



Public Meeting of the Board Minutes

Date: November 26, 2024

Location: Muskoka Education Centre

Present: H. Bradley, E. Childs, L. Clodd, G. Brohman, R. Maw, T. McAlpine, D. McInerney, T. McNelly, B. Reain, J. Saunders, C. Wilcox

Regrets:

Senior team: T. Ellis, T. Fraser, W. Hahn, T. Hubbert, J. Johnston, J. MacJanet, N. Train, 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 # 24-11-40

Moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee McInerney,

That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole In-Camera session at 4:32 p.m. 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 # 24-11-41

Moved by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee McAlpine,

That Trustees do now rise from the In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting at 4:39 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 McNelly shared the Territory Acknowledgement.

3. National anthem

O Canada was played.

4. Roll call

Chairperson Wilcox advised that:

All nine Trustees (Brohman, Bradley, Childs, Clodd, McAlpine, McNerney, Reain, Saunders, Wilcox) and Student Trustees McNelly and Maw were in person at the Muskoka Education Centre.

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 # 24-11-42

Moved by Trustee Reain, seconded by Trustee Clodd,

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

8. Business of the Board

8.1 Approval of the minutes of the October 22, 2024 Public Meeting of the Board

Motion # 24-11-43

Moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee McAlpine,

That the minutes of the October 22, 2024 Public Meeting of the Board be approved.

Carried.

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

Vice Chairperson Childs advised that there were no recommendations resulting from the November 26, 2024 In-Camera Committee of the Whole meeting.

8.3 Board Committee Recommendations

Chair Wilcox shared the recommendations for Board Committee Membership for 2024-2025 with Trustees.

Motion # 24-11-44

Moved by Trustee Clodd, seconded by Trustee Bradley,

That Trustees approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc Board Committee related to the School Year Calendar Committee that includes Trustee representatives McAlpine and Reain, and further, that the Committee begin work in fall 2024 and be dissolved once the committee mandate is met, or at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, whichever comes first.

Carried.

9. Administrative updates

9.1 Director's Report on the Strategic Plan

a. Director's Recognition

Director Hahn presented GHS Teacher Dave Gilbert with a Director's Recognition for Innovation and Leadership Award for his work in promoting and supporting mathematics achievement at Gravenhurst High School.

A number of staff members from GHS attended to support Gilbert who attributed the success to all staff at GHS.

b. Director's Update

Director Hahn shared a number of updates related to the achievement of the Strategic Plan goals including emphasizing the importance of continuing to solicit student and staff voice, sharing a brief update on the future plans for Outdoor Education in TLDSB, and connecting the importance of a strong budget to the achievement of strategic plan goals.

The full Annual Report for the 2023-2024 school year will be shared at the December 3, 2024 Annual Organizational Meeting.

c. Superintendent Focus Schools and Department Updates

Superintendents of Learning MacJanet, Johnston, Train, Williams and Fraser highlighted some of the achievements and gains made via targeted work in their focus schools in 2023-2024, and shared a brief overview of their portfolio and department plans for 2024-2025.

Superintendent of Human Resources Services Hubbert and Superintendent of Business Services Ellis provided highlights of departmental achievements for 2023-2024 and directions for 2024-2025.

d. Suspension and Expulsion Data

Associate Superintendent Tanya Fraser shared the suspension and expulsion data for 2023-2024 with Trustees and provided an overview of the supports available to assist students in relation to mental health and alternate programs.

e. Equity Plan Overview

Superintendent Jennifer Johnston presented a review of the work that has been accomplished as part of the 2022-2025 Equity Plan, and provided a highlight of the focus for 2024-2025.

f. Summer Construction Presentation

Superintendent Tim Ellis presented a visual presentation to Trustees showcasing the completed construction projects from work that occurred in summer 2024.

10. Administrative and committee reports

10.1 For Action- Written

a. SEAC Committee Meeting Report

Trustee McInerney shared an update related to November 5, 2024 SEAC Meeting.

Motion # 24-11-45

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee Reain,
That Trustees receive the report related to the November 5, 2024 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.

Carried.

b. Governance and Policy Committee Meeting

Trustee Saunders reviewed the activities from the most recent Governance and Policy Committee Meeting

Motion #24-11-46

Moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee Childs,
that Trustees ratify the Governance and Policy Committee motions to approve the updates and revisions to the OP-6400 Conducting Research Policy and the HR-4200 Health and Safety Policy.
Carried.

Motion #24-11-47

Moved by Trustee Saunders, Seconded by Trustee McInerney,
That Trustees receive the report related to the November 6, 2024 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting.

Carried.

c. DSC-PIC Committee Report

Trustee Clodd shared an update from the November 7, 2024 DSC-PIC Committee Meeting.

Motion # 24-11-48

Moved by Trustee Clodd, Seconded by Trustee McAlpine,
That Trustees receive the report related to the November 7, 2024 meeting of the District School Council - Parent Involvement Committee.
Carried.

d. Finance and Administration Committee Report

Trustee McAlpine shared an overview of the recent activity of the Finance and Administration Committee.

Motion # 24-11-49

Moved by Trustee McAlpine, Seconded by Trustee Bradley,
That Trustees receive the summary report related to the November 12, 2024, Finance and Administration Committee Meeting.
Carried.

e. Audit Committee Report

Trustee Clodd and Superintendent Ellis shared an overview of the November 12, 2024 Audit Committee Meeting.

Superintendent Ellis provided an overview of the Q4 Financial Statements at August 31, 2024, the results of the Financial Audit, as well as the highlights from the Financial Statements from fall 2024 (which include revised estimates). Superintendent Ellis reported that the Board is currently in a surplus position.

Motion # 24-11-50

Moved by Trustee Clodd, Seconded by Trustee McInerney,
That Trustees accept the auditor's report and consolidated financial statements prepared by BDO Canada LLP dated November 12, 2024 as approved by the TLDSB Audit Committee.
Carried.

Motion # 24-11-51

Moved by Trustee Clodd, Seconded by Trustee Saunders,
That Trustees receive the summary report related to the November 12, 2024, Audit Committee Meeting.
Carried.

f. SAL Committee Report

Trustee Childs provided an update related to the November 14, 2024 SAL Meeting.

Motion # 24-11-52

Moved by Trustee Childs, Seconded by Reain,
That Trustees receive the report related to the November 14, 2024 meeting of the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee.
Carried.

11. Trustee Reports

11.1 Student Trustee Reports

a. G7 Student Senate

Student Trustee Maw shared the G7 Student Senate Report highlighting the most recent activity of the G7 Student Senate; initiatives occurring across all schools under the leadership of the G7 Student Senate include promoting 'Sustainable Season' and planning for exam preparation and mental health support strategies.

The G7 student senate is also focussing on identifying successes and challenges in schools using the 'a rose, a thorn, and a bud' strategy to identify common concerns and celebrations across TLDSB and discuss strategies for support.

b. OSTA-AECO Report

Student Trustee McNelly shared an update related OSTA-AECO including sharing that both TLDSB Student Trustees attended the recent OSTA-AECO meeting which included a number of relevant and effective workshops for Student Trustees from across the province.

11.2 OPSBA Report

Trustee Childs advised Trustees that there is an upcoming OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting at the end of November, and that the OPSBA Public Education Symposium is occurring in January 2025.

11.3 Trustee Community Updates

Trustee McInerney highlighted the Remembrance Day display that Dr. George Hall curated which included photos and biographies of relatives of families in the school community who served in the military.

Trustee McInerney advised that Mariposa Elementary School is collaborating with the Food Source of Kawartha Lakes are hosting a cooking class to support students and families to learn to cook healthy and simple meals.

Trustee Bradley shared that the Halloween Parade at QVPS was an excellent event and highlighted how nice the new washroom facilities that were completed over the summer are.

Trustee Childs advised that she, along with Trustee Bradley, attended the GSA Conference hosted at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in mid-November. There were a number of excellent workshops and opportunities for attendees. Trustee Childs reiterated how important it is that all students 'see' themselves represented in the school and the board and credited this event for being a fantastic support for students from the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

12. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

13. Next meeting- Annual Organizational Meeting

Date: December 3, 2024
Location: Lindsay Education Centre
Time: 6:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Motion # 24-11-53
Moved by Trustee Brohman, seconded by Trustee Reain,
That the Board of Trustees do now adjourn at 8:17 p.m.
Carried.

Colleen Wilcox, Chairperson of the Board

Wes Hahn, Director of Education

Jen Andreasen, Recording Secretary