

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 5

Virtual
Via Microsoft Teams

2022 MAR 22
7:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Ellen Chambers (Chair)
Trudy Tuchenhagen (Vice Chair)
Marg Arnone
Sue Doughty-Smith
Deborah Massaro
Ron Oikonen

George Saarinen
Ryan Sitch
Jesslynn Friday (Indigenous Student
Trustee)
Mehtar Mago (Student Trustee)

TRUSTEE ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Scottie Wemigwans

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

Ian MacRae, Director of Education
Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business
Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education
AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education

FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

Kali Bernst, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals
Lana Deacon, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals
Dave Covello, Managers

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Arnone

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

“THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 5, March 22, 2022, be approved.”

CARRIED

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Oikonen

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

“THAT we resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session with Trustee Chambers in the chair to consider the following:

- *Confirmation of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes of:*
 - *Regular Board Meeting No. 3 – February 22, 2022;*
 - *Board Meeting (Special) No. 4 – March 2, 2022;*
- *Legal Matters;*

and that this meeting shall not be open to the public pursuant to Section 207 (2) of the Education Act as amended.”

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – CLOSED SESSION:

3. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session items were dealt with in their entirety.

PUBLIC SESSION:

4. Report of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

“THAT the Report of the Regular Board – Committee of the Whole – Closed Session be adopted with the following recommendations therein:

‘THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 3 – February 22, 2022, and Board Meeting (Special) No. 4 – March 2, 2022.’

‘THAT:

1. *The Lakehead District School Board retain the services of Phelps, as Executive Search Consultants regarding the 2022 Recruitment and Selection of the Director of Education.*
2. *All Fees and Expenses relating to the Recruitment and Selection of the Director of Education shall not exceed \$60,000.00.”*

CARRIED

5. Northwestern Ontario Regional Science Fair

Rebecca Cross, Education Liaison, Northwestern Ontario Regional Science Fair (NWORSF), provided a verbal presentation to the Board on the NWORSF, including achievements made by Lakehead District School Board (LDSB) students. Mehar Mago, Student Trustee, also contributed to the presentation by sharing her experiences with the NWORSF. All trustees' questions were addressed.

6. Celebrating Student Achievement – Algonquin Avenue Public School

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, introduced Darren Lentz, Principal, who introduced his presentation team which included Jessica Lauzon, First Nation, Métis, and Inuit (FNMI) Student Support Worker, and Leesa McCarville, Vice Principal. The presentation team shared a PowerPoint presentation about Algonquin Avenue Public School's initiatives of their FNMI Learning Goals and Keeping Students in School project. All trustees' questions were addressed.

7. Right to Read

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, introduced Maggie Fredrickson, Principal, Special Education, and Maureen Abbott, Principal, Program, to present the recommendations from the Ontario Human Rights Commission Right to Read report and how LDSB is supporting these recommendations. All trustees' questions were addressed.

8. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Arnone

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of:

- Regular Board Meeting No. 3, February 22, 2022; and

- Board Meeting (Special) No. 4, March 2, 2022.”

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

9. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

Trustee Sitch, Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Director and voting delegate, provided an update to trustees. The update included: the recent two-day OPSBA Directors' Meeting, diversity and equity presentations, Ontario e-Learning Consortium presentations, presentation of results from a COVID-19 province-wide survey given to parents and community members regarding perception of online learning, operational updates, Project Compass recommendations, policy updates, OPSBA priorities report, financial updates, Canadian School Board Association (CSBA) Congress 2022 National Trustees Gathering on Indigenous Education will be held in-person in Saskatoon, CSBA created an Indigenous Lead position, and upcoming OPSBA Directors' Meeting is on April 29-30, 2022, and the OPBSA AGM is being held in-person June 9-11, 2022.

10. Indigenous Student Trustee March Report

Jesslynn Friday, Indigenous Student Trustee, provided a handout for her February report. Items addressed included: Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) Board Council Conference, Budget Meeting, Indigenous Education training, incoming Indigenous Student Trustee Sagutcheway, Human Rights and Equity training, Parent Involvement Committee meeting, and the Indigenous Student Survey.

11. Student Trustee March Report

Mehar Mago, Student Trustee, provided a handout for her February report. Items addressed included: Student Senate, a community program focusing on helping students with special learning abilities, Human Rights and Equity training, and Parent Involvement Committee meeting.

12. COVID-19 General Update

Ian MacRae, Director of Education, introduced AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, who provided a verbal update on COVID-19 related matters affecting LDSB.

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

13. Recommendations from the Standing Committee (036-22)

Approval of Appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee (027-22)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the appointment of Sarah Niles as a replacement member to the Special Education Advisory Committee representing Dilico Anishinabek Family Care, for the term ending November 30, 2022."

CARRIED

Appointment of an External Member to the Audit Committee (030-22)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board appoint Mr. Lorenzo Di Gregorio as an external member to the Audit Committee to serve a three-year term commencing March 22, 2022, and ending March 22, 2025."

CARRIED

Indigenous Trustee Report (032-33)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Doughty-Smith

“THAT Lakehead District School Board (LDSB) request that the First Nations’ Chief and Council of the First Nations communities with whom we have a signed Education Service Agreement, work together to appoint a person to be a member of the LDSB Board of Trustees and forward the name of their appointee to the Board, in writing, by October 24, 2022, as outlined in Report No. 032-22.”

CARRIED

14. 2022 Municipal Election – Trustee Determination and Distribution (035-22)

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Doughty-Smith

“THAT for the 2022 municipal election, Lakehead District School Board:

- 1. Declare that a low population area not be designated.*
- 2. Select option 4.2 of Report No. 035-22, consideration for the 2022 municipal election.”*

CARRIED

15. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

“THAT we do now adjourn at 9:33 p.m.”

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – April 26, 2022

Chair

Secretary