

**DATE:** May 23, 2017

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Trustee Ray Martin, Caucus Committee Chair

**SUBJECT:** Report #5 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held May 9, 2017)

**ORIGINATOR:** Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

**REFERENCE:** [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4  
[Trustees' Handbook](#) – Section 6 – Board Committees  
[School Act](#) - Section 61

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#### 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 recommendation was approved at the May 9, 2017, Caucus Committee meeting:

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff) for a 2015–2017 Collective Agreement

1. *That the Memorandum of Agreement for a two-year collective agreement with CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff) from September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2017 be approved.*

#### BACKGROUND – Recommendation 1

On March 17, 2017, after meetings dating back to the fall of 2015, the Administration and CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff) signed a MOA to conclude a new collective agreement. Board Chair Draper and Trustee Adams represented the Board of Trustees during these negotiations.

The Administration and CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff) have reached a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the period September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2017. The MOA was presented for ratification to the membership of CUPE Local 3550 on April 10, 2017, and successfully approved.