

Board Chair Statement February 28, 2017 Public Meeting

As Board Chair, one of my roles is to uphold and protect the image and reputation of the Board by reviewing matters in the context of our policies and bylaws, and when issues arise, dealing with matters that are in breach of these rules. After discussion with the board regarding the recent conduct of one trustee, Trustee Patricia Grell, the Board does not condone Trustee Grell's recent actions. Trustee Grell acted contrary to several board policies and spoke out publicly in several media outlets and in her personal blog against a decision of the Board at the January 27, 2017 public meeting where the Board extended Superintendent Carr's employment contract. In doing so, Trustee Grell diminished the reputation not only of the Board and District but also of Superintendent Carr and other staff members. This had a significant impact on the personal wellbeing of Superintendent Carr and her staff, Principal Kowalczyk, her staff and her school community. We apologize.

We are aware that other Trustees have also breached Board policies. This behaviour will no longer be tolerated. As Trustees we are accountable to the public and our focus must be on the over 41,000 students we educate. As a Board we will be addressing breaches to our policies.