

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Board Room / Microsoft Teams  
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2024 APR 16  
6:30p.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Ellen Chambers  
George Saarinen  
Patricia Johansen  
Leah Vanderwey  
Ryan Sitch (virtual)

Ron Oikonen  
Scottie Wemigwans  
Trudy Tuchenhagen

**TRUSTEES ABSENT, WITH REGRET:**

Donica LeBlanc

**SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:**

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

**RESOURCE:**

Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk, Manager of Financial Services  
Christine Jones, Executive Secretary

**GUEST:**

Suzanne Posthumus, SEAC  
Meghan Smelow, LOPC  
Shelley Crupi, OSSTF-ECE  
Jennifer Muir-Griffin, OSSTF-ECE

Kari Simpson, OSSTF-SSP  
Nikki Marks, LOPC  
Kayla Hardick, OSSTF-ECE  
Dinah Neilson, OSSTF-Thunder Bay

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

1. **Call to Order**

Trustee Wemigwans, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There were no disclosures of Conflict of Interest.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Vanderwey

*“THAT the Agenda for the Finance Committee Meeting of April 16, 2024, be approved.”*

CARRIED

4. Delegations

Chair, Wemigwans, welcomed the presenters and provided an overview of the deputation process.

The following Federations/Unions/Advisory Committees/School Council, presented and provided input into the 2024-2025 budget process:

- 4.1 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – Suzanne Posthumus.
- 4.2 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) – no presenter.
- 4.3 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee: Miiniwewinan (IEAC) – Heather Harris
- 4.4 Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation, Student Support Professionals (OSSTF-SSP) – Kari Simpson.
- 4.5 Lakehead Ontario Principals’ Council (LOPC) – Meghan Smelow and Nikki Marks.
- 4.6 Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation Early Childhood Educators (OSSTF-ECE) – Shelley Crupi, Kayla Hardick and Jennifer Muir-Griffin.
- 4.7 Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation, Thunder Bay Branch – Dinah Neilson.
- 4.8 Lakehead Elementary Teachers of Ontario – no presenter.
- 4.9 School Council / Public Submissions – Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business shared the school council input and public submissions were attached to the meeting package.

All additional questions are asked to be forwarded to Christine Jones, Executive Secretary.

Trustee Saarinen, suggested a letter of appreciation be sent to all school councils that provided input to the 2024-2025 budget process.

5. Approval Of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Chambers

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

*“THAT the Finance Committee approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting February 28, 2024.”*

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the February 28, 2024, minutes.

7. Information Reports

8. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

*“THAT we do now adjourn at 8:00 p.m.”*

CARRIED