

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

Board Room / Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2022 APR 05
6:30p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Marg Arnone
Trudy Tuchenhagen
George Saarinen
Scottie Wemigwans
Mehtar Mago, Student Trustee

Ellen Chambers
Ron Oikonen
Ryan Sitch
Sue Doughty-Smith

TRUSTEES ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Deborah Massaro
Jesslynn Friday, Indigenous Student Trustee

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

Ian MacRae, Director of Education
AJ 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

GUESTS:

Anne Antenucci, SEAC
Jennifer Sinfield, OSSTF

Kari Simpson, OSSTF
Glenn Cunningham, LOPC

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There were no disclosures of Conflict of Interest.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Doughty-Smith

“THAT the Agenda for the Budget Committee Meeting of April 5, 2022 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

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Sitch – Who are the school wellness champions?
- Trustee Chambers – Are we asking to consider keeping what we have or are we looking for more Mental Health?
- Trustee Doughty-Smith – Please confirm if PIC would like to continue the top three priorities?

4.2 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – Anne Antenucci

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Sitch – Is the Right to Read additional support, what was presented on a few weeks ago?
- Trustee Tuchenhagen – How many Professional Development days are mandated from the Ministry of Education?
- Trustee Chambers – You are asking for additional staff to be allocated to the increased needs of special education students?
- Trustee Chambers – Do Student Support Professionals (SSP) and teachers have time to plan together?
- Trustee Oikonen – Are we competitive in the market for SSP positions?
- Trustee Sitch – Did the SSPs work in person during COVID-19 shutdown?
- Trustee Doughty-Smith – When we write letters to the Ministry of Education, do we ever receive a response?

4.3 Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, Student Support Professionals (OSSTF-SSPs) – Kari Simpson and Jennifer Sinfield

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Tuchenhagen – Why do SSP's not have access to the IEPs?
- Trustee Sitch – Has the Union completed an analysis on how many people will leave Lakehead District School Board on the missed \$3.00/hour wage increase with the increase of work with the Policy/Procedure Memorandum 81?
- Trustee Doughty-Smith – Would there be anything in the SSP 2-year program that qualify the procedures that are stated in Policy/Procedure Memorandum 81?
- Trustee Chambers – What are the possibilities in providing SSPs with the adequate technical equipment to work with students of special needs?

- Trustee Oikonen – How much time is wasted looking for a spare laptop within the schools?

4.4 Lakehead Elementary Teachers' of Ontario (LETO)

- Handout only provided.

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Sitch – Has the Board considered moving the French Immersion program from Ecole Gron Morgan Public School to Hammarskjold High School?
- Trustee Chambers – Are we still in need of space with our growing French Immersion program?

4.5 Lakehead Ontario Principals' Council (LOPC) – Glenn Cunningham

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Chambers – This request has been presented previously. Has this request taken a toll on the constant work finding employees to fill the classroom positions?
- Trustee Chambers – Just to clarify, you feel we need to increase the administration in the elementary schools and secondary schools?
- Trustee Doughty-Smith – Do we have any schools that we do not have an assigned administrator?
- Trustee Doughty-Smith – Did we have a central system to find supply administrators?
- Trustee Sitch – Do we need support related to the administration dealing with the shortage of staff?

4.6 Canadian Office & Professional Employees - Local 454 (COPE)

- Handout only provided.

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Tuchenhausen – How are the professional days met for 85 employees of various groups?
- Trustee Sitch – Is it the department that schedules training?
- Trustee Doughty-Smith – What is our timeline for hiring for positions within our Board?
- Trustee Chambers – Has the overtime in certain positions been examined and the overtime used as opposed to hiring for positions?
- Trustee Sitch – Would like confirmation of if any specifics that have been done and brought forward when we discuss further at the more detailed budget meeting.
- Trustee Chambers – Feels that there are further concern of staffs mental wellness.

4.7 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee – AJ Keene

Trustees requested clarification on the following:

- Trustee Sitch – Has AEAC put together a plan to the Board to build towards?
- Trustee Chambers – Are we in need to increase the First Nation, Métis Inuit, resource teacher?

- Trustee Chambers – Are we looking to continue the financial support for travel to remote First Nation communities?
- Trustee Arnone – How concerned are we on the impacts of the province rolling out the \$10/day daycare and our Early Childhood Educators staff?

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

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Wemigwans

Seconded by Trustee Stich

“THAT the Budget Committee approve the Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting February 22, 2022”

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the February 22, 2022 Minutes.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Stich

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

“THAT we do now adjourn at 7:58 p.m.”

CARRIED