

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Board Room / Microsoft Teams  
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2023 MAY 10  
6:00p.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Ellen Chambers  
George Saarinen  
Patricia Johansen  
Leah Vanderwey

Ron Oikonen  
Scottie Wemigwans  
Trudy Tuchenhausen  
Ryan Sitch

**TRUSTEES ABSENT, WITH REGRET:**

Donica LeBlanc

**SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:**

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education  
AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education  
Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education  
Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business  
Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education

**RESOURCE:**

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

**GUESTS:**

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

1. **Call to Order**

Chair, Scottie Wemigwans, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There were no disclosures of Conflict of Interest.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Chambers

*"THAT the Agenda for the Budget Committee Meeting of May 10, 2023, be approved."*

**CARRIED**

4. Delegations

There were no delegations.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhausen

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

*"THAT the Budget Committee approve the Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting April 4, 2023."*

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, provided answers to the questions submitted from the Budget Deputation meeting held on April 4, 2023.

7. Information Reports

7.1 Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, provided an update on Bill 98, Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act. Director Pharand also provided a summary of the conference call held with Assistant Deputy Minister regarding Bill 98, the outline of this new position is expected to be received before August 2023. Further information to be communicated as its received. All trustee's questions were answered.

7.2 Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, presenting an update on the 2023-2024 Grants for Student Needs (GSN). All trustee's questions were answered.

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, informed the committee that she will present the revenue update at the next meeting, and that the budget binder will not be provided this year although committee members will continue to receive the same detail on all the reports presented.

George Saarinen, Vice Chair, reminded members of our next meeting of May 25, 2023.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

*"THAT we do now adjourn at 7:13 p.m."*

CARRIED