



Jewish Federation of Ottawa
Board of Directors Meeting
Summary of Discussion for the Community

Thursday, August 8, 2019
Conference Call

In Attendance: Kevin Barwin, Stacy Goldstein, Sender Gordon, Jessica Greenberg, Jeff Laks, Michael Polowin, Victor Rabinovitch, Ian Sherman, Danya Vered.

Staff: Sarah Beutel, Andrea Freedman, Micah Garten, Kara Goodwin, and Leslie Kaufman.

Recorder: Cibebe Rosa.

I: Welcome – Michael Polowin

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm.

Michael welcomed new board members, Jeff Laks and Ian Sherman, to their first Board meeting.

The purpose of this conference call is confirm the School Funding prior to the start of the school year. Michael mentioned there are Board Members with a conflict of interest; they will be part of the discussion although they cannot vote. Michael asked to these members to declare their conflict.

- Jessica Greenberg will abstain on the Day School funding vote, as she is an Ottawa Jewish Community School board member (Federation representative).
- Stacy Goldstein will abstain on the Day School funding vote, as she is a bus student parent.
- Sender Gordon will abstain on the Day School funding vote, as he is a Torah Day School board member.

The quorum was confirmed, and the meeting started.

II: Strategic Funding: Supplementary Schools – Kevin Barwin

Michael thanked Kevin Barwin and Kara Goodwin for all their work on these reports, then he asked Kevin to present to the Board. Kevin started the presentation thanking the entire committee for their work.

Federation has a \$25,000 Fund for Excellence in Supplementary Schools. All the applications were evaluated and only 1 proposal did not meet the criteria. All eligible applications were accepted, and the recommended total allocation amount is \$21,900.

As no questions were raised by the Board members, Kevin Barwin made a motion to approve the Strategic Funding for Supplementary Schools report, seconded by Stacy Goldstein.

All in favour, motion carried.

II: Strategic Funding: Day Schools – Kevin Barwin

Kevin continued his presentation regarding Day Schools. Federation has \$113,500 in strategic funding to promote excellence, collaboration and sustainability at Torah Day School (TDSO) and the Ottawa Jewish Community School (OJCS). The committee examined the proposals on their merits while also striving for an equitable balance between the schools.

Two recommendations in the proposal were discussed in greater detail by the board.

1. **Balance Remaining:**

There is a \$5,500 balance remaining in the Fund for Special Education and \$14,375 in the Fund for Collaborative Projects. The Board decided to open a second RFP round in December.

2. **Collaborative Projects:**

With regard to the request to fund the bus from Alta Vista, the board accepted the recommendation to allocate \$14,000 this year, with a guarantee of \$14,000 minimum allocation for the following year. However, the seat belt installation project will require submission of a new proposal to be vetted by the committee before being considered by the board.

Kevin Barwin made a motion to approve the Strategic Funding for Day Schools report, seconded by Victor Rabinovitch.

Stacy Goldstein, Jessica Greenberg and Sender Gordon abstained (declared conflict of interest). All other board members voted in favour. **The motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 pm.