

DATE: November 24, 2020

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Shelagh Dunn, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #20 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held November 3, 2020)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4

ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendations at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That a resolution be approved directing that Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendations were approved at the November 3, 2020, Caucus Committee meeting:

Advocacy Committee 2020-2021 Work Plan

1. *That the Board approve the Advocacy Committee 2020-2021 Work Plan.*

BACKGROUND

The Advocacy Committee is an ad hoc committee of the Board, affirmed at the June 23, 2020, organizational Board meeting. The Committee Terms of Reference were finalized at the October 21, 2020, Committee meeting.

This Advocacy Committee developed the proposed 2020-2021 work plan at their September 23 and October 21 meetings, informed the Board's annual August planning meeting.

Audit Committee External Member – Extension of Term

2. *That Christopher Sprysak's term as external audit committee member be extended for the period of December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2024, be approved.*

BACKGROUND

Mr. Sprysak was appointed as an external audit committee member on November 3, 2015, for a four year term. This term was extended from November 30, 2019 to November 30, 2020 in order to provide a two-year overlap period between our external audit committee members.

Publicly Posting Board Correspondence

3. *That all future letters sent by the Board Chair, Committees, and by the Board as a whole except those that would be protected under Caucus guidelines be posted to the Trustee section of epsb.ca two business days from the date of sending. Letters will be posted for the term of the Board plus one year.*

BACKGROUND

Accountability, a cornerstone value of our Division, and a commitment to transparency guide all Board endeavours. Sharing correspondence will enhance the Board's accountability and transparency by allowing any interested parties to see the Board's position and advocacy efforts on a wide array of subjects.

KM/sj