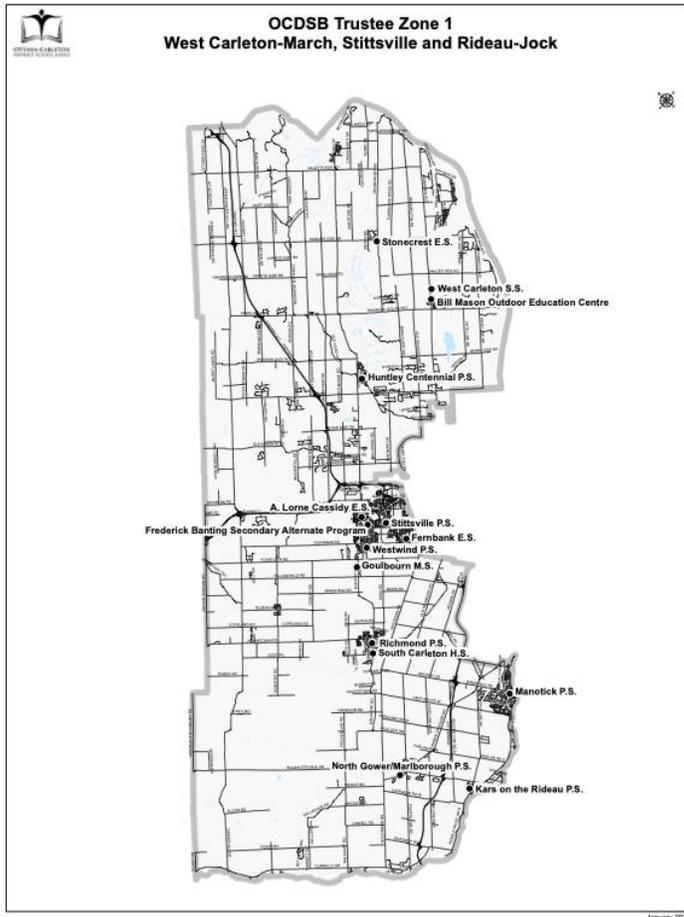


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Survey response:

Q1: Will you ensure legitimate consultation with the mainstream Jewish community in all aspects of reacting to the antisemitism crisis?

A: Yes

Q2: How will you ensure the Board respects the voices of minority groups and protects all minorities, including Jewish students?

A: Yes

Q3: Would you be supportive of the school board adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism?

I have read the definition and agree.

Other

Did not respond to Ottawa Against Antisemitism survey.

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Did not respond to Federation survey.

Other

Scott is the chair of the outgoing board of trustees. She has responded only once to Federation direct communication, here is her letter in full:

*Ms. Andrea Freedman
President and CEO, Jewish Federation of Ottawa*

Dear Ms. Freedman,

Thank you for sharing your concerns, in your letter of 9 September 2022 and subsequent emails on behalf of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, regarding the professional learning session held for OCDSB trustees on 8 September 2022 with Dr. Jeffery Wilkinson and Mr. Raja Khouri. The title of the presentation was "Recognizing Jewish and Palestinian Traumas, Side by Side," and it included a review of several definitions of antisemitism and of the too-long history of slurs, stereotypes and tropes levied against Jews, including the origins of some of the most recent antisemitic phrases. The presenters did not propose any one definition as superior or preferable, and it was made clear that the IRHA definition is widely supported.

As a board of trustees, and as a school district, we cannot resolve the conflicts and controversies of the relationship between Israel and the Palestinians, but when these conflicts and controversies inevitably spill into our schools and workplaces, we have a duty to enlarge understandings through courageous conversations and a duty to mitigate the harms and traumas caused by the actions and words of any of our students or staff as best we can. In this, we are obliged to respect human rights and to take action to prevent harm and trauma to all of our students and staff. The intent of the perpetrator, whatever it might be, does not alter the traumatic effect of antisemitic speech and actions on the recipient.

Over the last several years, trustees have heard directly from Jewish students, their families and local Jewish organizations about hurtful and traumatic experiences of antisemitism in OCDSB schools. If we are to do a better job of preventing such incidents and appropriately addressing them when they occur, the Board and its staff need to understand their context as well as their harmful effects.

The Board generally organizes several professional development opportunities for trustees each year, on topics especially relevant to advancing its strategic plan. More than one session may be presented on a single significant topic. We learn of potential presenters from a wide variety of

sources and from research into the topic by individual trustees and staff members. Each session is part of a sequence of learning, intended to provoke deep thinking and broad discussion of potential ways to improve the district's ability to address specific complex and difficult issues. The professional development on 8 September 2022 was supplemented with additional resource materials provided in advance, such as articles, books and videos, many of which have been recommended through our collaboration with organizations such as yours.

We look forward to additional professional development on antisemitism and to ongoing dialogue with you. Opportunities for us to work and learn together are essential as we continue to seek ways to address and eliminate antisemitism.

Sincerely,

Lynn

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From the Ottawa Against Antisemitism survey on antisemitism:

On hiring a Jewish equity coach: "I believe that Jewish students struggling with anti-Jewish hate should have access to a Jewish educator or counselor for informed support, but I am undecided whether this would best be achieved through creating a Jewish Equity Coach position or through designating a number of Jewish educators as support resources across the district."

"The IHRA definition has been widely adopted, but like other definitions, I believe it may have some drawbacks if used exclusively without reference to the broader framework of human rights for all students and staff."

On protests from the 'Palestinian Youth Movement' (PYM): "The PYM protests are problematic, and should not be occurring on school property."

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Did not respond to Federation survey or Ottawa Against Antisemitism survey.