

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 19

Board Room/Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2024 APR 23
7:30 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Ellen Chambers (Chair)
Donica LeBlanc (Vice Chair)
Pat Johansen
Ron Oikonen
George Saarinen
Trudy Tuchenhausen
Leah Vanderwey
Scottie Wemigwans (Indigenous Trustee)

Emily Drake (Indigenous
Student Trustee)
Morgann De Franceschi
(Student Trustee)

ABSENT WITH REGRET:

Ryan Sitch
Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

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

FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

Nancy Nix, Union Representative, ETFO-Elementary Occasional Teachers
Don Porter, Manager, Lakehead District School Board
Mike Judge, Vice Principal, École Elsie MacGill
Erin Aylward, Principal, École Elsie MacGill

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 19, April 23, 2024 be approved."

CARRIED

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Vanderwey

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"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. 17*
 - *March 26, 2024*
 - *Board Meeting No. 18 (Special), April 9, 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 Vanderwey

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

1. *'THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 17, March 26, 2024.'*
2. *'THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes of Board Meeting No. 18 (Special), April 9, 2024.'*

CARRIED

5. Delegations/ Presentations:

5.1. Five Mile After School Childcare

Parents, Michelle Riemer and Megan Valente presented a delegation to the Board on a proposed afterschool recreation/ childcare program for Five Mile Public School. All trustees' questions were addressed.

5.2. Celebrating Student Achievement –École Gron Morgan Public School– Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging at École Gron Morgan Public School

Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education, introduced Angelina Tassone, Principal and Sheri Cressman, English Language Learner Teacher, École Gron Morgan Public School, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1. Moved by Trustee Vanderwey

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No.17, March 26, 2024."

CARRIED

6.2. Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Board Meeting No.18 (Special), April 9, 2024."

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

7. Student Trustee Report

Morgann De Franceschi, Student Trustee, presented her April report to the Board. Items addressed in the report included: visits to Hammarckjold High School and Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute to meet with the schools SAC to discuss issues facing students at both schools. On April 15, 2024, Student Trustee De Franceschi was asked by Jamie Smith, Communications Supervisor, to be the youth representative on the judging panel for the Tbaytel Good Community Fund to take place in early June. All trustees' questions were addressed.

8. Indigenous Student Trustee Report

Emily Drake, Indigenous Student Trustee, presented her April report to the Board. Items addressed in the report included: visits to Hammarckjold High School and Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute (Westgate CVI) to meet with the schools SAC to discuss issues facing students at both schools, on April 4, 2024, she had the opportunity to speak with most of the Grade 8 First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students who are choosing Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute (Superior CVI) as their secondary school, Emily also visited with Superior CVI's Spanish club on April 10, 2024, to share the Anishinaabemowin language with them. All trustees' questions were addressed.

9. Updates from the Chair/ Director

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, informed the Board that it is the arts season at Lakehead Public Schools, with a number of upcoming plays including, Zombie Prom at Westgate CVI, Mean Girls at Superior CVI and Nor'wester View Public School's production of Matilda. Director Pharand informed the Board that last week was volunteer week and expressed, on behalf of the Board, gratitude to all of the volunteers at Lakehead District School Board, including students, parents/ guardians, staff, and community partners. Director Pharand informed the Board that coming up is National Administrators' Day and she wanted to extend thanks to all of Lakehead Public Schools principals and vice principals.

Chair Ellen Chambers informed the Board that she had no further updates.

10. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2024 minutes were included in the Board package for trustees' information.

11. Indigenous Education Report (052-24)

Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education, introduced Kali Bernst, Principal of Indigenous Education and Program, along with Jasmine Sgambelluri, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Resource Teacher, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

12. Safe Schools Report (054-24)

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

13. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (053-24)

Policy Development – 3101 Risk Management Policy (048-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 3101 Risk Management Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 048-24."

CARRIED

14. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (053-24)

Policy Review – 4040 French Immersion Policy (049-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the 4040 French Immersion Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 049-24."

CARRIED

15. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (053-24)

3002 Annual Evaluation of the Director of Education Policy (047-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the review of 3002 Annual Evaluation of the Director of Education Policy, as indicated in Report No. 047-24."

CARRIED

16. Ad Hoc and Special Committee Reports

17. New Reports

18. New Business

19. Notices of Motion

20. Information and Inquiries

- 20.1. Trustee Wemigwans inquired if the trustees could get a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the Five Mile After School Childcare Program. Kelly Stewart Doromko to provide all trustees with a copy.
- 20.2. Trustee Saarinen informed the Board that, along with himself, Trustee Johansen, and Superintendent Lower, attended Zombie Prom on Wednesday evening.
- 20.3. Trustee Wemigwans informed trustees that he, along with Superintendent Keene, representatives from the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board met with Fort William First Nation (FWFN) representatives, Chief Michele Solomon and Education Manager, Myra Bannon, who brought forward their concerns on the increasing violence within the schools in Thunder Bay. Inquires were made by FWFN representatives as to what the school boards are doing to address this.
- 20.4. Trustee Johansen thanked Superintendent Keene for organizing the math demo on April 15, 2024 at Hammarskjold High School. Trustee Johansen informed the Board that she along with Trustees Vanderwey and Chambers attended Algonquin Avenue Public School to meet the principal visiting from New Zealand.
- 20.5. Chair Chambers informed the Board that she attended the Diversity Thunder Bay event where Anthony Jeethan, Human Rights and Equity Advisor, presented on topics that included misconceptions in sexual education in schools.

21. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT we do now adjourn at 9:23 p.m."

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – May 28, 2024

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