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Special Meeting August 6, 2020



Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee (Special Meeting) Report No. 54

FBEC:057A
Thursday, July 15, 2020
12 p.m.
Electronic Meeting

Members Present Trustees Shelley Laskin (Chair), Michelle Aarts, Alexandra

Lulka, Chris Moise, Zakir Patel and David Smith

Also Present Trustees Rachel Chernos Lin, Stephanie Donaldson, Trixie

Doyle, Parthi Kandavel, James Li, Dan MacLean, Christopher Mammoliti, Robin Pilkey, Yalini Rajakulasingam, Jennifer

Story 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. Contract Awards, Facilities [3927]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see FBEC:057A, page 1) presenting contract awards. The Committee received the contracts in Appendix A and approved the contracts in Appendix B.

Moved by: Trustee Moise Seconded by: Trustee Patel

The Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the contracts on Appendix C, as presented in the report, be approved.

Carried

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2. Report on Information Requests From July 7, 2020 Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee (Special Meeting) [3924]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see FBEC:057A, page 15) presenting information requested by Trustees regarding personal protective equipment, the International Baccalaureate program and the Central Equity Fund.

Moved by: Trustee Moise Seconded by: Trustee Aarts

The Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the report be received.

Carried

3. 2020-2021 Financial Position and Draft Operating Budget: Revised Based on Trustee Feedback [3925]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see FBEC:057A, page 25) presenting a draft operating budget based on the information available as of June 30, 2020, best estimates for the 2020-21 school year and based on trustee feedback.

Moved by: Trustee Moise Seconded by: Trustee Doyle

The Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the report be received.

Carried

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4. Feedback From Trustees on Items for Consideration in 2020-21:

4.1 International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

Moved by: Trustee Patel
Seconded by: Trustee Pilkey

The Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee **RECOMMENDS**:

Whereas, due to the costs associated with operating the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, the Board instituted a sliding scale fee to between \$500 and \$1,500 per student for Grades 11 and 12 students starting in September 2020; and

Whereas, due to COVID-19, the IBO has been more flexible with some of their requirements to operate the program and in the case of the TDSB particularly around the training of teachers, that could significantly reduce the cost to the TDSB to offer the program; and

Whereas, it was never the intention for the fees for the IB program to generate a profit for the TDSB;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the Director consider the elimination of the fees for the Secondary International Baccalaureate program and provide alternative offsets to accomplish this in the 2020-21 budget that will be presented on August 5, 2020;
- (b) That students who are currently enrolled in the IB program be informed of this change and if they have paid the 2020-2021 fees, these fees be refunded as soon as possible;
- (c) That a communication plan to share the removal of these fees be developed, specifically directed at those students who did not reenroll for the 2020-2021 school year, with the invitation to reconsider their decisions to drop out of the IB program.

Carried