

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 7

Board Room/Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2023 APR 25
7:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Ellen Chambers (Chair)
Donica LeBlanc (Vice Chair)
Pat Johansen
Ron Oikonen
George Saarinen (Virtual)
Ryan Sitch (Virtual)

Trudy Tuchenhagen
Leah Vanderwey
Scottie Wemigwans
Alexa Sagutcheway (Indigenous Student
Trustee)

TRUSTEE ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Mehar Mago (Student Trustee)

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

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

FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

Nancy Nix, ETFO-Elementary Occasional Teachers
Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk, Managers
Erin Aylward, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals
Lori Carson, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Oikonen

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 7, April 25, 2023 be approved."

CARRIED

PUBLIC SESSION:

2. Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute – *The Connections Program Re-Imagined*

Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education, introduced Ryan McDonnell, Principal, Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute, Meghan Smelow, Vice Principal, Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute, and Linda McDonald, Secondary School Teacher, The Connections Program, who presented information regarding *The Connections Program Re-Imagined* for students who are 16-17 years old and are behind in their attainment of Grade 9 and 10 credits.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 6, March 28, 2023."

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

4. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

Trustee Sitch, Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Director and voting delegate, informed the Board that Minister Lecce has proposed changes to Bill 98, Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023, that the OPSBA Take Your MPP to School Day has been booked for our local MPPs and that he would be virtually attending the OPSBA's Board of Directors meeting on April 28-29, 2023.

5. Student Trustee Report

Mehar Mago, Student Trustee, sent her regrets. Her report was presented to the Board as a handout. Items addressed included: attending the Trustees' Book Study on April 11, 2023, attending the Iftar dinner hosted by Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute on April 11, 2023, attending the Northwestern Ontario Regional Science Fair at Lakehead University on April 19, 2023, attending the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting at Westmount Public School on April 19, 2023, being part of the planning group for the next Student Senate meeting and attending the Special Olympics event at Lakehead University on April 20, 2023.

6. Indigenous Student Trustee Report

Alexa Sagutcheway, Indigenous Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: attending the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) meeting on March 23, 2023, presenting at the Nishnawbe Aski Nations (NAN) Best Practices at the First Nations Education Forum on March 28-29, 2023, attending the LDSB Trustees' Book Study session on April 11, 2023, attending the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting on April 19, 2023 and participating on the selection committee for the incoming Indigenous student trustee on April 24, 2023.

7. Updates from the Chair and the Director

Director Pharand thanked the committee who organized the Parent Involvement Committee - Wellness Symposium at Westgate Collegiate and Vocation Institute on the evening of April 19, 2023. Director Pharand informed the Board of the upcoming Grade 8 Award of Excellence Banquet at the Current River Community Centre on May 18, 2023, an upcoming city visit from the Minister of Education and that the GSNs have been released.

Chair Chambers informed trustees about the school tours that they have attended, the book study of *The Path* by Sandi Boucher, how proud she is about all the good things happening in LDSB schools and the trustees upcoming newsletter that will be released once a month.

8. The Arts (054-23)

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, introduced Fred Van Elburg, Program Coordinator, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

9. Student Success – Skilled Trades Pathway (053-23)

Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education, introduced Roger Drcar, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Recruiter/SHSM/SCWI, Student Success Resource Teacher, and Linda Grassia, Student Success Lead, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

10. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2023

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, presented the February 9, 2023 minutes for information.

11. Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2023

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, presented the February 15, 2023 minutes for information.

12. Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2023

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, presented the March 22, 2023 minutes for information.

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

13. **Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (052-23)**

Policy Review – 8070 Safe Schools – System Expectations (050-23)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 8070 Safe Schools - System Expectations Policy, as updated, Appendix A to Report No. 050-23.”

CARRIED

14. **Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (052-23)**

Policy Review – 3094 Electronic Meetings

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board defer 3094 Electronic Meetings Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 049-23, to the May 9, 2023 Board Advisory Committee Meeting.”

CARRIED

15. **Information and Inquiries**

15.1 Trustee LeBlanc informed trustees about the recent events that the trustees have attended: the PIC Wellness Symposium at Westgate CVI on April 19, 2023, Northwestern Ontario Science Fair at Lakehead University on April 19, 2023, Woodcrest Public School’s school tour on April 19, 2023, and the Special Olympics for primary and junior students that took place at Lakehead University on April 20, 2023.

15.2 Trustee Saarinen reminded trustees to register for OPSBA’s Annual General Meeting’s (AGM) June 8-10, 2023 and for Osgoode Hall Law School’s Intensive Human Rights Program for School Board Leaders: Disability Rights in Public Education (Trustees) May 13, 2023.

15.3 Trustee Vanderwey thanked Director Pharand and trustees for their impromptu visit to the Oliver Township Public Library – Murillo Branch on April 19, 2023 for a view of a rural library.

15.4 Trustee Chambers reported that she, Trustees Vanderwey, Tuchenhagen, Johansen and Student Trustee Mago attended Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute’s Ramadan Kareem – Iftar dinner on April 11, 2023.

15.5 Indigenous Trustee Wemigwans reminded the Board that the LDSB Before & After School Program Interest Survey was available for input from families and is due on April 30, 2023.”

16. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

"THAT we do now adjourn at 9:36 p.m."

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – June 5, 2023



Chair



Secretary