

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 11

Board Room/Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2023 OCT 24
Time:7:30 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

Scottie Wemigwans
Trudy Tuchenhagen
Leah Vanderwey (virtual)
Emily Drake (Indigenous Student
Trustee)

TRUSTEE ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Morgann De Franceschi (Student Trustee)

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

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

FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

Principals/ Vice Principals: Joanne Giertuga, Lisa Nutley
Managers: Dave Covello
Union: Nancy Nix, Elementary Occasional Teachers (ETFO)

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 11, October 24, 2023 be approved."

CARRIED

8. Updates from the Chair/ Director

Director Pharand informed the Board of trustee/ director visits to Armstrong Public School and Kingfisher Education Centre. Director Pharand informed the Board that the EQAO results are coming out and is very pleased to celebrate the gains the Lakehead District School Board (LDSB) teachers, principals, senior team, and support staff have achieved in helping students and families attain the results that will be shared in tonight's report. She also announced that LDSB will be hosting the Public Council of Ontario Directors of Education (PCODE) Fall Meeting this week in Thunder Bay. Public Council of Ontario Directors of Education members will be attending Algonquin Public School and the KZ lodge at Hammarskjold High School. Chair Chambers informed the Board that she attended the kickoff event for Waste Reduction Week at Claude E. Garton Public School.

9. Adult Education Report (102.23)

Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education, introduced Sam Peotto, Manager of Lakehead Adult Education Centre, to present the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

10. Student Achievement Report (103-23)

Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education, introduced Fred Van Elburg, Program Coordinator and Meghan Smelow, Student Success Lead, to present the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

11. Directors Action Plan (105-23)

Director Pharand presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

12.4. Role of The Finance Committee (100-23)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board establish a Finance Committee instead of a Budget Committee with the mandate as outlined in Report No 100-23.

CARRIED

13. Ad Hoc and Special Committee Reports

14. New Reports

14.1 Short-Term Borrowing Resolution (101-23)

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Short-Term Borrowing Resolution for the 2023-2024 school year as outlined in Report No. 101-23, Short-Term Borrowing Resolution.

CARRIED

15. New Business

16. Notices of Motion

17. Information and Inquiries

17.1 Trustee Leblanc offered condolences to the Algoma District School Board, who recently lost Three students in a tragic event.

17.2 Chair Chambers reported on her experiences at the Local Government Event at St. James Public School.

18. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

"THAT we do now adjourn at 9:30 p.m."

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – October 24, 2023


Chair


Secretary