

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 16

Board Room/Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2024 FEB 27
7:30 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

Trudy Tuchenhagen
Leah Vanderwey
Emily Drake (Indigenous Student
Trustee)
Morgann De Franceschi (Student
Trustee)

ABSENT WITH REGRET:

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

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

FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

Jenny Fenton, Lakehead District School Board Managers

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Wemigwans

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 16, February 27, 2024 be approved."

CARRIED

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Oikonen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

"THAT we resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session with Trustee Chambers in the chair to consider the following:

- *Confirmation of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes*
 - *Regular Board Meeting No. 15*
 - *January 23, 2024*

- *Personnel Matter*

and that this meeting shall not be open to the public pursuant to Section 207 (2) of the Education Act as amended."

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – CLOSED SESSION:

3. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session items were dealt with in their entirety.

PUBLIC SESSION:

4. Report of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Johansen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

"THAT the report of the Regular Board-Committee of the Whole – Closed Session be adopted with the following recommendations therein:

'THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 15, January 23, 2024.'

'THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 13, November 28, 2023.'

CARRIED

5. Trustee Character Award

Trustee LeBlanc, on behalf of the Board, presented Amy Graham, Secretary, Program Department, Victoria Park Training Centre with the Trustees' Character Award. Amy was recognized for being " an invaluable asset for the Program Department, and Lakehead District School Board students and staff alike".

6. Five Mile Public School – Five Mile Games Room

Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education, introduced Teachers Paula Lombardo and Martin Mielke, and Principal Lisa Nutley, Five Mile Public School, who presented information regarding their school's games room. The games room was created to help students build their social and emotional skills and grow their communication skills with healthy face-to-face interactions with their peers. All trustees' questions were addressed.

7. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No.15, January 23, 2024."

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

8. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report

Trustee Sitch informed the Board that he will be attending the next OPSBA Directors meeting, scheduled for next weekend. Trustee Sitch reported that topics for discussion will be standard items.

9. Student Trustee Report

Morgann De Franceschi, Student Trustee, presented her February report to the Board. Items addressed in the report included her continued goals in her role as student trustee and her attendance at the SEAC meeting on February 14, 2024. On February 21, 2024, Student Trustee De Franceschi attended a meeting with Indigenous Student Trustee Drake and Superintendent Lower to discuss the upcoming student senate. All trustees questions were addressed.

10. Indigenous Student Trustee Report

Emily Drake, Indigenous Student Trustee, presented her February report to the Board. Items addressed in the report included attending a meeting with the First Nations, Métis, Inuit (FNMI) Miiniwewinan team to discuss the importance being allowed to practice smudging and culture in schools, and on February 8, 2024, she attended the Miiniwewinan meeting. On February 21, 2024, Student Trustee De Franceschi met with Indigenous Student Trustee Drake and Superintendent Lower, to discuss the upcoming student senate. All trustees questions were addressed.

11. Updates from the Chair/ Director

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, reminded the Board that it is Black History month. There have been posts on our social media, and a number of schools have had authors visit the schools to read their books and speak with students. Director Pharand informed the Board of the continuation of the Distributed Leadership Forum, which included a French Immersion forum for teachers to get together and collaborate on literacy and numeracy. Director Pharand shared that she attended the celebration last Friday of the Indigenous Skilled Trades completed Tiny Home Project. The aviation SHSM had an event at Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute last week and students were given the opportunity to use the flight simulator. Director Pharand informed the Board of a few upcoming events including a carnival for French Immersion intermediate students that will be taking place at École Elsie MacGill next week and pink shirt day on February 28, 2024 in support anti-bullying. Chair Chambers reminded trustees of the upcoming Communications Committee Meeting to discuss letters to the Minister of Education regarding transportation concerns.

12. Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, presented the January 17, 2024 minutes. All trustees' questions were addressed.

13. Miiniwewinan: Indigenous Education advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education, presented the December 14, 2024 minutes. All trustees' questions were addressed.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

14. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (031-24)

Policy Review – 7040 Violence in the Workplace (029-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the 7040 Violence in the Workplace Policy, as indicated in Report No. 029-24, Appendix A to Report No 029-24"

CARRIED

15. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (031-24)

Policy Review – 3072 Advocacy Policy (027-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the 3072 Advocacy Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 027-24."

CARRIED

16. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (031-24)

Policy Review –3091 Security Policy (025-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the 3091 Security Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 025-24."

CARRIED

17. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (031-24)

Policy Review – 3040 Transportation Policy and Procedure (028-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the 3040 Transportation Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 028-24."

CARRIED

18. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (031-24)

Policy Review – 3020 Legal Representation Policy (026-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the 3020 Legal Representation Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 026-24."

CARRIED

19. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (031-24)

Appointments to the Parent Involvement Committee (024-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the appointments of Adora-Lee Nawagesic and Carla Mulholland as alternate parent members to the Parent Involvement Committee effective February 27, 2024, to November 14, 2024, as outlined in Report No. 024-24."

CARRIED

20. Policy Review – 7030 Human Rights and Workplace Harassment Policy (032-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 7030 Human Rights and Workplace Harassment Policy, as indicated in Appendix A to Report No. 032-24”

CARRIED

21. Policy Review – 8061 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Policy (034-24)

Moved by Trustee Wemigwans

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 8061 Miiniwewinan: Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Policy, as indicated in Appendix A to Report No. 034-24, and update any other LDSB policies where Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee is referenced.”

CARRIED

22. School Year Calendar (033-24)

Moved by Trustee Johansen

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board:

1. Approve the proposed 2024-2025 elementary school year calendar, including the opening and closing dates, and professional activity days, as described in Appendix A of Report No. 033-24.

2. Approve the proposed 2024-2025 secondary school year calendar, including the opening and closing dates, professional activity days and examination days, as described in Appendix B of Report No. 033-24.”

CARRIED

23. Ad Hoc and Special Committee Reports

24. New Reports

25. New Business

26. Notices of Motion

27. Information and Inquiries

- 27.1 Trustee LeBlanc informed the Board that she, along with Trustee Johansen attended the CPR and AED press event at Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute on February 15, 2024.
- 27.2 Trustee Vanderwey inquired if there was an update on her inquiry regarding the Board operated before and after school programs. Director Pharand, through the Chair, responded that the Coordinating Committee has put it as a banked item and will bring it forward once they are able to do a full analysis.
- 27.3 Trustee Saarinen informed the Board that he, along with other trustees, attended the Indigenous Skills Trades event and wanted to mention that the staff went above and beyond to make the event accessible to all.

28. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

"THAT we do now adjourn at 8:30 p.m."

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – March 26, 2024



Chair



Secretary

