

## **Notice of Possible Emergency Business**

Governance and Policy Committee

April 29, 2020

*Trustee Donaldson, seconded by Trustee Mammoliti, might move the following as an item of emergency business for consideration by the Governance and Policy Committee on April 29, 2020.*

### **Establishment of a Subcommittee on Emergency Response and Recovery**

Whereas, the Board's bylaws define emergency business as:

a situation, or the threat of a situation, adversely affecting health, safety and/or well-being, or resulting in significant legal risk or financial damage or loss, which by its nature and seriousness requires an immediate response...;

and;

Whereas, clause 5.12.7 of the Board's Bylaws state that:

A matter not on the agenda or directly related to matters arising from discussion cannot be introduced by a trustee at a Board or Committee meeting, or after the notice of agenda has been circulated to members, unless the item qualifies as emergency business and is confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

Therefore, be it resolved:

A. That the following matter be deemed as emergency business;

and, if approved (requires a two-thirds majority vote of the members present to be considered);

B. That the following be considered:

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:

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- (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

Up to ten trustees, including the chair and vice-chair of the Board, the chairs of the Governance and Policy Committee, Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee, the Program and School Services Committee, one trustee representative from each of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee and the Special Education Advisory Committee, the trustee representative on the Toronto Board of Health and the Board's directors on the Ontario Public School Boards' Association

- (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.

Trustees Donaldson and Mammoliti