Caring School Communities
Go To training
Me to We
Ready, Set, Cook! Competition
Doctors Nova Scotia Running Program
Robotics competitions
New Pedagogy for Deep Learning
Girls Soar
Sparksfly Bikes in schools
Pottery Lab
Math Circles
Therapeutic Swim Program

The content of this report speaks to the richness of educational experiences in the classroom and beyond across the HRSB.

Funding Details

N/A

Timeline

N/A

Appendices

N/A

Recommendations

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