

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

Board Room
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2021 APR 06
6:30p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Marg Arnone
Trudy Tuchenhagen
George Saarinen
Scottie Wemigwans

Ron Oikonen
Ryan Sitch
Sue Doughty-Smith
Ellen Chambers

TRUSTEES ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Deborah Massaro
Simran Talpade, Student Trustee
Keira Essex, Indigenous Student Trustee

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

Ian MacRae, Director of Education
A.J. Keene, Superintendent of Education
Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education
Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business

RESOURCE:

Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk, Manager of Financial Services
Christine Jones, Executive Secretary

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Call to Order**

Chair, George Saarinen, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There were no disclosures of Conflict of Interest.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Doughty-Smith

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

"THAT the Amended Agenda, by adding Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee as 5.8 to the Delegation Section, for the Budget Committee Meeting of April 6, 2021 be approved."

CARRIED

4. Delegations

Chair, George Saarinen, welcomed presenters and provided an overview of the deputation process.

The following Federations / Unions / Advisory Committees provided input into the budget process;

4.1 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) – Ian MacRae

4.2 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – Suzanne Posthumus and Anne Antenucci

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Tuchenhausen – What is the Right to Read and what are the implications?

4.3 Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, Early Childhood Educators (OSTF-ECEs) – Shelley Crupi and Danielle Dunne

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Tuchenhausen – With reference to the cleaning, how often is it being cleaned now and how often was it being cleaned before the Covid19 pandemic?; and
- Trustee Chambers – The offer of parent workshops, is your idea to start before the next school year starts and would this be on a yearly basis?

4.4 Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, Student Support Professionals (OSSTF-SSPs) – Kari Simpson and Carlos Santander-Maturana

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Doughty-Smith – Is the IEP Situation is that a provincial directive or a board directive?;
- Trustee Tuchenhausen – do you ever get to see the student's IEP or are able access it?;
- Trustee Sitch – can you give more details as to what this Lead SSP position does?;
- Trustee Chambers – during this pandemic, are SSP accessing their students through board appointed laptops or personal? In the secondary schools, when working with students, is this beneficial?; and
- Trustee Sitch – in previous years, how would SSP's access student information, are there shared computers/laptops available?

4.5 Lakehead Elementary Teachers' of Ontario (LETO) – Mike Judge

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Sitch – do we have a number on how many suitable chairs we need for teachers in our schools?;

- Trustee Chambers – is this chair issue becoming a prominent issue with the teachers?;
- Trustee Sitch – is the EQAO random sample testing, something that is changed in regulation or is it something we as a board can decide?;
- Trustee Doughty-Smith – is there something in the budget that covers the expense of providing ergonomic chairs?; and
- Trustee Sitch – what part of the budget would chair expenses come from?

4.6 Lakehead Ontario Principals' Council (LOPC) – Christy Radbourne and Donna Flaza

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Saarinen – what are the needs with regards to technology?;
- Trustee Doughty-Smith – are the staff shortages available on Smartfind, real time?;
- Trustee Sitch – have you noticed an improvement of student's mental health?;
- Trustee Sitch – do you feel that the extra mental health services provided, have help students stay in school and/or saved students' lives?; and
- Trustee Chambers – increase the allocation of administration, having Vice Principals to .5 in all Elementary schools?

4.7 Canadian Office & Professional Employees - Local 454 (COPE) – Jennifer Godden

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Sitch, please confirm if you are saying that librarians only have 7hrs/a week?; and
- Trustee Chambers, please confirm the librarian roles and how their time in the secondary schools are being utilized? Where do the children check out books?

4.8 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee – Anika Guthrie

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Sitch, with regards to student tutors and graduation coaches, are you asking them to be maintained or do you feel the need for an increase?; and
- Trustee Chambers, do we currently provide bi-annual cultural awareness training for staff?

All additional questions are to be sent to Senior Lakehead District School Board staff.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Chambers

“THAT the Budget Committee approve the Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting February 9, 2021”

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the February 9, 2021 Minutes.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Doughty-Smith

"THAT we do now adjourn at 8:16 p.m."

CARRIED