

was to determine what is best for students and student learning.

“We had many conversations at all levels about semesters vs. quadesters,” Williams said. “We looked at the pros and cons of both systems. We weren’t looking just for the most popular answer.”

Williams said students, staff and administrators preferred the semester system with a common lunch hour that would allow for extra-help sessions and extra-curriculars to operate.

“Since September 1, we have only had five cases (of COVID-19) across the seven high schools,” Williams said.

Williams singled out the two student trustees who “were passionate about representing the views of their peers (on this issue).”

Trustee Gary Brohman congratulated staff, students and the senior team on getting everyone to buy in to COVID protocols.

“You all deserve a standing ovation with two encores,” Brohman said. “Grade nine and ten students who have never experienced semesters will love them.”

Brohman concluded his comments by pushing senior staff on high schools opening up lockers to students stating, “High school kids need lockers.”

“On February 7, secondary students will be assigned lockers once they are thoroughly cleaned,” Williams said.