

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 13

Board Room/Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2022 OCT 25
6:45 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

Ryan Sitch
Scottie Wemigwans
Meahar Mago (Student Trustee)
Alexa Sagutcheway (Indigenous
Student Trustee)

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

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

FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

Lana Deacon, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals
Jim Desaulniers, Managers

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Doughty-Smith

“THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 13, October 25, 2022 be approved.”

CARRIED

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Oikonen

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

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

- *Confirmation of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes*
 - *Regular Board Meeting No. 10*
 - *June 28, 2022*
- *Personnel Matter*
- *Legal Matter*

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 Oikonen

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

“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. 10, June 28, 2022.’”

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 12, September 27, 2022.”

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

6. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

Trustee Sitch, Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Director and voting delegate, informed the Board that he attended the OPSBA Board of Directors' meeting on September 30 – October 1, 2022 in Toronto, Ontario. The highlights of the meeting that were discussed is the staff shortages of early childhood educators (ECE) and student support professionals (SSP), code of conduct review, labour updates, and Judith Nyman, Director of Corporate Affairs, will be semi retiring. Trustee Sitch reminded trustees that the 2023 Canadian School Boards Association Congress and National Trustees Gathering on Indigenous Education is being held in Banff, Alberta on July 3-5, 2022.

7. Student Trustee Report – October Report

Mehar Mago, Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: her collaboration with a community group that is providing her with learned skills in Applied Behavioural Analysis, her introduction of the Honourable Patty Hajdu at Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute and her meeting with the Education Minister, Stephen Lecce on October 11, 2022.

8. Indigenous Student Trustee Report – October Report

Alexa Sagutcheway, Indigenous Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: her meeting with Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, on October 11, 2022 and her attendance at the Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA-AECO) Fall General Meeting Conference in Toronto on October 20 – 23, 2022. Indigenous Student Trustee Sagutcheway reported that she enjoyed all the scheduled presentations including the appearance of Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, Robyn Michaud-Turgeon, presenter on the importance of Indigenous perspectives, being part of the Indigenous Relations Work Group, attending a presentation given by the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association, board room etiquette and a communications session.

9. Adult and Continuing Education (096-22)

Michelle Probizanski, Acting Director of Education, introduced Samantha Peotto, Manager, Lakehead Adult Education Centre, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

10. Legal Representation 2021-2022 (102-22)

Michelle Probizanski, Acting Director of Education, presented the report.

11. Environment: Multi-Year Capital Plan (100-22)

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, introduced Jim Desaulniers, Manager of Property Services, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

Trustee Massaro left the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

12. Recommendation from the Standing Committee (099-22)

Appointments to the 2022-2023 Parent Involvement Committee (094-22)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board:

1. *Approve the following appointments to the 2022-2023 Parent Involvement Committee effective November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2023:*

- *Rae-Ann Rees, school council representative;*
- *Serena Essex, Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee representative;*
- *Anne Antenucci, Special Education Advisory Committee representative;*
- *Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur, principal representative;*
- *Laura Prodanyk, community representative;*
- *Fred Van Elburg, teacher representative; and*
- *Connor Pratt, alternate teacher representative.*

2. *Approve the appointments of Robin Cawlishaw and Jenna Samakese, parent members, to the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Parent Involvement Committee effective November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2024.”*

CARRIED

13. Short-Term Borrowing Resolution (098-22)

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, presented the report. Superintendent Alaksa amended an error in the Appendix A to Report No. 098-22, Resolution of Lakehead District School Board, Borrowing Resolution, 1., that the date 31st of August 2025 should read as the 31st of August 2023. All trustees were in agreement of the date change.

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Short-Term Borrowing Resolution for the 2022-2023 school year as outlined in Report No. 098-22, Short-Term Borrowing Resolution.”

CARRIED

14. Cancellation of Regular Board Meeting – December 13, 2022 (101-22)

Moved by Trustee Oikonen

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board cancel the December 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.”

CARRIED

15. Information and Inquiries

15.1 Trustee Sitch reported that during the election he was asked numerous times if our Board has children identifying as cats and if our Board is providing them with litterboxes in the classroom. Michelle Probizanski, Acting Director of Education, responded that the Board does not supply litterboxes and that children dress up like animals from time to time.

15.2 Trustee Saarinen recognized that it was the last Board meeting for Trustee Massaro, Trustee Doughty-Smith and Trustee Arnone and congratulated them.

15.3 Chair Chambers introduced newly appointed Lakehead District School Board Superintendent Jane Lower and welcomed her.

15.4 Chair Chambers reported that she attended the Honourable MP Patty Hajdu's presentation regarding her new leadership opportunity for young people in Northern Ontario, at Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute and Hammarskjold High School on October 11, 2022.

Chair Chambers reported that she attended the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program at Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute, with special guest, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, on October 12, 2022.

15.5 Chair Chambers bid farewell to Trustee Arnone, Trustee Doughty-Smith and Trustee Massaro and wished them all the best.

16. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Doughty-Smith

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

"THAT we do now adjourn at 8:59 p.m."

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – November 22, 2022



Chair



Secretary