



Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee

Report No. 07

FBEC:008A

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

4:30 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

Members Present Trustees Parthi Kandavel (Chair), Shelley Laskin, Zakir Patel, Robin Pilkey, David Smith, Jennifer Story and Manna Wong

Also Present Trustees Michelle Aarts, Alexander Brown, Rachel Chernos Lin, Trixie Doyle, Dan MacLean, Christopher Mammoliti, Chris Moise and Yalini Rajakulasingam

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 [4089]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see FBEC:008A, page 1) presenting contract awards. The Committee received the contracts on Appendix A and approved the contracts on Appendix B.

Moved by: Trustee Laskin

Seconded by: Trustee Pilkey

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

Carried

2. Contract Awards, Operations [4090]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see FBEC:008A, page 19) presenting contract awards. The Committee received the contracts on Appendix A and approved the contracts on Appendix B.

Moved by: Trustee Pilkey

Seconded by: Trustee Laskin

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

Carried

3. Construction Tender Award: Terry Fox Public School Addition and Renovation [4091]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see FBEC:008A, page 31) presenting information on the construction tender award for an addition at Terry Fox Public School.

Moved by: Trustee Smith

Seconded by: Trustee Wong

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

(a) That Everstrong Construction Ltd. be awarded the contract for the construction of a 28,000 square foot child care and classroom addition, including interior renovations and alterations, for Terry Fox Public School, Ward 20, in the amount of \$11,550,500 plus HST, subject to Ministry of Education approval;

(b) That proceeds of disposition funding of up to an additional \$2.08 million be utilized to cover the capital shortfall, in the event that the Ministry of Education does not provide additional capital priorities funding.

Carried

4. Jones Avenue Adult Learning Centre Rebuild [4092]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see FBEC:008A, page 43) presenting an update on the project and a construction award contract.

Moved by: Trustee Story
Seconded by: Trustee Pilkey

The Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the award of the general construction contract for the reconstruction of Jones Avenue Adult Learning Centre to the Integricon Group Inc., as contractor of the insurer, be approved.

Carried

5. 2021-22 Grants for Student Needs Update [4085]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see FBEC:008A, page 47) presenting an update and high level overview of memoranda from the Ministry of Education including the 2021 Grants for Student Needs.

Moved by: Trustee Story
Seconded by: Trustee Wong

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

Carried

6. Proposed 2021-22 Budget Timelines: Update [4081]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see FBEC:008A, page 127) presenting an update on the timeline for the development of the Board's 2021-22 budget following the release of the Grants for Student Needs and sector guidance on May 4, 2021.

Moved by: Trustee Laskin
Seconded by: Trustee Kandavel

The Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the matter be referred back to staff for a report back to the June 1, 2021 committee meeting.

Carried

Staff had recommended that the report be approved.

7. Secondary Alternative Schools Program: Staffing

Moved by: Trustee Story

Seconded by: Trustee Laskin

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

Whereas, in the "Structured Pathways Report" (Parekh, 2013) there is research that states "secondary school students attending alternative schools were much more likely to be at-risk: they were twice as likely to be taking non-Academic courses in Grades 9 and 10, had much lower graduation rates, and much lower post-secondary access, compared to other TDSB students; and yet 72% of students in alternative schools had a sense of belonging"; and

Whereas, many secondary school students, who through circumstances outside of their control become vulnerable and at-risk, deserve to stay in school through the Secondary Alternative School program; and

Whereas, there is concern that the drastic reduction of staff at alternative secondary schools limits the potential for these students to have equitable access to a safe and caring learning environment that leads to a sense of belonging and ultimately, to graduation;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the Director consider additional staffing for secondary alternative schools, based on school-by-school changes, focusing on those alternative schools where viability of programming is deemed an issue, to ensure that vulnerable and at-risk students maintain their ability to access these programs;**
- (b) That the resolution at Part (a) be shared with Secondary Alternative Schools as soon as possible.**

Carried

At the Committee meeting, the following amendments were made on motion of Trustees Kandavel and Smith:

- "provide" was changed to "consider" and "based on school-by-school changes, focusing on those alternative schools where viability of programming is deemed an issue" was added after "alternative schools" at Part (a)
- "That the cost of implementing Part (a) be included as part of the 2021-22 budget process" was deleted

Minority Report (submitted in accordance with Bylaw 5.14.13)

Trustee Laskin disagreed with the recommendation of the Committee and recommends instead that the following be approved:

Whereas, in the "Structured Pathways Report" (Parekh, 2013) there is research that states "secondary school students attending alternative schools were much more likely to be at-risk: they were twice as likely to be taking non-Academic courses in Grades 9 and 10, had much lower graduation rates, and much lower post-secondary access, compared to other TDSB students; and yet 72% of students in alternative schools had a sense of belonging"; and

Whereas, many secondary school students, who through circumstances outside of their control become vulnerable and at-risk, deserve to stay in school through the Secondary Alternative School program; and

Whereas, there is concern that the drastic reduction of staff at alternative secondary schools limits the potential for these students to have equitable access to a safe and caring learning environment that leads to a sense of belonging and ultimately, to graduation;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- a) That the Director provide additional staffing for Secondary Alternative schools to ensure that vulnerable and at-risk students maintain their ability access these programs;
- b) That the cost of implementing Part (a) be included as part of the 2021-22 budget process;
- c) That the resolution at (a) be shared with Secondary Alternative Schools as soon as possible.

Part B: For Information Only

4. Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

5. Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

No matters to report

6. Delegations

re Item 9.1 Secondary Alternative Schools Program: Staffing

1. Patti Cross, City School, Office of the Chief Justice
2. Robert Rennick, Curriculum Leader, Inglenook Community School
3. Astrid Greenberg, Inglenook Community School

4. Hillary Predko, Inglenook Community School
5. Dan Glazier, Parent/Chair Inglenook Community School
6. Arlo Kempf, Assistant Professor OISE
7. Maggie Alexander, Student, City School
8. Rylee Sutton, Student, Inglenook Community School
9. Aimee Woloshyn, Student, City School
10. Ryan Kendrick, Student, Inglenook Community School
11. Denis Lopes, Principal, Alternative Schools East and Year-round Schools
12. Michaela Kennedy, Inglenook Community School Alum
13. Kiera Lemire, Student, Inglenook Community School
14. Syrus Ognibene, Student, Inglenook Community School
15. Sarah Alvo, Inglenook Community School Alum
16. Lisa Bacardi, Inglenook Community School

7. Adjournment

On motion of Trustee Mammoliti, seconded by Trustee Patel, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 a.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2021.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

8. Matters Not Considered

The Committee did not consider a private matter and decided to postpone consideration to a future meeting.

Submitted by: Parthi Kandavel, Committee Chair