



Public Meeting of the Board Minutes

Date: February 27, 2024
Location: Muskoka Education Centre
Present: H. Bradley, G. Brohman, E. Childs, L. Clodd, T. McAlpine, D. McInerney, B. Reain, J. Saunders C. Wilcox
Senior team: T. Ellis, T. Fraser, W.Hahn, P. Goldring, J. Johnston, J. MacJanet, K. Williams
Staff Support: J. Andreasen, C. Bull, D. Raglin

4:30 p.m. Commencement of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. Call to order

1.1 Motion to convene into the In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion # 24-02-73

Moved by Trustee Clodd, seconded by Trustee Saunders

That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole In-Camera session to deal with matters under section 207(2) of the Education Act.

Carried.

1.2 In-Camera Agenda (for matters that fall under section 207(2) of the Education Act)

2. Rise and report to the Public Meeting of the Board

Motion # 24-02-74

Moved by Trustee Clodd, seconded by Trustee Saunders

That the Board of Trustees do now rise from the In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting at 4:54 p.m. and will report to the Public Meeting of the Board at 6:00 p.m.

Carried.

6 p.m. Commencement of the Public Meeting of the Board

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Territory acknowledgement

Student Trustee Dyni shared the Territory Acknowledgement.

3. National anthem

O Canada was played.

Following the National Anthem, a moment of silence was observed in honour of the passing of a TLDSB staff member.

4. Roll call

Chairperson Wilcox advised that seven Trustees (Bradley, Childs, Clodd, McAlpine, Reain, Saunders, Wilcox) and Student Trustee Dyni were present in-person at Muskoka Education Centre.

Two trustees (Brohman, McInerney) and Student Trustee MacInnis joined via electronic means.

5. Declaration of possible conflict of interest

There were no declarations of possible conflict of interest.

6. Delegation(s)

There were no delegations.

7. Approval of agenda

Motion # 24-02-75

Moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee Clodd

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

8. Business of the Board

8.1 Approval of the minutes of the January 23, 2024 Public Meeting of the Board

Motion # 24-02-76

Moved by Trustee McAlpine, seconded by Trustee Reain

That the minutes of the January 23, 2024 Public Meeting of the Board be approved.

Carried.

8.2 Recommendations from the In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting

Trustee Childs advised there were no recommendations to be advanced from the In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting.

9. Administrative updates

9.1 Presentations

a. Director's Recognition

Director Hahn presented the Director's Recognition for Innovation and Leadership to Kate Pellerin, Holly Groome and Mike Kirkpatrick in recognition of their involvement in planning and facilitating the 2023 Student Voice Forums.

b. 2024 TLDSB Arts Showcase

Superintendent MacJanet and Student Trustee Dyni shared information about the upcoming TLDSB Arts Showcase that will occur in each region in the spring.

A committee has put together a curriculum-aligned overview of the showcase to encourage educators and students to work together on showcase submissions. The theme for the showcase is 'Better Together' and will showcase both elementary and secondary student art.

The showcases will occur on April 30 at I.E. Weldon Secondary School, on May 2 at Muskoka Education Centre, and on May 7 at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. Further detail will be shared at future board meetings.

9.2 Director's Report on the Strategic Plan

Director Hahn shared information related to recent initiatives in the system that support the goals of the TLDSB Strategic Plan, including providing highlights related to the following:

- The development of the TLDSB Student Achievement Plan;
- Leadership development and succession planning through initiatives such as the recent aspiring administrator sessions and upcoming Principal and Vice Principal Pool interviews;
- The positive impact of Principal Learning Networks (PLNs) and Superintendent in Schools models;
- The recent system professional development offered to educators and staff;
- TLDSB's participation in recent sessions with Meredith Honig and the resulting invitation for TLDSB to present some of our work to other Boards across the country; and,
- The upcoming Director's Voice Forums that will be occurring in the spring including Student Forums, Educator Forums, Community Breakfasts, and a new Director's Forum on Student Attendance.

10. Administrative and committee reports

10.1 For Action- Written

a. Governance and Policy Committee Report

Trustee Saunders shared an update related to the February 13, 2024 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting.

A number of policies were reviewed at the Governance and Policy Committee meeting and motions were made to advance the policies with the recommended changes to the Board for ratification.

Motion # 24-02-77

Moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee Reain

That Trustees ratify the Governance and Policy Committee motions to accept the changes to the following policies: ES-5030 Student Use of Service Animals in Schools; ES-5022 Community Partnerships for Services in Schools; ES-5566 Concussions- Return to Learn, Return to Play; BU-3060 Corporate Credit Cards; BU-2400 Environmental Impact; HR-4025 Hiring Policy- Non-Teaching Staff; HR-4526 Hiring Policy- Teachers.

Carried.

Motion # 24-02-78

Moved by Trustee Saunders, Seconded by Trustee Clodd

That Trustees receive the report related to the February 13, 2024 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting.

Carried.

b. Program and Planning Committee Report

Trustee Wilcox shared an update related to the February 16, 2024 Program and Planning Committee Meeting.

The committee meeting agenda included an overview of the previously-approved boundary changes that will come into effect in September 2024, and a highlight of the TLDSB Mental Health Strategy and Action Plan.

Motion # 24-02-79

Moved by Trustee Wilcox, seconded by Trustee Bradley

That Trustees receive the report related to the February 16, 2024 meeting of the Program and Planning Committee.

Carried.

c. SEAC Report

Trustee Reain shared an update on behalf of Trustee McInerney related to the February 6, 2024 SEAC Meeting.

The committee meeting agenda included an overview of the IEP survey and an overview of the next steps for SEAC promotional material.

Motion # 24-02-80

Moved by Trustee Reain, seconded by Trustee McAlpine

That Trustees receive the report related to the February 6, 2024 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.

Carried.

d. SAL Committee Report

Trustee Clodd shared and updated related to the February 14, 2024 SAL Committee Meeting admissions and demissions.

Motion # 24-02-81

Moved by Trustee Clodd, seconded by Trustee Bradley

That Trustees receive the report related to the February 14, 2024 meeting of Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee.

Carried.

e. Finance and Administration Committee Report

Trustee McAlpine shared an update related to the February 7, 2024 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting.

The committee meeting agenda included a review of the Q1 Treasurer's Report, an overview of capital renewal program projects, and information related to daycares and portables.

Motion # 24-02-82

Moved by Trustee McAlpine, seconded by Trustee Childs

That Trustees receive the report related to the February 7, 2024, Finance and Administration Committee Meeting.

Carried.

f. School Year Calendar

Superintendent Williams presented the proposed 2024-2025 school year calendar to Trustee for approval.

Motion # 24-02-83

Moved by Trustee Reain, seconded by Trustee Clodd

That the Board approve the 2024-2025 Elementary School Year Calendar and the Secondary School Year Calendar; and that the proposed 2024-2025 Elementary and Secondary school year calendars be submitted to the Ministry of Education for further approval.

Carried.

10.2 For information – Verbal

a. Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC)

Trustee Saunders shared an update related to the February 16, 2024 meeting of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee.

The IEAC meeting agenda included an overview of the Indigenous Education Board Action Plan, sharing information with the committee about an upcoming five-part educator series related to Land and Territory Acknowledgements, and a discussion related to strategies to effective connection to Indigenous Families in TLDSB.

Trustee Saunders shared the following dates with Trustees:

- On June 4, 2024 TLDSB will be hosting the second annual Pow Wow at IEWSS
- On June 29 & 30, 2024 there will be a Community Pow Wow in Bracebridge; the organizers shared that all are welcome.

b. Equity Task Force

Trustee Childs shared an update related to the February 7, 2024 meeting of the Equity Task Force.

The meeting agenda included discussions related to the Student Census and the upcoming Day of Pink Event on April 2, 2024 at the Rene Caisse Theatre in Bracebridge.

Trustee Childs also highlighted the recent professional development Equity Learning Session led by Chris D'Souza for Administrators and Senior Mangers.

c. Mental Health and Attendance Data

Associate Superintendent Fraser provided a review of the Mental Health and Attendance Data presentation that was shared with the Program and Planning Committee in February 2024 including sharing information related to the Board Mental Health Strategy and three-year Action Plan, and the tiers of support available for students.

Associate Superintendent Fraser highlighted that a new Mental Health and Well-being resource page for parents/guardians was launched on the TLDSB website on February 27, 2024.

11. Trustee Reports

11.1 Student Trustee Report

a. G7 Student Senate

Student Trustee Dyni shared an update related to the most recent work of the G7 Student Senate, including updating Trustees on the Student Senate campaign related to the promotion of Mental Health and Well-being which will be released in April.

Student Trustee Dyni advised that she and Trustee MacInnis will be meeting with the Principals of the VLC and AAEC to discuss potential student membership in the Student Senate for the next school year.

The G7 Student Senate elections for 2024-2025 will occur in March 2024.

b. OSTA-AECO Report

Student Trustee MacInnis shared an overview related to the most recent work of OSTA-AECO, including sharing information related to workshops and professional development opportunities that were presented at the recent Public Education Symposium (PES) and the OSTA-AECO conference.

11.2 OPSBA Report

Trustee Childs advised that there is an OPSBA Board of Director's Meeting on March 1 & 2, 2024 in Toronto.

11.3 Trustee Community Updates

Trustee Saunders shared that she was recently asked to judge a speech contest at Dunsford District Elementary School for the Junior and Intermediate students and shared her appreciation of the quality of the speeches.

Trustee Childs shared that on February 27, 2024, Bracebridge Public School hosted Aubrey Noronha for a presentation related to Equity and Inclusion for the grade 6/7/8 students. The students were fantastic listeners and his presentation was uplifting and impactful.

13. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

12. Next meeting

Date: March 26, 2024

Location: Archie Stouffer Elementary School Learning Commons

Time: 6:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Motion # 24-02-84

Moved by Trustee Clodd, seconded by Trustee Brohman

That the Board of Trustees do now adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

Carried.