

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held October 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom, 1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, Ontario

Present: Trustees Angela Lloyd (Committee Chairperson), Terry Brown, Jaine Klassen Jeninga and Emilio Ojeda.

Regrets: Trustees Sarah Bobka (Vice-chairperson of the Board) and Rose Kitney.

Also Present: Trustees Diane Lloyd (Chairperson of the Board), Cathy Abraham and Steve Russell; C. Arnew, S. Girardi and S. Foss.

Due to the current health advisory and public health measures in place provincially, the meeting was available for committee members to attend in person or virtually using WebEx.

CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and recognized and acknowledged that the committee was meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee D. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Brown

That the Committee move to In-camera Session (7:03 p.m.).

CARRIED

The Open Session of the meeting resumed (9:12 p.m.).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Brown
Seconded by: Trustee D. Lloyd

That the agenda be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Russell
Seconded by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga

That the minutes of the Resource Committee meeting of September 16, 2020 be adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

The committee recessed briefly to allow for Information and Communications Technology department staff to start the YouTube livestream at 9:14 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Virtual School/Home School and Potential Funding Impact

Superintendent Girardi reported that senior administration is continuing to provide on-going question and answer sessions to the system, working on a protocol for addressing student absence, providing support to schools with staff absences, providing continued technology updates and updating the mask protocol as required. The committee heard that the number of elementary students enrolled in the virtual school is 4,322 with 20 students on a waiting list. Senior administration has created a transition process with transition dates of November 2 and 30, 2020 and February 1, 2021. The number of secondary students enrolled in the virtual school is 1667 with an full time equivalent (FTE) of 1554, 225 students are on a waiting list and any transitions would take place at the end of the quadmester (end of November 2020). As of October 7, 2020, there are 415 elementary students and 85 secondary students enrolled in home school. Home school enrolment will have an impact on funding and Superintendent Arnew indicated that the finance team will work with Superintendent Girardi to monitor the situation as the first Ontario School Information System (OnSIS) count date of October 31 approaches.

Discussion continued regarding collapsing in-person classes and sections due to more virtual school enrolments, and administration responded to trustee questions of clarification.

Superintendent Girardi noted that as schools report confirmed or potential cases of Covid-19 a template had been designed through the collaborative efforts of human resource services, health and safety, and corporate affairs, that is thoughtful, organized and intentional, and will assist administration in their response.

Superintendent Arnew reported that six additional electrostatic sprayers have been acquired to assist with cleaning and sanitizing, and the first 50 standalone high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) units will soon be received and deployed to the Board's older schools first. The November Ministry of Government Services (MGS) orders for

personal protective equipment (PPE) have been sent in and that all of the October order had been received. Purchasing staff have ordered over 20,000 isolation kits for November and have been using the Edsby platform to provide a fulsome product list of PPE to assist principals with their orders. Superintendent Arnew also informed the committee that there are currently 31 bus routes (22 buses) that have been cancelled due to the bus driver shortage affecting approximately 1500 students from both Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board and Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Clarington Catholic District School Board. To date, Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO) has been able to place 250 students on other routes and will continue a systematic review of the routes to identify any other students that could be assigned to other routes. Attridge Transportation Inc. has indicated that they have several drivers that could be prepared and used to take over some of the cancelled routes and First Student has indicated that they have been contacted by a number of third party drivers that could fill several cancelled runs over the next few weeks.

DECISION ITEMS

Banking Services Contract Extension

Superintendent Arnew reported that at the November 26, 2015 Board meeting, the Royal Bank of Canada was appointed as the Banker for Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR), for a five-year period commencing January 1, 2016, and the contract expires on December 31, 2020. Several factors have impeded a successful Request for Proposal (RFP) process for a new Banking Services Agreement to be awarded and in place for January 1, 2021, including the current climate as a result of COVID-19 and the scheduled transition to a new Enterprise Resource Planning system that had a proposed implementation date of January 2021

Administration would also like to align the new banking services agreement with the school bank year-end (July 31) in order that any potential transition, which would be quite involved, would not adversely impact the schools. The contract with Royal Bank of Canada as the Banker for KPR can be extended until July 31, 2021, and a competitive RFP process will be issued this winter.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Ojeda

That the Banking Services contract extension to July 31, 2021 with Royal Bank of Canada be approved.

CARRIED

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd noted that the next meeting of the Resource Committee would take place on November 4, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga

That the Resource Committee meeting be adjourned (10:00 p.m.).

CARRIED

Angela Lloyd
Committee Chairperson
October 7, 2020