



Public Meeting of the Board Minutes

Date: April 22, 2025

Location: Muskoka Education Centre

Present: H. Bradley, G. Brohman, E. Childs, L. Clodd, 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, S. Stromberg

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 # 25-04-98

Moved by Trustee Reain, seconded by Trustee Saunders,

That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole In-Camera session at 4 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 # 25-04-99

Moved by Trustee Brohman, seconded by Trustee McInerney,

That Trustees do now rise from the In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting at 4:15 p.m. and will report to the Public Meeting of the Board at 5 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 5 p.m.

2. Territory acknowledgement

Trustee Clodd shared the Territory acknowledgement.

3. National anthem

O Canada was played.

4. Roll call

Chairperson Wilcox advised that:

Nine Trustees (Bradley, Brohman, Childs, Clodd, McAlpine, McInerney, Reain, Saunders, Wilcox) and Student Trustee McNelly attended in person at the Lindsay Education Centre.

Student Trustee Maw attended the meeting via electronic means.

Chair Wilcox noted that Superintendents Williams and MacJanet, along with Director Hahn were joining electronically as a result of attendance at a conference in Toronto. In line with the TLDSB By-laws. Superintendent Johnston was appointed as the Director's designate on site at the meeting with the Chair of the Board.

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 the agenda

Motion # 25-04-100

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 March 25, 2025 Public Meeting of the Board

Motion # 25-04-101

Moved by Trustee Childs, seconded by Trustee McAlpine,
That the minutes of the March 25, 2025 Public Meeting of the Board be approved.
Carried.

8.2 Approval of the minutes of the April 16, 2025 Public Special Meeting of the Board.

Motion # 25-04-102

Moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee Clodd,
That the minutes of the April 16, 2025 Public Special Meeting of the Board be approved.
Carried.

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

Vice Chairperson Childs shared that there were no recommendations coming out of the April 22, 2025 In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting.

8.4 OPSBA Elections

a. Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate

Trustee McInerney nominated Trustee Childs. Trustee Childs declined the nomination.

Trustee Childs nominated Trustee McAlpine. Trustee McAlpine accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations for the position of the OPSBA Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate.

Trustee McAlpine was acclaimed as the OPSBA Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate.

b. Voting Delegate Alternate

Trustee McInerney nominated Trustee Childs. Trustee Childs accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations for the position of OPSBA Voting Delegate Alternate

Trustee Childs was acclaimed the OPSBA Voting Delegate Alternate.

9. Administrative updates

9.1 Director's Report on the Strategic Plan

a. Director's Update

Director Hahn highlighted and recognized the following:

- TLDSB's commitment to environmental stewardship and to supporting and promoting outdoor education on this (April 22, 2025) Earth Day and every day.
- The impact of the recent ice storm on both staff and the community, and the Board's gratitude for everyone's dedication and patience during what was a difficult time for many.
- The recent TLDSB review of the impact of screen time on students and the resulting changes in relation to access to 1:1 technology for grades 7 and 8 students.
- The Board's continued learning related to how the education sector can effectively and safely engage both staff and students with regard to the rise in Artificial Intelligence.

Director Hahn welcomed Superintendents to provide brief verbal updates related to the recent work of their departments:

- Superintendent MacJanet provided an update on Curriculum Services K-8 including:
 - TLDSB's leadership development strategy.
 - TLDSB student participation in DELF (Diploma in French Language Studies).
 - Upcoming EQAO testing for grades 3 & 6 in May and June.
- Superintendent Johnston shared an update on:
 - The Board's commitment to embedding Equity into all of the professional development and work of the Board.
 - The work of the Indigenous Student Success Team.
 - The 20th Anniversary of Trillium Lakelands Arts Camp (TLAC) that over 300 TLDSB students will attend in May 2025.
- Superintendent of Special Education Nikki Train highlighted
 - The newly implemented IEP writing tool.
 - The ongoing collaboration between the Special Education/Curriculum departments.
 - The increasing success of the after-school skills development program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
- Superintendent Williams shared an update about Curriculum 9-12 initiatives including:
 - The focus on data collection to help to target professional development (PD) opportunities for Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) by school.
 - Professional development for educators and students in relation to digital literacy, supportive software, experiential learning, and student pathways.
- Superintendent Williams advised the following related to Technology Services initiatives:
 - All employees are engaging in quarterly cyber-awareness training.
 - Student and staff are participating in measures for enhancing security and passwords on devices.
 - The implementation of new library software, Insignia, in all schools.
 - The development of Board guidelines and a framework for the ethical use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- Associate Superintendent Tanya Fraser provided information on Mental Health initiatives including:
 - The work of Mental Health Champions in schools.
 - Parent/guardian learning opportunities that have occurred this year related to supporting students - including a webinar series and an upcoming speaker series.

- Associate Superintendent Tanya Fraser provided the following safe schools updates:
 - 13 projects were funded via application to support school initiatives and bullying prevention programs.
 - 12 teachers and 12 Administrators are taking a 'safe and caring schools' Additional Qualifications (AQ) at Queens University.
- Superintendent Hubbert provided a general overview of the Human Resources Services Department's work related to:
 - Ongoing Health and safety school reviews.
 - Determining staffing allocations for schools for 2025-2026.
- Superintendent Ellis shared the work of Facilities Services in relation to:
 - The recent management of, response to, and recovery from the ice storm.
 - The impact on school boards of US Tariffs

10. Administrative and committee reports

10.1 For Action- Written

a. March 26, 2025 Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee Report

Trustee Childs shared an update related to the March 26, 2025 SAL Committee Meeting.

Motion # 25-04-103

Moved by Trustee Childs, Seconded by Trustee Saunders,

That Trustees receive the report related to the March 26, 2025 Supervised Alternative Learning Committee Meeting.

Carried.

b. March 27, 2025 DSC-PIC Meeting

Trustee Clodd shared an update related to the March 27, 2025 DSC-PIC Meeting.

Motion # 25-04-104

Moved by Trustee Clodd, Seconded by Trustee Childs,

That Trustees receive the report related to the March 27, 2025 DSC-PIC Meeting

Carried.

c. April 1, 2025 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Report

Trustee McNerney highlighted the discussions that occurred at the April 1, 2025 SEAC Meeting.

Motion # 25-04-105

Moved by Trustee McNerney, Seconded by Trustee Reain,

That Trustees receive the report related to the April 1, 2025 Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting.

Carried.

d. April 16, 2025 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting

Trustee Saunders shared an overview related to the April 16, 2025 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting.

Motion # 25-04-106

Moved by Trustee Saunders, Seconded by Trustee McInerney,
That Trustees ratify the Governance and Policy Committee recommendation to approve the changes to the OP-6025 Video Surveillance Policy.
Carried.

Motion # 25-04-107

Moved by Trustee Saunders, Seconded by Trustee Brohman,
That Trustees ratify the Governance and Policy Committee recommendation to approve the changes to the ES-5570 Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students Policy.
Carried.

Motion # 25-04-108

Moved by Trustee Saunders, Seconded by Trustee Reain,
That Trustees ratify the Governance and Policy Committee recommendation to approve the changes to the ES-5008 Subject Exemption and Substitution Policy, inclusive of changing the name to ES-5008 Subject Exemption Policy.
Carried.

Motion # 25-04-109

Moved by Trustee Saunders, Seconded by Trustee Clodd,
That Trustees ratify the Governance and Policy Committee recommendation to approve the changes to the HR-4040 Performance Appraisal- Staff Policy.
Carried.

Motion # 25-04-110

Moved by Trustee Saunders, Seconded by Trustee McAlpine,
That Trustees receive the report related to the April 16, 2025 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting.
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. Highlights included the Menstrual Equity initiative rollout, as well as recent G7 student elections and 2025-2026 Student Trustee elections.

b. OSTA-AECO Report

Student Trustee McNelly shared an update related OSTA-AECO. Online meetings for Advocacy Interest Groups for student trustees across the province have been ongoing. The OSTA-AECO annual general meeting will occur in May.

11.2 OPSBA Report

Trustee Childs advised that OPSBA has recognized the excellence of some of TLDSB's policy work. Policies have been widely shared with other Boards across the province.

11.3 Trustee Community Updates

Trustee McAlpine reminded Trustees that the Feed All Four Fundraising Golf Tournament is being hosted on June 7, 2025 at Oliver's Nest in Lindsay.

Trustee Bradley advised that she attended the LCVI production of CLUE at the Plato Academy Theatre - which was a fantastic production

Trustee Reain shared the Huntsville High School's Robotics Team participated in the World Robotics Championships in Houston, Texas in April. 12 students participated in the championships and the team had excellent outcomes in their competitions.

Trustee Childs shared that Monck PS parent council recently organized a science fair. There were a number of presentations from students from grades 4-8 and the quality of the work was outstanding.

Trustees Saunders and Wilcox shared that on April 9 TLDSB hosted a delegation from Sweden made up of a and Educators. The visit was hosted by the Ontario Principals Council (OPC). The educators visited a number of TLDSB schools over their four-day visit.

Trustee Brohman gave recognition to the Haliburton Home Builders Association who hosted a job fair at HHSS last week which was very well attended by students and the community.

12. Correspondence

13. Next meeting

Date: May 27, 2025
Location: Archie Stouffer Elementary School
Time: 6 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Motion # 25-04-111
Moved by Trustee Clodd, seconded by Trustee Bradley,
That the Board of Trustees do now adjourn at 6:51p.m.
Carried.

Colleen Wilcox, Chairperson of the Board

Wes Hahn, Director of Education

Jen Andreasen, Recording Secretary