ATTENDANCE

Present: Trustees M. Lynch-Taylor (Committee Chairperson), D. Lloyd (Chairperson of the Board), J. Klassen Jeninga and S. Patterson.

Trustee C. Abraham attended the meeting via audio conference.

Regrets: Trustees A. Caruso (Vice-chairperson of the Board) and C. Dickson.

Also Present: Trustees S. Bobka, W. Bonner and A. Lloyd; and G. Ingram, J. Tompkins and P. Jones.

Trustee M. Lynch-Taylor, Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests to the meeting. It was acknowledged that the Committee was meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED BY D. Lloyd, SECONDED BY J. Klassen Jeninga
That the agenda be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED BY D. Lloyd, SECONDED BY S. Patterson
That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, be adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

Essential Practices for Today's Learners

Superintendents J. Tompkins and G. Ingram, provided an overview of the Director's strategic directions that support all students in achieving their full potential, and our commitment as a Board to provide effective and innovative instruction in every classroom, in order to create the best possible learning experiences for students.

It was reported that the Essential Practices for Today's Learners come from our rich history of effective practices and lessons learned as a district through literacy, numeracy, new pedagogies, Achieving Excellence in Academic Courses (AEAC), growing success, collaborative inquiry, global competencies, well-being strategies, innovation and modern learning.

Trustees engaged in a review of the Essential Practices for Today’s Learners as posted on the Teaching and Learning website, and input to the document was received. It was indicated that the points raised would be factored into the refinements being made during this year of implementation where the focus is on awareness building.
Fundamentals of Math and Ministry of Education Direction

Superintendent J. Tompkins reported that Bruce Rodrigues, Deputy Minister, announced the *Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math* initiative on August 28, 2018, indicating that “the government is asking that all educators focus on math fundamentals. Fundamental math skills help students connect what they are learning in school to real life and to solve everyday problems.”

A teacher’s guide and parent fact sheet have been released by the Ministry. The teacher’s guide emphasizes the concepts and skills students are expected to know in each grade to meet current curriculum expectations including:

- Working with numbers
- Recognizing number properties
- Mastering math facts
- Developing mental math skills
- Developing proficiency with operations

It was reported that the directives contained in the new teacher’s guide are also embedded in the Scope and Sequence initiative being implemented in KPR. A review of the five fundamentals was undertaken and a video produced to support teachers in their learning was shared.

Virtual training sessions will be held following the registration process that begins on September 30, 2018, and the November 28, 2018 PA day will be dedicated to the Fundamentals of Math.

Discussion was held and questions of clarification were addressed. It was indicated that key messages from the guide will be shared with trustees to support them in responding to inquiries received from members of the public regarding the new Ministry direction.

Trustee C. Abraham left the meeting (8:27 p.m.).

Teaching and Learning Model of Support for 2018-2019

Superintendents J. Tompkins and G. Ingram provided an overview of the program consultant and support staff roles and responsibilities – elementary and secondary, for the current school year.

Future Meeting Dates

Future meeting dates for the 2018-2019 school year were reviewed. The next regular meeting of the Program Review Committee will be held in the Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom at the Education Centre, 1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.
Administration reported that the agenda for the October 9, 2018 meeting will be dedicated to the EQAO Assessment results, and invited Trustees to provide input regarding any specific information or comparisons they would like to have included in the presentation of the data.

Adjournment

MOVED BY J. Klassen Jeninga, SECONDED BY S. Patterson
That the meeting be adjourned (8:52 p.m.).

CARRIED

Mary Lynch-Taylor
Committee Chairperson