

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board Room/Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2025 APR 22
7:30 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Leah Vanderwey (Chair)	Pat Johansen
Donica LeBlanc (Vice Chair)	Ron Oikonen
Ellen Chambers	Trudy Tuchenhausen
Ryan Sitch	Eryn Genno (Indigenous Student
Morgann De Franceschi (Student Trustee)	Trustee)

ABSENT WITH REGRET:

Scottie Wemigwans (Indigenous Trustee)
George Saarinen

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education
Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business
Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education
Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education
Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education
Nick Sacevich, Associate Superintendent and Math/ IT Lead

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting Called to Order by Chair Vanderwey.

2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Chambers

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhausen

"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting, April 22, 2025 be approved."

CARRIED

4. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session – N/A

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – CLOSED SESSION:

5. Committee of the Whole – N/A

PUBLIC SESSION:

6. Report of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session – N/A

PUBLIC SESSION:

7. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Vanderwey read the Land Acknowledgement.

8. Presentations/Delegations

- 8.1 Celebrating Student Achievement – École Gron Morgan – Student Leadership and Student Voice

Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education, introduced Angelina Tassone, Principal, Ecole Gron Morgan Public School (PS), along with a group of École Gron Morgan PS students, Allie, Astrid, Alex, Violet, Hanin and Leyang, who presented the report. All Trustees questions were addressed.

9. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Johansen

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, March 25, 2025.”

CARRIED

10. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

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

Trustee Sitch informed the Board that he attended the Northern Regional meeting on April 5, 2025, next meeting is on May 3-4, 2025.

There were no questions from trustees.

12. Indigenous Student Trustee Report (Handout)

Eryn Genno, Indigenous Student Trustee, presented her April report to the Board. Items addressed in the report included the following:

- setting up the student trustee Instagram account with the support of Jamie Smith, Communications Supervisor;
- attending the Miiniwewinan Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting on March 27, 2025;
- launched the Ojibwe Word of the Day at Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute (CVI) on March 31, 2025;
- Tuesday, April 8, 2025, along with Student Trustee De Franceschi, met with the Student Activities Council (SAC) presidents from Hammarskjold High School;
- Virtual meeting with Trustee Saarinen and Student Trustee De Franceschi for a student trustee mentor meeting on April 9, 2025; and
- Student Trustee De Franceschi led the interviewing process with support from herself and SAC representatives from the secondary schools for the position of 2025-2027 Student Trustee on April 14, 2025.

All trustees' questions were addressed.

13. Student Trustee Report (Handout)

Morgann De Franceschi, Student Trustee, presented her April report to the Board. Items addressed in the report included:

- a meeting with Indigenous Student Trustee Genno and I had the pleasure of making an official visit to Hammarskjold High School's student council;
- attending the bimonthly mentorship meeting with Trustee Saarinen and Indigenous Student Trustee Genno;
- leading the interview process for the incoming Student Trustee on Monday, April 14, 2025; and
- upcoming events she will be attending, including the virtual Grade 8 Reach-Ahead class, being a youth representative on the judging panel for the Tbaytel for Good Community Fund, and being the Master of Ceremonies for the Grade 8 Award of Excellence event.

All trustees' questions were addressed.

14. Updates from the Chair/Director

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

- the Environmental Science Specialist High Skills Major announcement on April at Superior CVI;
- Westgate special needs and multi needs class travelled to Nip-Rock High School for a basketball tournament;
- Mackenzie Public School had a drive to collect cereal boxes to donate to the Dewdrop Inn; and
- Member of Provincial Parliament, Bonnie Crombie, will attend a civics class at Superior CVI April 23, 2025, to speak about what is involved in becoming a politician.

15. Indigenous Education (043-25)

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

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

16. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (045-25)

16.1 Policy Review – 3005 Ontario Student Record (037-25)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Chambers

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 3005 Ontario School Record Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 037-25."

CARRIED

16.2 Policy Review – 7010 Police Record Checks (034-25)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 7010 Police Record Checks Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 034-25."

CARRIED

16.3 Policy Review – 7030 Human Rights And Workplace Harassment (036-25)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Sith

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 7030 Human Rights and Workplace Harassment Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 036-25."

CARRIED

16.4 2025-2029 Multi-Year Strategic Plan (038-25)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the 2025-2029 Multi-Year Strategic Plan, Appendix A to Report No. 038-25."

CARRIED

16.5 Trustee Code of Conduct Ad Hoc Committee Report (041-25)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the amended Trustee Code of Conduct, Appendix A to Report No 041-25."

CARRIED

16.6 Parent Involvement Committee Request for Approval of Correspondence (042-25)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

"that Lakehead District School Board approve the request from the Parent Involvement Committee to send correspondence of support to the Minister of Education, as outlined in Report No. 042-25."

CARRIED

17. New Business

17.1 Request from the Chair – Re: O' Canada at Board Meetings (044-25)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the following:

1. *the playing of the Canadian National Anthem at Regular Board Meetings in May and June; and*
2. *the Canadian National Anthem be played in English, French, and Anishinaabemowin or a combination of these languages."*

CARRIED

18. Notices of Motion

18.1 Lakehead District School Board Procedural By-Laws

It is recommended that Lakehead District School Board approve:

1. That the by-law amendments including conforming amendments, with the proviso attached, as proposed by the Procedural By-Law Ad Hoc Committee, be adopted in gross and if adopted, the changes shall not take effect until the end of the meeting;
2. That amendments to Appendix A, Special Rules of Order, be adopted, and if adopted, the changes shall not take effect until the end of the meeting;

3. That Appendix G, Education Act References, be removed and placed in the Trustee Manual;
4. That amendments to Appendix B, Regular Meeting Order of Business, Appendix C, Inaugural Meeting Order of Business, Appendix D, Annual Meeting Order of Business, and Appendix E, Board Advisory Committee Order of Business be adopted in gross, and if adopted, the changes shall not take effect until the end of the meeting; and
5. That the executive secretary be authorized to correct article and clause designations, punctuation, cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes, as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the Board of Trustees in connection with the Education Act or its Regulations.

19. Information and Inquiries

19.1 Chair Vanderwey informed the Board of the following events that were attended by trustees, and Senior Administration.

- April 16, 2025 - Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute's (CVI) Earth Day Environmental SHSM Celebration and Luncheon.

19.2 Trustee Johansen informed the Board that a number of students from Superior CVI will be travelling to the Netherlands to attend the eightieth anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands event.

20. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Chambers

"THAT we do now adjourn at 8:25 p.m."

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – May 27, 2025


Chair


Secretary