



Governance and Policy Committee

Report No. 02

GPC:002A

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

4:30 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

Members Present Trustees James Li (Chair), Michelle Aarts, Stephanie Donaldson, Harpreet Gill, Yalini Rajakulasingam and Anu Sriskandarajah

Also Present Trustees Alexander Brown, Rachel Chernos Lin, Trixie Doyle, Shelley Laskin, Dan MacLean, Christopher Mammoliti, Chris Moise, Zakir Patel, Robin Pilkey, David Smith, Chris Tonks and Manna Wong

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. P006, Advertising Policy and P041, Distribution and Display of Materials for Students and Parents From External Groups Policy: Review, Phase 5 [4024]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see GPC:002A, page 1) presenting recommendations following a review of policies P006 and P041.

Moved by: Trustee Donaldson

Seconded by: Trustee Aarts

The Governance and Policy Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

- a) That the revised policy P006, Advertising, as presented in the report, be approved;**

- b) That policy P041, Distribution and Display of Materials for Students and Parents From External Groups, as presented in the report, be rescinded.**

Carried

At the Committee meeting, staff undertook to revise policy P006 based on feedback from trustees. The revised copy will be circulated in trustees' blue folders at the regular Board meeting on March 10, 2021.

2. P073, Respectful Learning and Working Environment Policy [4003]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see GPC:002A, page 25) presenting information on policy P073.

Moved by: Trustee Aarts

Seconded by: Trustee Rajakulasingam

The Governance and Policy Committee **RECOMMENDS** that policy P073, **Respectful Learning and Working Environment**, as presented in the report, be rescinded.

Carried

3. PR677, Records and Information Management: Revised Operational Procedure [4023]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see GPC:002A, page 33) presenting revisions to operational procedure PR677, formerly known as Recorded Information Management.

Moved by: Trustee Rajakulasingam

Seconded by: Trustee Donaldson

The Governance and Policy Committee **RECOMMENDS** that procedure PR677, **Records and Information Management**, as presented in the report, be received for information.

Carried

4. **PR597, French Immersion/Extended French: Revised Procedure [4026]**

The Committee considered a report from staff (see GPC:002A, page 57) presenting revisions to procedure PR597.

Moved by: Trustee Aarts

Seconded by: Trustee Rajakulasingam

The Governance and Policy Committee **RECOMMENDS** that revised **PR597, French Immersion/Extended French, as presented in the report, be received for information.**

Carried

5. **PR523, Access to School Premises: Revised Procedure [4025]**

The Committee considered a report from staff (see GPC:002A, page 89) presenting revisions to procedure PR523, Trespass to Property, which has been renamed Access to School Premises.

Moved by: Trustee Aarts

Seconded by: Trustee Rajakulasingam

The Governance and Policy Committee **RECOMMENDS** that revised **procedure PR523, Trespass to Property Procedure, renamed Access to School Premises Procedure, as presented in the report, be received for information.**

Carried

6. **PR731, Virtual Consultations Procedure: New Procedure [4027]**

The Committee considered a report from staff (see GPC:002A, page 115) presenting a new operational procedure for virtual consultations.

Moved by: Trustee Aarts

Seconded by: Trustee Rajakulasingam

The Governance and Policy Committee **RECOMMENDS** that **procedure PR731, Virtual Consultations, as presented in the report, be received for information.**

Carried

7. Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee: Mandate

The Committee considered Report No. 2 of the Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee (see GPC:002A, page 129) presenting proposed review timelines and key themes.

Moved by: Trustee Donaldson

Seconded by: Trustee Sriskandarajah

The Governance and Policy Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the deadline for a report to the Board on the review of the Board's bylaws, as presented in the Committee's mandate, be changed from spring 2021 to November 2021.

Carried

Part B: Information Only**8. Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands**

An electronic meeting of the Governance and Policy Committee was called to order at 4:30 p.m., with James Li presiding.

9. Approval of the Agenda

On motion of Trustee Donaldson, seconded by Trustee Aarts, the agenda was approved.

10. Delegations

No matters to report

11. Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

No matters to report

12. Report No. 1 of the Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee

On motion of Trustee Donaldson, seconded by Trustee Rajakulasingam, the Committee received the Report No. 1 of the Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee (January 27, 2021) including:

- Election of Committee Chair
- Process for Review of Bylaws

13. Adjournment

On motion of Trustee Rajakulasingam, seconded by Trustee Donaldson, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Part C: Ongoing Matters**14. Written Notice of Motion: Renaming Schools Celebrating the Diversity of Toronto**

In accordance with Board bylaw 5.15.2, Trustee Rajakulasingam, on behalf of Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Mammoliti provided notice of the following, for consideration at the next meeting of the committee:

Whereas, the Toronto District School Board has 583 schools, located in every community across Toronto; and

Whereas, school names are an opportunity to teach students about their community's history and place and their community's leaders and heroes; and

Whereas, there are few new school naming opportunities due to the small number of schools being opened each year; and

Whereas, few schools are named after celebrated Indigenous or Black Leaders or Leaders of colour; and

Whereas, some school names do not reflect the values of contemporary Toronto; and

Whereas, some schools are named after people with a racist legacy; and

Whereas, policy P047, Naming of Schools and Special Purpose Areas and procedure PR592, Naming of Schools and Special Purpose Areas create impediments to review or change school names and themselves might be characterized as systemically racist policies; and

Whereas, based on the Board's policy review schedule, review of policy P047 is currently under Phase 3 of the policy review process;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That a special purpose reference group comprised of students, parents, TDSB educators, community members, academics and individuals involved in anti-racism work, be established:
 - i. to inform the consultation process;
 - ii. to propose amendments to policy P047 and procedure PR592, Naming of Schools and Special Purpose Areas, so that school naming or renaming can be made from time-to-time to reflect the diversity of the City;

- iii. to provide a proposal for a city-wide review of all school names so that TDSB schools reflect the diversity of Toronto's success.

- (b) That the reference group present a report to the Planning and Priorities Committee no later than June 30, 2021.

Submitted by: James Li, Committee Chair