

York Catholic District School Board

MINUTES
AD-HOC INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE EXTENDED DAY
COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

PRESENT:

Trustee Committee Members: J. DiMeo, M. Iafrate, A. Saggese

Other Trustees: M. Barbieri, E. Crowe, A. Grella

Absent with Notice: N/A

Administration: D. Scuglia, J. Sarna, A. Arcadi, C. deHaas, T. Laliberte, C. McNeil,
K. Scanlon

Recording: S. Greco

Presiding: A. Saggese, Committee Chair

1. OPENING PRAYER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presiding Chair, Domenic Scuglia welcomed everyone to the Ad-Hoc International Language Extended Day Committee meeting and led the opening prayer at 5:00 p.m. followed by The Land Acknowledgment.

2. ROLL CALL: All Committee Members Present

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Board Vice-Chair Maria Iafrate nominated Trustee Angela Saggese as Chair of the Ad-Hoc International Language Extended Day Committee meeting.

CARRIED

Board Vice-Chair Maria Iafrate nominated Trustee Joseph DiMeo as Vice-Chair of the Ad-Hoc International Language Extended Day Committee meeting.

CARRIED

Trustee Angela Saggese Chair
Trustee Joseph DiMeo Vice-Chair

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

MOTION: Crowe/DiMeo

THAT the Board approve the 2023 Terms of Reference for the Ad-Hoc International Language Extended Day Program.

- **MOTION CARRIED** -

5. APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL: N/A

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION: Iafrate/DiMeo

CARRIED

7. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

THAT the May 10, 2022 Public ILI Minutes be approved as presented.

MOTION: Iafrate/Crowe

CARRIED

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: NIL

9. OUTSIDE PRESENTATION(S): NIL

10. ACTION ITEMS: NIL

11. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS:

a) Participation Data for the International Language Extended Day Program

A. Arcadi, Superintendent of Curriculum & Assessment presented revised information about the participation data for the International Language Extended Day Program by school for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Arcadi reported that there are 181 students who were exempted while 5,723 students are active participants in the ILI program. This updated data stemmed from report card information. Trustees requested a breakdown of the schools that the 181 students attended as well as checking if these students are enrolled in continuing education classes on Tues/Thursday or Saturday program.

b) International Languages Financial Update

C. McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board provided an Executive Summary of the ILI Program and background funding information indicating the program is running an approximate deficit of \$3-400K. Mr. McNeil advised that at the May 10, 2022 meeting, the International Language Extended Day Program Committee agreed that for 2022-23 to maintain the International Language Extended Day Program status quo and explore funding for the 2023-2024 school year.

Board Vice-Chair Iafrate asked that a survey be conducted to determine why students are being exempted and to determine interest in the program.

It was noted that if there are investors who wish to donate towards the International Language Extended Day Program that they be directed to contact Domenic Scuglia, Director of Education, who together with the Finance Department would draw up a legal contract. A few Trustees expressed their concerns with this program in regards to being equitable as to why we are funding it for one geographical area and not funding other programs, eg, special education. Being fiscally responsible is the main concern.

The International Language Extended Day Program agreed that languages are very important and the only reason we have not expanded this program is due to financial constraints. More work needs to be done to maintain values, to keep it alive and thriving in our schools.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION: NIL

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S): NIL

14. NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD

15. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Ad-Hoc International Language Extended Day Committee meeting adjourns at 5:33 pm

MOTION: Iafrate/DiMeo

CARRIED