

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 5**

Board Room/Microsoft Teams  
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2023 FEB 28  
7:30 p.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Ellen Chambers (Chair)  
Pat Johansen  
Ron Oikonen  
George Saarinen (Virtual)  
Trudy Tuchenhagen

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

**TRUSTEE ABSENT, WITH REGRET:**

Donica LeBlanc (Vice Chair)  
Ryan Sitch  
Leah Vanderwey

**SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:**

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education  
AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education  
Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education

**FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:**

Kristi Lees, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Oikonen

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

*“THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 5, February 28, 2023 be approved.”*

**CARRIED**

2. **Introduction of Human Rights and Equity Advisor**

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, introduced Anthony Jeethan, Human Rights and Equity Advisor for Lakehead District School Board.

3. **Re-Thinking Traditional Classrooms Post-Pandemic Presentation**

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, and Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education, presented a condensed version of their presentation from the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement (ICSEI) from Vina del Mar, Chile in January 2023. All trustees' questions were addressed.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Wemigwans

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 4, January 24, 2023.”*

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

Trustee Saarinen, Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Northern Region Director, informed the Board that he would be sharing the OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting summary from February 24-25, 2023. The topics that will be shared pertained to a legislative update, OPSBA Advocacy Day, education finance, Indigenous Education/Indigenous Trustees' Council (ITC) and coalition information.

6. Student Trustee Report

Mehar Mago, Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: her and Indigenous Student Trustee Sagutcheway's attendance at planning sessions for the Student Senate with Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education, and Anne-Marie McMahon-Dupuis, System Principal; her attendance at the Family Literacy Day at Woodcrest Public School on January 26, 2023; her attendance at LDSB Kindergarten Night at École Elsie MacGill Public School on January 30, 2023; and her attendance at the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting on February 15, 2023.

7. Indigenous Student Trustee Report

Alexa Sagutcheway, Indigenous Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: her attendance at LDSB Kindergarten Night at École Elsie MacGill Public School on January 30, 2023; her attendance at the Trustee Informal Session with Lori Lukinuk to review Robert's Rules of Order and the Governing By-laws; her participation in the planning for the Student Senate – March 1, 2023; her attendance at the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) meeting on February 9, 2023; and her attendance at the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting on February 15, 2023.

8. Interim Financial Information – Audit Committee

Scottie Wemigwans, Chair, Audit Committee, presented a verbal report to the Board.

9. Ontario Human Rights Commission Right to Read Response Report (041-23)

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, introduced Maggie Fredrickson, System Principal, Special Education, and Inga Anderson-Foster, Elementary Resource Teacher, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

10. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (040-23)

School Calendar 2023-2024 (034-23)

Moved by Trustee Johansen

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board:*

1. *Approve the proposed 2023-2024 elementary school year calendar, including the opening and closing dates and professional activity days, as described in Appendix A in Report No. 034-23.*
2. *Approve the proposed 2023-2024 secondary school year calendar, including the opening and closing dates, professional activity days and examination days, as described in Appendix B in Report No. 034-23.”*

CARRIED

11. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (040-23)

Policy Review – 6010 Emergency Evacuation and Emergency School Closure (036-23)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 6010 Emergency Evacuation and Emergency School Closure Policy as amended, Appendix A to Report No. 036-23.”*

CARRIED

12. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (040-23)

Policy Development – 7050 Conflict of Interest (037-23)

Moved by Trustee Oikonen

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 7050 Conflict of Interest Policy as indicated in Report No. 037-23.”*

CARRIED

13. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (040-23)

Policy Review – 7060 Staff Training and Professional Development (038-23)

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board defer the review of 7060 Staff Training and Professional Development Policy.”*

CARRIED

14. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (040-23)

Policy Review – 9015 Facility Partnership (035-23)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 9015 Facility Partnership Policy as amended, Appendix A to Report No. 035-23.”*

CARRIED

15. Information and Inquiries

15.1 Trustee Saarinen reported that he attended the Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay (STSTB) meeting on February 27, 2023 and shared information with the Board.

15.2 Trustee Johansen reported that she, Trustee Chambers, Trustee Vanderwey and Indigenous Student Trustee Sagutcheway were invited to attend an event at McKellar Park Central Public School on February 24, 2023. The trustees participated in a smudging, prayer, blessing and a teaching for rattle making.

15.3 Trustee Chambers reported that trustees and senior administration attended school visits at École Gron Morgan Public School and St. James Public School on February 22, 2023.

16. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

*“THAT we do now adjourn at 9:07 p.m.”*

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – March 28, 2023



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Chair



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Secretary