



**Jewish Federation of Ottawa
Board of Directors Meeting
Summary of Discussion**

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre

In Attendance: Stuart Ages, David Appotive, Lauren Bronstein, Debbie Halton-Weiss, Linda Kerzner, Steven Kimmel, Mike Shahin, Jason Shinder, Lenora Zelikovitz, Neil Zaret

Staff: Bram Bregman, Shelley Crawford, Andrea Freedman, Leslie Kaufman, Arieh Rosenblum

Observers & Presenters: Sharon Appotive, Dr. Paul Claman, Francie Greenspoon, Lynne Oreck-Wener

Recorder: Rachel Abenhaim

I. Welcome

Steven Kimmel called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Steven welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and congratulated Debbie Halton-Weiss on the success of this year's Dragon Boat Israel Festival.

II. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Jason Shinder **moved** to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2015 Federation board meeting. Stuart Ages **seconded. Carried.**

III. President's Report

Andrea Freedman provided two updates to the board.

- She confirmed that after thorough investigation by the Ottawa police and CIJA, the break-in and fire at NCSY was not a hate crime. All evidence confirmed that the act was a mischief theft and fire.
- Andrea provided an update on the macro review of the national system. Ottawa is being asked to contribute a larger percentage as its fair share. The board was informed that Ottawa has gone on record as refusing to pay the suggested increase due to a lack of available funds. This will be discussed further at the upcoming Jewish Federations of Canada board meetings.

IV. Finance Report & Operating Budget

Shelley Crawford provided an in-depth review of the Federation services, Campaign, Campus and Ottawa Jewish Bulletin budgets. All questions were answered to the board's satisfaction.

Jason Shinder **moved** to accept the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's operating budget for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 as presented. Neil Zaret **seconded. Carried.**

Jason Shinder **moved** to accept the Annual Campaign operating budget for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 as presented. Debbie Halton-Weiss **seconded. Carried.**

Jason Shinder **moved** to accept the Jewish Community Campus of Ottawa's operating budget for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 as presented. Stuart Ages **seconded. Carried.**

Jason Shinder **moved** to accept the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin's proposed operating budget for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 as presented. Mike Shahin **seconded. Carried.**

V. Supplementary School Report

Bram Bregman presented the recommendations outlined in the circulated Supplementary School report. He informed the board that the supplementary schools will be included during the review of the school funding formula.

Debbie Halton-Weiss **moved** to accept the supplementary school report. Jason Shinder **seconded. Carried.**

VI. Ottawa Jewish Community School (OJCS)

Andrea Freedman highlighted 3 items for consideration by the board.

- 1) Currently Federation has one representative on the OJCS board.
- 2) Although there have been improvements in OJCS enrollment, an area for development for the school is recruitment. It has been suggested that Federation play a larger role in assisting the school continue making targeted 1:1 improvements in this area.
- 3) Federation provides allocations and financial support to OJCS. After the additional funds from the school campaign concluded, what is Federation's response if additional funding remains necessary?

Andrea encouraged the board to consider these items over the summer. The school is clearly an important issue for the community and will continue to be a key issue for Federation.

VII. Inclusivity Task Force

Francie Greenspoon presented the work of the inclusivity task force. She explained that the recommendations being presented were two-fold: 1) tactical/strategic, and 2) financial. The goal is to engage a larger demographic of the Jewish community and find ways to maintain their involvement. and understand why some choose to remain un-engaged. All questions were answered to the board's satisfaction.

Mike Shahin **moved** to accept the report brought forward by the inclusivity task force. Linda Kerzner **seconded. Carried.**

VIII. Ottawa Vaad HaKashrut (OVH) Catering Policy

Paul Claman presented on behalf of the OVH lay committee.

A lengthy discussion took place around the particulars of the proposed catering policy. The following recommendations were made by the board:

- 1) Incorporate specific recommendations for non-compliance (potentially worked into catering contracts)
- 2) Review catering policy with all Kosher caterers in Ottawa
- 3) Review the portion of policy that discusses drop offs and the use of serving staff

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.