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Joint Board Consortium
Electronic Meeting
York Region District School Board
York Catholic District School Board
Wednesday, May 10, 2023
4:00 p.m.

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2022-2023 Joint Board Consortium
Committee Membership

- Trustee L. Hoeg - YR
- Trustee R. Lynn - YR
- Trustee N. Mahmood - YR
- Trustee F. Alexander - YC
- Trustee J. DiMeo - YC
- Trustee T. McNicol - YC

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
4. Approval of Agenda

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5. Approval of Minutes
 - March 1, 2023

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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 - Nil Report

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N. Smith

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**YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (YRDSB)
YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (YCDSB)**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION
JOINT BOARD CONSORTIUM**

The Joint Board Consortium meeting was held electronically on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

YRDSB Trustees: L. Hoeg, R. Lynn, N. Mahmood, E. Cohen, P. McCarthy and C. Yu

YRDSB Staff: J. Fair and T. Dungey

YCDSB Trustees: F. Alexander, J. DiMeo, A. Grella and M. Iafrate

YCDSB Staff: C. McNeil, T. Pechovsky and D. Scuglia

STSYR Staff: N. Smith

Presiding: YRDSB Board Chair R. Lynn

Recording Officer: S. Infanti

Regrets: Trustee T. McNicol (YCDSB)

CALL TO ORDER

YRDSB Board Chair R. Lynn called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts were declared by trustees at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(*)1. Moved by F. Alexander, seconded by L. Hoeg:

That the agenda be approved as written.

- Carried -

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(*)2. Moved by N. Mahmood, seconded by F. Alexander:

That the minutes of the October 19, 2022 Joint Board Consortium Public Session meeting be approved as written.

- Carried -

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the minutes of the October 19, 2022 meeting.

DECISION ITEMS

Election of Joint Board Consortium Co-Chairs for 2022-2023

Election of Joint Board Consortium Committee Co-Chair from York Catholic District School Board

YRDSB Board Chair R. Lynn called for nominations for the position of Joint Board Consortium Committee Co-Chair from the York Catholic District School Board.

Trustee F. Alexander nominated Trustee J. DiMeo for the position Joint Board Consortium Committee Co-Chair. Trustee M. Iafrate seconded the nomination.

Nominations were closed.

At this time, it was announced that YCDSB Trustee J. DiMeo had been acclaimed to the position of Co-Chair of the Joint Board Consortium for the 2022-2023 school year.

Election of Joint Board Consortium Committee Co-Chair from York Region District School Board

YRDSB Board Chair R. Lynn called for nominations for the position of Joint Board Consortium Committee Co-Chair from the York Region District School Board.

Trustee L. Hoeg nominated Trustee N. Mahmood for the position of Joint Board Consortium Committee Co-Chair. Trustee R. Lynn seconded the nomination.

Nominations were closed.

At this time, it was announced that YRDSB Trustee N. Mahmood had been acclaimed to the position of Co-Chair of the Joint Board Consortium for the 2022-2023 school year.

At this time, Trustee N. Mahmood assumed the position of Co-Chair.

2023-2024 Proposed Meeting Schedule

Interim Manager, Student Transportation Services York Region (STSYR) N. Smith spoke to the proposed meeting schedule. The proposed Joint Board Consortium meeting schedule and locations for the 2023-2024 school year is as follows:

- Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at the York Region District School Board;
- Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at the York Catholic District School Board; and
- Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at the York Catholic District School Board.

(*3. Moved by R. Lynn, seconded by J. DiMeo:

That the proposed meeting schedule and locations for the 2023-2024 school year be approved.

- Carried -

INFORMATION ITEMS

Funding Model Review Update

Interim Manager, STSYR N. Smith provided an update on the Ministry of Education's continuous review of the Student Transportation Funding Model. N. Smith highlighted that the Ministry is currently scrutinizing data with the aim of introducing a funding model for the 2023/2024 school year through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN). Once the Ministry has made a decision, each board will then review their respective transportation policies accordingly.

STYSR Service Update

Interim Manager, STSYR N. Smith provided a year-to-date service report for Student Transportation Services for York Region. N. Smith reported, despite service challenges caused by driver shortages, traffic, and construction delays, STSYR staff and operators have worked together to ensure optimal service delivery.

ADJOURNMENT

(*4. Moved by L. Hoeg, seconded by J. DiMeo:

That the Joint Board Consortium Meeting Public Session adjourn at 4:28 p.m.

- Carried -

MEMO TO: Joint Board Consortium

FROM: Administration

DATE: May 10, 2023

SUBJECT: Funding Model Update

Executive Summary:

This report intends to provide the Joint Board Consortium with an update on the ministry's changes to the Student Transportation Grant.

Background:

In January 2020, the Ministry of Education announced a review of student transportation to achieve a more effective, accountable, and needs-based student transportation system. The ministry provided details on the changes to the Student Transportation Grant in April 2023.

Student Transportation Grant:

In the 2023-24 school year, the Ministry is implementing a new Student Transportation Grant funding framework, which consists of the following three allocations:

1. **Transportation Services Allocation:** based on needs derived from provincially-set criteria to encourage consistency and improve equitable access to student transportation services, including:
 - number of students deemed eligible based on common home-to-school distance thresholds applied to all school boards;
 - determining the optimal number of school-bus routes needed as well as leveraging the use of public transit where services are available;
 - establishing transparent benchmarks that are intended to represent the cost of services; and
 - transition support to ensure that no school board sees a funding reduction as a result of the new funding formula.
2. **School Bus Rider Safety Training Allocation:** Funding to school boards that access standardized school-bus-rider safety training through a contract established by the Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace (OECM).
3. **Transportation to Provincial or Demonstration Schools Allocation:** Funding to cover expenses for service to Provincial and Demonstration schools.

Summary:

Administration continues to review the revisions to the Student Transportation Grant developing an understanding of the impact as it relates to the students in York Region. The boards will schedule a collaborative, simultaneous review of their respective transportation policies.