

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board Room/Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2024 Jun 25
7:30 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

Ryan Sitch
Leah Vanderwey
Emily Drake (Indigenous
Student Trustee)
Morgann De Franceschi
(Student Trustee)

ABSENT WITH REGRET:

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

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

FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

Dave Covello, Manager, Lakehead District School Board
Shannon Jessiman, Principal, Ogden Community Public School

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Chambers called meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Vanderwey

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 21, June 25, 2024 be approved."

CARRIED

4. Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Vanderwey read the land acknowledgement.

5. Delegations/ Presentations:

Trustee Character Award – First Wesley United Church- Community Outreach Program

Trustee Oikonen, on behalf of the Board, presented the First Wesley United Church – Community Outreach Program members with a Trustee Character Award for their commitment and dedication to ensure that every student and member of the McKellar Park Public School has a homemade meal every month. The program also supports many other school events and programs helping to foster a sense of real community at McKellar Park Public School.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 20, May 28, 2024."

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

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

Trustee Sitch updated the Board that the OPSBA Annual General Meeting is being held on July 2-5, 2024, in Toronto. There have been some changes to the terms of office for the Lakehead District School Board (LDSB) representatives that will be brought forward in another agenda item tonight.

9. Student Trustee Report

Morgann De Franceschi, Student Trustee, presented her June report to the Board. Items addressed in the report included: a brief summary of the events and meetings she attended throughout the school year, recommendations and goals for herself for the upcoming school year, and her gratitude to all LDSB students, staff and trustees for making her first term so special. All trustees' questions were addressed.

10. Indigenous Student Trustee Report

Emily Drake, Indigenous Student Trustee, presented her June report to the Board. Items addressed in the report included: a brief summary of the events and meetings she attended throughout the school year, recommendations and goals for herself for the upcoming school year. All trustees' questions were addressed.

11. Updates from the Chair/ Director

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, informed the Board of the following:

- June is a month of celebrations, first being a new program, Bright Beginnings, that is designed to provide students with access to the resources they need so they are ready to start school. It is a drop-in support program for parents in the community.
- Director Pharand congratulated Principal Shannon Jessiman on her appointment to the Rapid Response Northern Support Team.
- Whitefish Valley Public School was awarded one of five "Tbaytel for Good" grants and will be updating their playground with the funds.
- École Gron Morgan worked with the Jays Care Foundation – Affiliate School Program, a program that works with students to provide inclusion focused extracurricular programming at their school.
- Director Pharand reported that this month LDSB had a number of students qualify for OFFSA: 12 students from tennis and 31 students from track and field. One student, Addisyn Franceschini, set a new interscholastic Canadian record in ambulatory shot put.
- Annika Harrison, a student from Woodcrest Public School, won an image of Canada Contest award from the National Commission for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Hammarkjold High School students, in Grade 10 computer science won the "Judges Favourite Award" for video game design at the Ubisoft Youth Fusion Game Design Awards.
- Director Pharand informed the Board that Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute's (SCVI) production of Mean Girls raised \$10,000 and have since donated the funds to Our Kids Count.
- A special event occurred earlier today in which Algonquin Avenue Public School donated a birch bark canoe that the students made and gifted to Eabametoong First Nation for their new school once it is built.
- Lakehead Public Schools will be donating old and repurposed laptops from SCVI to schools in Ecuador.
- Director Pharand thanked the staff for all their efforts in helping Lakehead Public Schools students achieve these accomplishments.

12. Math Achievement Action Plan (080-24)

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

13. Annual Review of the Plan to Deliver Special Education Programs and Services: 2024-2025 (083-24)

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, introduced Maggie Fredrickson, System Principal, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

14. 2024-2025 Order of Policies for Review (085-24)

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

15. 2021-2024 Strategic Plan Report (086-24)

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, introduced Superintendents, Alaksa, Keene, Lower, Harris, and Probizanski along with Communications Supervisor, Jamie Smith, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

16. Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, presented the minutes from April 17, 2024 and May 15, 2024 for the Special Education Advisory Committee. All trustees' questions were addressed.

17. Audit Committee Meeting Minutes

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, presented the minutes from November 29, 2023 for the Audit Committee. All trustees' questions were addressed.

18. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, presented the minutes from February 8, 2024 and April 16, 2024 for the Finance Committee. All trustees' questions were addressed.

19. Miiniwewinan: Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education, presented the minutes from February 8, 2024 and April 25, 2024 for the Miiniwewinan: Indigenous Education Advisory Committee. All trustees' questions were addressed.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

20. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (081-24)

Policy Review – 3002 Annual Evaluation of the Director of Education (073-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Vanderwey

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 3002 Annual Evaluation of the Director of Education Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 073-24.”

CARRIED

21. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (081-24)

Policy Review – 8070 Safe Schools- System Expectations Policy, 3093 Electronic Information Security Policy, 3096 Information/Communication Technology Use Policy, 8092 Code of Conduct Policy (070-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 3096 Information/Communication Technology Use Policy and 8092 Code of Conduct Policy, Appendix A and Appendix B to Report No. 070-24.”

CARRIED

22. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (081-24)

Approval of Appointments to the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee 2024-2025 (068-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhausen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the following appointments to the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee for the 2024-2025 school year:

- *Donica Leblanc, Trustee;*
- *Trudy Tuchenhausen, Trustee (Alternate);*
- *Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education;*
- *Meghan Smelow, Student Success Lead, SAL Committee Chair;*
- *Lorna Hunda, Executive Director, Youth Employment Services (YES) (Alternate);*
- *Stacy-Ann Dyer-McNish, Service Delivery Manager, Youth Employment Services (YES); and*
- *Tom Nesti, Program Supervisor, Youth Employment Services (YES).”*

CARRIED

23. Recommendations from the Finance Committee (084-24)

Moved by Trustee Wemigwans

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the 2024-2025 Operating and Capital Budget of \$171, 433, 200 as presented."

CARRIED

24. Recommendation from the Finance Committee

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Vanderwey

"THAT Lakehead District School Board engage Maximum City Inc. for the purpose of strategic planning and development."

CARRIED

25. Ad Hoc and Special Committee Reports

26. New Reports

27. New Business

Ontario Public School Boards' Association Voting Delegates for the 2024-2025 Term of Office

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the following appointments to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) for 2024-2025 Term of Office.

- 1. That Trustee Sitch be appointed to the OPSBA Board of Directors.*
- 2. That Trustee Sitch be appointed as the OPSBA Delegate (voting).*
- 3. That Trustee Vanderwey be appointed as the OPSBA Alternate Delegate(voting).*

CARRIED

28. Notices of Motion

29. Information and Inquiries

Chair Chambers informed the Board that the following events were attended by trustees':

June 12, 2024 - Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute's Award Ceremonies.

- Trustees' Johansen brought greetings on behalf of the Board. Superintendent Lower was also in attendance.

June 13, 2024 – Wabshkaa Animkii Benesii (WAB) / Sherbrooke Public School Pow Wow.

- Trustees' LeBlanc and Johansen and Chambers attended along with Director Pharand.

June 13, 2024 – McKenzie Public School Community BBQ.

- Trustees' Vanderwey, Chambers, LeBlanc and Johansen attended along with Director Pharand.

June 13, 2024 – Hammarskjold High School Graduation Ceremony.

- Trustee Tuchenhausen brought greetings from the board. Superintendent Lower was also in attendance.

June 14, 2024 – Tiny house tour Hammarskjold High School.

- Trustees' Chambers and Johansen attended along with Superintendent Lower.

June 24, 2024 - Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute Graduation

- Trustee LeBlanc and Director Pharand participated in handing out diplomas.

Upcoming events:

June 26, 2024 - Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute Graduation

June 27, 2024 - Lakehead Adult Education Centre Graduation

In addition, Director Pharand informed Board members that Elder Gerry was recognized at the last Miiniwewinan meeting of the year. Indigenous Trustee Wernigwans attended the Fort William First Nation Graduation Ceremonies. Trustee Johansen shared that she had attended the Algonquin Avenue Public School's event in which they presented a birchbark canoe that they built to Eabametoong First Nation community.

30. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhausen

"THAT we do now adjourn at 9:35 p.m."

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – September 24, 2024



Chair



Secretary