

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 8

Board Room/Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2023 JUN 05
7:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Ellen Chambers (Chair)
Donica LeBlanc (Vice Chair)
Pat Johansen
George Saarinen
Trudy Tuchenhagen
Leah Vanderwey

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

TRUSTEE ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Ron Oikonen
Ryan Sitch

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

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

FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

Nancy Nix, ETFO-Elementary Occasional Teachers
Jenny Fenton, Managers
Corrine Russell, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals
Emanuel Iorianni, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Riker McKelvey, Lakehead District School Board student.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 8, June 5, 2023 be approved."

CARRIED

6. Trustee Character Award

Chair Chambers, on behalf of the Board, presented Debbie Murphy, Student Support Professional (SSP) and Joelle Levesque, SSP, from Ogden Community Public School with the OPSBA Achievement Award. Debbie Murphy and Joelle Levesque were recognized for being “the ones who make Ogden so magical”. Both are known for going over and above in making Ogden Community Public School an amazing place for students, staff, and families.

7. St. James Public School – Our Writing Journey

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, introduced Angelina Tassone, Principal, and Seonaid Gerow, Grade 7 and 8 Teacher, St. James Public School, who presented information regarding their school’s program *Our Writing Journey*. The program empowers educators to support the implementation of improved literacy instruction in their classrooms. All trustees’ questions were addressed.

8. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 7, April 25, 2023.”

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

9. Ontario Public School Boards’ Association Report

Trustee Vanderwey, Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA) Director (alternate) and voting delegate, informed the Board that she, Trustee LeBlanc and Trustee Johansen will be attending the OPSBA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 8-10, 2023, in Blue Mountain, Collingwood, Ontario. Trustee Saarinen informed the Board that he will be attending, virtually, the OPSBA Northern Regional meeting on June 8, 2023.

10. Student Trustee Report

Mehar Mago, Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: her attendance at the Indigenous Student Trustee interview panel on April 24, 2023, and her attendance at the mentor meeting with Indigenous Student Trustee Sagutcheway, Trustee Saarinen and the newly appointed student trustees on May 1, 2023.

16. Extended Meeting Time

Moved by Trustee Vanderwey

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

"THAT this meeting be extended to 10:30 p.m."

CARRIED

17. Mental Health Report (065-23)

Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education, introduced Megan Semeniuk, Mental Health Lead, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

18. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (061-23)

Approval of 2023-2024 Board Advisory Committee and Regular Board Meeting Schedule (056-23)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the revised 2023-2024 Board Advisory Committee and Regular Board Meeting Schedule, as set out in Appendix A to Report No. 056-23."

CARRIED

19. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (061-23)

Policy and Procedures Review Schedule (060-23)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the 2023 to 2031 Policy Review Schedule, Appendix A to Report No. 060-23."

CARRIED

20. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (061-23)

Policy Review – 3092 Privacy and Information Management (059-23)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Vanderwey

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 3092 Privacy and Information Management Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 059-23."

CARRIED

25. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (061-23)

Letter from Lakehead District School Board Trustees to Legislative Assembly of Ontario – Bill 98

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the letter from LDSB trustees to Legislative Assembly of Ontario regarding changes to the Education Act under Bill 98.”

CARRIED

26. Renaming of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (068-23)

Trustee Wemigwans requested that Chair Chambers move the renaming of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee. Chair Chambers agreed and, without objection, stepped down at 10:25 p.m.. Vice Chair LeBlanc took the chair.

Moved by Trustee Chambers

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

“THAT Lakehead District School Board officially change the name of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee to Miiniwewinan: Indigenous Education Advisory Committee.”

CARRIED

Chair Chambers returned to the chair at 10:26 p.m.

27. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Vanderwey

“THAT we do now adjourn at 10:27 p.m.”

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – June 27, 2023



Chair



Secretary