



Public Meeting of the Board Minutes

Date: May 28, 2024
Location: Lindsay Education Centre
Present: H. Bradley, G. Brohman, E. Childs, L. Clodd, M. Dyni, L. MacInnis, T. McAlpine, D. McInerney, B. Reain, J. Saunders C. Wilcox
Senior team: T. Ellis, T. Fraser, W.Hahn, T. Hubbert, 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 # 24-05-105

Moved by Trustee Reain, 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 # 24-05-106

Moved by Trustee Brohman, seconded by Trustee Reain

That Trustees do now rise from the In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting at 4:56 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

Trustee Saunders shared the Territory Acknowledgement.

3. National anthem

O Canada was played.

4. Roll call

Chairperson Wilcox advised that eight Trustees (Brohman, Bradley, Childs, Clodd, McInerney, Reain, Saunders, Wilcox) and Student Trustee MacInnis were in person at the Muskoka Education Centre.

One Trustee (McAlpine) and one Student Trustee (Dyri) 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 # 24-05-107

Moved by Trustee Reain, seconded by Trustee McInerney

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

8. Business of the Board

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

Motion # 24-05-108

Moved by Trustee McInerney, seconded by Trustee Bradley

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

Carried.

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

Trustee Childs presented the following recommendations from the May 28, 2024 In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting:

Motion # 24-05-109

Moved by Trustee Childs, Seconded by Trustee Saunders

That Trustees rescind the current TLDSB HR-4550 Annual Evaluation of the Director Policy, and that the Governance and Policy Committee begin re-development of an updated Policy and Procedure related to the Director's Performance Appraisal and in alignment with the new legislation.

Carried.

Motion # 24-05-110

Moved by Trustee Childs, Seconded by Trustee McInerney

That in alignment with O. Reg. 83/24 Director's Performance Appraisal Process, Trustees, under the guidance of Chairs Council as the DPA Committee, engage the Director of Education in the new Director's Performance Appraisal process.

Carried.

8.3 OPSBA Elections

In May each year, Trustees are required to nominate Board representatives to serve on behalf of TLDSB as part of the Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA).

a. OPSBA Board of Directors and Voting Delegate

Trustee Brohman nominated Trustee Childs for the position of OPSBA Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate. Trustee Childs accepted the nomination.

Trustee Clodd nominated Trustee Wilcox for the position of OPSBA Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate. Trustee Wilcox declined the nomination.

As there was only one nominee who accepted the nomination for OPSBA Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate, Trustee Childs was acclaimed into the position.

b. OPSBA Voting Delegate Alternate

Trustee Clodd nominated Trustee Wilcox for the position of OPSBA Voting Delegate Alternate. Trustee Wilcox declined the nomination.

Trustee Childs nominated Trustee McAlpine for OPSBA Voting Delegate Alternate. Trustee McAlpine accepted the nomination.

As there was only one nominee who accepted the nomination for OPSBA Voting Delegate Alternate. Trustee McAlpine was acclaimed into the position.

9. Administrative updates

9.1 Presentations

a. Muskoka Falls Public School Student Speeches

Acting Associate Superintendent Fraser welcomed Muskoka Falls PS grade 3/4 Teacher Brea Hodge who introduced Muskoka Falls Public School grade 6 student Myles Middleton, and grade 3 student Jameson Knight to share speeches that were presented as part of a regional speech competition. Myles presented a speech on the importance of healthy eating, physical activity and mental wellness. Jameson presented a speech about bananas. Both students did an excellent job in sharing their speeches.

b. Student Forum Report

Student Trustee MacInnis shared data related to the Student Voice Summits that were hosted in April and May 2024 by Director Hahn, the Secondary Curriculum Services Team, and the G7 Student Senate.

At the Student Voice Summits students between grades 7-10 from all schools across TLDSB shared feedback on the TLDSB Strategic Plan and provided input on how the Board can best support student achievement and well-being.

c. Director's Recognition for Innovation and Leadership

Director Hahn presented the Director's Recognition for Innovation and Leadership to K.P. Manson Public School Special Education Resource Teacher Derek Schofield for his work in supporting student achievement through creative programming.

9.2 Director's Report on the Strategic Plan

Director Hahn shared that with the retirement of Superintendent Goldring from TLDSB in August 2024, Nikki Train from DSNB will be joining TLDSB as the Superintendent of Learning Responsible for Special Education effective September 1, 2024.

Director Hahn introduced members of the Senior Team to provide portfolio highlights.

a. Portfolio Highlights

Director Hahn introduced Superintendent of Business Services Tim Ellis who highlighted the work of the payroll department and their hard work in responding to pay grid changes as a result of collective agreement negotiations and Bill 124 remedy payments, and the finance and accounting departments in managing the new budget process.

Director Hahn introduced Superintendent of Human Resources Services Traci Hubbert who shared a number of facets of the work of the Human Resources Department over the past year, including highlighting the successful renegotiation of five contracts for various employee groups.

Director Hahn introduced Superintendent of Learning Jennifer Johnston who shared updates related to the work of the Special Education Department, and the Equity and Inclusion and Indigenous Education Portfolios. Highlights shared by Superintendent Johnston included the rollout of new Special Programs Software, the 2024 Student Census, Pride Month in June 2024 and the work of the Indigenous Student Success Teams in TLDSB Schools.

Director Hahn introduced Acting Associate Superintendent of Learning Tanya Fraser who shared information related to the work of the Mental Health Services Team this year including sharing updates related to the delivery of professional development for administrators, guidance counsellors and mental health champions, student support programs running in TLDSB such as PreVenture and TRAILS, and the prevention and promotion initiatives occurring such as the parent/guardian information evenings, the mental health newsletter and social media campaigns.

10. Administrative and committee reports

10.1 For Action- Written

a. SEAC Report

Trustee McInerney shared an update related to the May 7, 2024 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting. The agenda included a presentation by Acting Associate Superintendent Tanya Fraser regarding Mental Health Services in TLDSB, as well as a budget update from Superintendent Ellis.

Motion # 24-05-111

Moved by Trustee McInerney, seconded by Trustee Clodd
That Trustees receive the report related to the May 7, 2024 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting.
Carried.

b. SAL Committee Report

Trustee Clodd shared an update related to the May 15, 2024 SAL Committee Meeting admissions and demissions.

Motion # 24-05-112

Moved by Trustee Clodd, seconded by Trustee McInerney
That Trustees receive the report related to the May 15, 2024 meeting of the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee.
Carried.

c. Program and Planning Committee Report

Trustee Wilcox shared an overview related to the April 24, 2024 Program and Planning Committee Meeting. At the Committee Meeting Superintendents provided an update related to the recent Student Voice Summits, and Elementary and Secondary Portfolio updates.

Motion #24-05-113

Moved by Trustee Wilcox, seconded by Trustee Reain
That Trustees receive the report related to the April 24, 2024 Program and Planning Committee Meeting.
Carried.

d. Finance and Administration Committee Report

Trustee McInerney shared an update on behalf of Committee Chair Trustee McAlpine related to the most recent meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee on May 2, 2024. Topics discussed by the Committee at the meeting included the Long-Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP), the Q2 Financial Report, a property report, and updates related to boundary changes and transportation.

Motion #24-05-114

Moved by Trustee McInerney, seconded by Trustee Saunders
That Trustees receive the report related to the May 2, 2024 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting.
Carried.

e. Audit Committee Report

Trustee Reain provided an overview to Trustees related to the May 2, 2024 Audit Committee Meeting which included a report from the Regional Internal Audit Team (RIAT).

Motion #24-05-115

Moved by Trustee Reain, seconded by Trustee Clodd

That Trustees receive the report related to the May 2, 2024 Audit Committee Meeting.

Carried.

f. District School Council- Parent Involvement Committee (DSC-PIC) Report

Trustee Clodd shared an update related to the May 9, 2024 District School Council- Parent Involvement (DSC-PIC) Committee Meeting. The focus of the May 9, 2024 session was a presentation by Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe related to building resiliency in children.

Motion #24-05-116

Moved by Trustee Clodd, seconded by Trustee Childs

That Trustees receive the report related to the May 9, 2024 DSC-PIC Meeting.

Carried.

10.2 For Information- Verbal

a. Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) Meeting

Trustee Saunders shared the highlights of the May 17, 2024 IEAC Meeting with Trustees which was hosted at Wahta Mohawks First Nation. Trustee Saunders also reminded all Trustees that the second annual Pow Wow is occurring at IEWSS on June 4, 2024.

11. Trustee Reports

11.1 Student Trustee Reports

a. G7 Student Senate

Student Trustee MacInnis shared the G7 student senate report on behalf of Student Trustee Dyni including highlighting the recent Student Voice Forums and the G7 Mental Health Campaign.

b. OSTA-AECO Report

Student Trustee MacInnis shared an overview related to the work of OSTA-AECO including sharing an overview of the recent OSTA-AECO AGM.

11.2 OPSBA Report

Trustee Childs shared an update related to the OSPBA Labour Relations Conference that was hosted in Toronto in April 2024, and reminded Trustees that the OPSBA Annual General Meeting and Canadian School Boards Association Meeting will occur in July 2024.

11.3 Trustee Community Updates

Trustee Reain shared a rave review related to the recent VK Greer Memorial PS production of 'Fun on 42nd Street.' Over 60 students from the school participated in the production.

Trustee McInerney shared highlights of the recent Harry Potter theme day that occurred at Ridgewood Public School.

Trustee McInerney commended the talent that was recently put on display at Dr. George Hall Public School's recent Talent Show.

Trustee McInerney communicated the importance of nutrition programs in City of Kawartha Lakes.

Trustee Bradley shared that QVPS did a fantastic job with their Celebration of Arts evening in April 2024.

Trustee Bradley gave a shout out to LCVI's teachers and students for their recent successful theatre production of Little Shop of Horrors.

Trustee Bradley shared that she spent an afternoon reading with all classes at QVPS; the students were wonderful hosts and a great audience.

Trustee Brohman shared that the Elementary Track Meet recently occurred in Haliburton, and expressed congratulations to the participants and organizers.

Trustee Saunders advised that Dunsford District ES recently hosted the musical 'Alice' and expressed how impressive the quality of the performance and music was.

Trustee Saunders expressed how fantastic the Arts Showcase was at IEWSS, and recognized that Mariposa Elementary School had 130 students participating in a musical number.

Trustee Saunders advised that a Secondary Battle of the Books recently occurred at LCVI. Trustee Saunders commended the staff for their participation and enthusiasm.

Trustee Clodd advised that the Better Together Arts Showcase in Muskoka exhibited an amazing array of talent.

Trustee Clodd shared that TLDSB was well-represented by students, staff and Trustees at the Skills Ontario Event in Toronto in early May, and offered congratulations to the winners.

Trustee Childs shared that she was one of the judges at the Muskoka Falls Public School speech contest and congratulated the student participants on their amazing speeches.

Trustees Childs advised that a number of Trustees attended TLAC and the Skills Ontario Competition and noted that these opportunities allow for students to shine in areas of interest.

Trustee Wilcox advised that all three Better Together Arts Showcases were phenomenal, and showcased some unbelievable student talent.

Trustee Wilcox gave a shout out to Trustee Heather Bradley who recently received two awards for her new children's book, and Trustee Brohman who was recently inducted into the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame.

13. Correspondence

Director Hahn shared correspondence from the Terry Fox Foundation recognizing that IEWSS' Terry Fox Fundraising efforts were in the top 50 secondary schools in the province.

13. Next meeting

Date: June 11, 2024
Location: Lindsay Education Centre
Time: 6:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Motion # 24-05-117
Moved by Trustee Reain, seconded by Trustee Childs
That the Board of Trustees do now adjourn at 7:41p.m.
Carried.

Colleen Wilcox, Chairperson of the Board

Wes Hahn, Director of Education

Jen Andreasen, Recording Secretary