



## Governance and Policy Committee

### Report No. 25 (Part 1)

GPC:026A

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

4:30 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

Members Present Trustees Christopher Mammoliti (Chair), Alexander Brown, Stephanie Donaldson, Harpreet Gill, James Li, Patrick Nunziata and Manna Wong

Also Present Trustees Michelle Aarts, Rachel Chernos Lin, Trixie Doyle, Parthi Kandavel, Shelley Laskin, Dan MacLean, Chris Moise, Robin Pilkey, Yalini Rajakulasingam, Anu Sriskandarajah, David Smith and Jennifer Story

All trustees participated by electronic means in accordance with [amendments to Section 7 of Ontario Regulations 463/97, Electronic Meetings](#).

#### Part A: Committee Recommendations

1. **P034, Workplace Harassment Prevention Policy Review: Phase 1 [3859]**

Consideration of the Committee's recommendation will take place at the next regular Board meeting on May 27, 2020.

2. **P031, Human Rights Policy Review: Phase 2, Status Update [3860]**

Consideration of the Committee's recommendation will take place at the next regular Board meeting on May 27, 2020.

3. **Establishment of a Subcommittee on Emergency Response and Recovery**

On motion of Trustee Donaldson, seconded by Trustee Doyle, the Committee decided that the matter be added to the agenda and discussed as emergency business.

**Moved By:** Trustee Donaldson

**Seconded By:** Trustee Doyle

The Governance and Policy Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

**Whereas, the school closures related to Covid-19 have been extended to May 31, 2020, with the potential for further closures; and**

**Whereas, the City of Toronto is disproportionately affected by Covid-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths; and**

**Whereas, the City of Toronto has set up a recovery framework, including new staff resources and the Toronto District School Board is a key partner of the City and several of its key agencies and departments including Toronto Public Health, Children’s Services, Parks and Recreation, etc.; and**

**Whereas, the Government of Ontario provides direction to all 31 of Ontario’s publicly-funded English public school boards (including the TDSB) and post-pandemic recovery efforts may require principled differentiation between school boards, depending on the level of Covid-19 impact and the direction of the 35 individual local public health units; and**

**Whereas, the Toronto District School Board must ensure that it is in a position to rapidly respond to both emergency management and recovery needs and continue to be an able and nimble partner to the City of Toronto and the local Public Health unit;**

**Therefore, be it resolved:**

- (a) That a subcommittee of the Committee of the Whole be established with effective from May 1, 2020, with the following mandate and membership:**

**Mandate**

- (i) To provide strategic advice and recommendations to the Board, via the Committee of the Whole, on the continued implementation of services during school closures, creating a successful path to the post-Covid re-opening of schools, and the Board’s future preparedness for emergencies**
- (ii) Membership**

**Membership is open to any trustee of the board who identifies their interest in writing to the Chair of the Board**

**(b) That the subcommittee be named the Emergency Response and Recovery Task Force to be chaired by the current chair of the Board and meetings of the subcommittee to be held bi-weekly.**

**Carried**

Part B: Information Only

4. **Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands**

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 and adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Part B matters to be received by the Board on May 27, 2020

Part C: Ongoing Matters

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Submitted by: Trustee Mammoliti, Committee Chair