



Public Meeting of the Board Minutes

Date: January 28, 2025
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 # 25-01-59

Moved by Trustee Clodd, seconded by Trustee Reain,

That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole In-Camera session at 4:43p.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 # 25-01-60

Moved by Trustee Reain, seconded by Trustee McAlpine,

That Trustees do now rise from the In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting at 4:49 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 Clodd shared the Territory acknowledgement.

Director Hahn shared information related to the passing of former TLDSB Director of Education Evelyn Brown. A moment of silence was observed following the National Anthem.

3. National anthem

O Canada was played.

4. Roll call

Chairperson Wilcox advised that:

Seven Trustees (Childs, Clodd, McAlpine, McNerney, Reain, Saunders, Wilcox) were in person at the Muskoka Education Centre.

Two Trustees (Brohman, Bradley) attended via electronic means.

Student Trustees McNelly and Maw also attended the meeting 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

Chair Wilcox advised of an addition to the agenda, as *10.3 For Information- Verbal, item a. Travel Rate Update* by Superintendent Ellis.

Motion # 25-01-61

Moved by Trustee McNerney, seconded by Trustee Clodd,

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

8. Business of the Board

8.1 Approval of the minutes of the November 26, 2024 Public Meeting of the Board

Chair Wilcox advised of a correction on page 3 of the meeting minutes from November 26, 2024.

Motion # 25-01-62

Moved by Trustee McAlpine, seconded by Trustee Childs,

That the minutes of the November 26, 2024 Public Meeting of the Board be approved as amended.

Carried.

8.2 Approval of the minutes of the December 5, 2024 Annual Organizational Meeting

Motion # 25-01-63

Moved by Trustee Reain, seconded by Trustee McInerney,

That the minutes of the December 5, 2024 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board be approved.

Carried.

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

Vice Chairperson Childs advised that there were no recommendations resulting from the January 28, 2025 In-Camera Committee of the Whole meeting.

9. Administrative updates

9.1 Director's Report on the Strategic Plan

a. Director's Recognition

Director Hahn recognized bus driver Garry Thompson and students Aspen, Kennedy, and Corbyn for their leadership in safely evacuating a bus that was in a potentially dangerous situation. Gary Thompson and HHS student Aspen attended the Board Meeting in person to receive their awards.

b. Director's Update

Director Hahn shared highlights related to TLDSB initiatives to assist to support the achievement of TLDSB's strategic plan goals including:

- *Supporting student achievement:* Director Hahn acknowledged the recent challenges related to weather and transportation cancellations. Director Hahn reiterated that schools remain open on inclement weather days to support student learning if parents/ guardians can safely get students to and from school. Schools are developing learning loss plans to target supports for missed learning days.
- *Supporting well-being:* Over \$6000 was raised as a result of Jersey Day in November and the LEC auction in December. The Feed All Four Fund offers direct support via the school Principal for students and families who may be struggling with financial insecurity and may need support with groceries, clothing, or personal needs.
- Supporting the goal of *Ensure our practices engage all students in learning that is authentic, meaningful, and relevant to a successful and healthy life:* TLDSB is moving

forward with exploring options for further developing Outdoor Education opportunities in TLDSB. The Outdoor Education Board Planning Committee will be meeting in March.

- In line with the goal of *Engaging in meaningful learning*, Director Hahn also shared an overview of recent conferences Ontario Directors attended, and the recent Public Education Symposium (PES) that Trustees attended. Some of the professional learning that attendees engaged in at both conferences included discussions related to the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education, the impact of screentime on student learning, supporting early reading, and the promotion of skilled trades.

Director Hahn also shared an administrative update with Trustees related to student attendance supports and initiatives in TLDSB.

Data from the parent/guardian surveys from 2022-2024 was also shared with Trustees both as an administrative report and a presentation. Collecting parent/guardian voice is one of the TLDSB strategic plan goals.

10. Administrative and committee reports

10.1 For Action- Written

a. SEAC Committee Meeting Report

Trustee McNerney shared an update related to January 2025 SEAC Meeting.

Motion # 25-01-64

Moved by Trustee McNerney, Seconded by Trustee Saunders,
That Trustees receive the report related to the January 7, 2025 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.
Carried.

b. SAL Committee Report

Trustee Childs shared updates related to the December 2024 and January 2025 SAL Meetings.

Motion # 25-01-65

Moved by Trustee Childs, Seconded by Trustee McAlpine,
That Trustees receive the report related to the December 11, 2024 and the January 22, 2025 meetings of the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee.
Carried.

c. Governance and Policy Committee Meeting

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

Motion #25-01-66

Moved by Trustee Saunders, Seconded by Reain,
That Trustees ratify the Governance and Policy Committee motions to approve the updates and revisions to the BD-2020 Communications Policy, inclusive of changing the name to Communications and Publishing Standards Policy.
Carried.

Motion #25-01-67

Moved by Trustee Saunders, Seconded by Trustee McInerney,
That the BU-3036 Appropriate Use of Technology and Technology Services Policy be approved with the presented updates and revisions.
Carried.

Motion #25-01-68

Moved by Trustee Saunders, Seconded by Trustee Childs,
That the BD-2080 Accessible Customer Service Policy be approved with the presented updates and revisions, inclusive of changing the name to Accessibility Policy.
Carried.

Motion # 25-01-69

Moved by Trustee Saunders, Seconded by Trustee McInerney,
That Trustees receive the report related to the January 9, 2025 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting.
Carried.

10.2 For Information- Verbal

a. Equity Task Force- Committee Report

Trustee Childs shared a verbal update related to the January 15, 2025 Equity Task Force meeting, including providing an update on the work of a number of the subcommittees.

10.3 For Information- Verbal

a. 2025 Travel Rate Update

Superintendent Ellis advised that the updated Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) rate for travel reimbursement.

For 2025 the first 5000km is reimbursed at a rate of 0.72 per kilometer; any travel over 5000km is reimbursed at a rate of 0.66 per kilometer. These rates are effective based on the calendar year. TLDSB is responsible for ensuring the mileage reimbursement rate provided by the Board aligns with the CRA standard.

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; the Student Senate is currently preparing for Kindness Week which will start on February 10, 2025. Student Trustee Maw also highlighted that many secondary students are currently writing exams.

b. OSTA-AECO Report

Student Trustee McNelly shared an update related OSTA-AECO. OSTA-AECO continues to work in their subcommittees to set goals and develop resources. There is an in-person OSTA-AECO meeting in Ottawa in February.

11.2 OPSBA Report

Trustee Childs shared that a number of Trustee attended the Public Education Symposium (PES) in Toronto on January 24 and 25, 2025.

Trustees from all across Ontario attended to engage in learning to support the Trustee role.

Trustee Childs highlighted the *Exploring Strategies for Parent and Community Engagement* workshop that Director Hahn participated in as part of the speaking panel. Other workshops were offered on the topics of Human Rights, Unconscious Bias, Equity, and Accessibility.

11.3 Trustee Community Updates

Trustee Saunders shared that she attended the Scott Young and Grandview Holiday events in December which were excellent events. At the Grandview PS celebration the School Council hosted a fantastic fundraiser.

Trustee McInerney advised that Ridgewood hosted a Family Literacy Day on January 27, 2025. Parents, grandparents, caregivers and community partners were welcome to attend. The event included a free breakfast hosted by the Lions Club, a student 'passport' for students to participate in various activity stations and collect stamps to earn prizes (books donated by a local business), a free book exchange table, vision screening, and reading sessions. It was an excellent event promoting literacy.

12. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

13. Next meeting- Annual Organizational Meeting

Date: February 25, 2025
Location: Lindsay Education Centre
Time: 6:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Motion # 25-01-70

Moved by Trustee Reain, seconded by Trustee Clodd,
That the Board of Trustees do now adjourn at 7:26p.m.
Carried.

Colleen Wilcox, Chairperson of the Board

Wes Hahn, Director of Education

Jen Andreasen, Recording Secretary