

PRESENT:

Trustees:	Chair Elizabeth Hudie, Vice-Chair Scott McKinlay (via teleconference), Jane Bryce, Randy Campbell, Ruth Ann Dodman, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Bob Murphy, Lareina Rising (via teleconference), Shannon Sasseville (via teleconference)
Student Trustee	Elisabeth Guthrie, Evan Rogers
Staff:	Director of Education Jim Costello, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Gary Girardi, Taf Lounsbury, and Phil Warner and Heather Hughes, Public Relations Officer
Regrets:	Trustee Tom McGregor, Superintendents of Education Helen Lane and Mark Sherman
Recording Secretary:	Trish Johnston, Executive Assistant and Communications Officer
Call to Order:	Chair Hudie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Campbell served as Vice-Chair for the Meeting. Chair Hudie read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement. Chair Hudie read an in Memoriam for secondary teacher Brett Verslype. A moment of silence was observed.
#2018-43 Approval of the Agenda Feb/27/2018	Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Jane Bryce, "That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting Public Session of February 27, 2018 be approved." <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
Declaration of Conflict of Interest:	No declarations of conflict of interest were issued.
#2018-44 Approval of Minutes Feb/13/2018	Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman, "That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 13, 2018." <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
Business Arising	None
#2018-45 Action of the Regular Board Private Session be the Action of the Board	Moved by Randy Campbell, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman, "That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board." <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
Questions from the Public	None
Policy and Regulations on <i>Student Trustees</i> Report B-18-26	Director Costello advised that the policy and regulations on <i>Student Trustees</i> were revised to reflect the new Indigenous Student Trustee position that was approved at the January 16, 2018 Board Meeting. He explained that the process for conducting the election for all three student trustee positions is outlined in the LKDSB administrative procedure. The policy, regulations and administrative procedures were shared with the members of the Indigenous Liaison Committee (ILC). Director Costello explained that the election for Student Trustees will be held at the April 24, 2018 meeting of the Student Senate. Two non-Indigenous Student Trustees will be elected by the members of Student Senate. The members of Student Senate will elect one student to

represent Sarnia Lambton and one student to represent Chatham Kent. One Indigenous Student Trustee will be elected by students who identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit (FNMI). Two students who identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit (FNMI) from each secondary school will be invited to attend the April Student Senate Meeting to act as electors for the Indigenous Student Trustee. Each secondary school principal will be invited to submit the name of one non-Indigenous student and one student who identifies as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit (FNMI), to be included on the ballot for the April 24 Student Senate Meeting. The names, along with the completed application package, must be submitted to the Director of Education by March 31. Director Costello stated that the members of the Indigenous Liaison Committee will be promoting the Indigenous Student Trustee position within their communities. A video has been created to help promote the Student Trustee positions. Superintendent Sherman will be discussing the topic with secondary principals at the System Parameters Meeting on March 7. Director Costello advised that Administration will work with principals regarding students attending the Student Senate Meeting. Electronic voting will be an option for students who have difficulty attending the Student Senate Meeting in person. Student Trustee candidates could participate electronically as well. He noted that the Education Act still uses the term FNMI but the Ministry uses the term Indigenous.

#2018-46
Revised Policy and
Regulations on *Student
Trustees*

Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman

“That the Board approve the revised policy and regulations on *Student
Trustees.*”

Student Trustee Rogers suggested that students in Grade 7 and 8 serve on the Student Senate. Director Costello confirmed that he was not aware of a school board who involves them but could investigate.

Trustee Bryce supported incorporating technology into the voting process. Student Trustee Rogers suggested that an adult trustee make a Motion that the Board investigate polling stations or electronic voting for the position of Student Trustee. Director Costello reviewed the current school selection process for Student Trustee candidates and confirmed that electronic participation was an option. Chair Hudie stated that the Board did not need a separate Motion to discuss the topic further at this time.

Director Costello confirmed that electronic voting would be possible for the April 24, 2018 Student Trustee elections. The candidates would be able to participate electronically as well. He did not feel it necessary to have a polling station at each school. Director Costello explained that there are two standing members on Student Senate that identify as FNMI. The two additional students for each school would be invited to the April 24, 2018 Student Senate Meeting to vote for the Indigenous Student Senate position.

Student Trustee Rogers commented that he is aware of boards that include Grade 7 and 8 students on Student Senate and they vote on the Student Trustee positions. He is also aware of school boards that have polling stations in schools. Director Costello commented that he could investigate the composition of the Student Senate at other school boards. He noted that Student Senate had been in place for about five years and that the membership and voting process had evolved.

Vice-Chair McKinlay expressed concern that it might become a popularity vote in larger schools with a system wide vote including the Grade 7 and 8 students. He advised that he was opposed to going to a system wide vote and supported

the current more equitable process.

It was confirmed that the Student Trustee video would be on the LKDSB website February 28, 2018.

Trustee Sasseville commented that Grade 7 and 8 students may not have a sense of what they are voting for or the role of a student trustee and that it might become a popularity contest.

Trustee Rising expressed support for secondary students participating now and the need to evaluate the interest of elementary students in the future. She expressed support for the documents as written and would like to see the position in place for the 2018/2019 school year.

Trustee Murphy commented on his experience on Student Senate over the past three years and noted that the election process is not free from popularity concerns. Student Trustees elected tend to be from Chatham or Sarnia. Vice-Chair McKinlay confirmed that students from Ridgeway District High School (RDHS), Lambton Kent Composite School (LKCS), Wallaceburg District Secondary School (WDSS) and Lambton Central Collegiate Vocational Institute (LCCVI) have served as Student Trustees in the past.

Trustee Bryce suggested that the conversation had moved off the Motion and should be focused on the Motion.

CARRIED.

The promotional Student Trustee video was shared with Trustees.

Indigenous Liaison
Committee Report
Report B-18-27

Trustee Rising reported on the February 14, 2018 Indigenous Liaison Committee (ILC) Meeting that was held at Bkejwanong Kinomaagewamig (Walpole Island Elementary School) at Walpole Island First Nation. Trustee Bryce chaired the Meeting. Trustee Rising advised that Zandra Bear-Lowen was the new Director of Education for Kettle and Stony Point First Nation and that the Delaware First Nation is currently looking for a new Education Manager and working on a strategic plan for language and education. Walpole Island First Nation is also working on strategic planning and a new Director of Education. She noted that each community has a similar position but different titles. Trustee Rising thanked Student Trustee Rogers for attending the ILC Meeting and speaking about the Indigenous Student Trustee position. Trustee Rising advised that LKDSB Indigenous Liaison Mno Giizhgad (Chris Riley) provided information about the upcoming April 27, 2018 P.A. Day as well as the Youth Symposiums that will be hosted by Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School (AMSS), North Lambton Secondary School (NLSS), Wallaceburg Secondary School (WDSS) and Ridgeway District High School (RDHS) which will be open to local feeder schools. Professional development opportunities for Native Language teachers are planned as well. Trustee Rising commented on the signoff requirement for the Board Action Plan and the need for in-depth discussion around the development of Terms of Reference for the ILC to meet the needs of the communities. Trustee Bryce noted the work done by LKDSB Student Support Workers to resolve attendance issues. Student Trustee Rogers commented on his presentation to the ILC.

Trustee Election Process
for 2018
Report B-18-28

Director Costello advised that trustee elections will take place October 22, 2018. He explained that the Ministry of Education recently released a memorandum on the 2018 School Board Elections and the *Trustee Determination and Distribution Guide for Ontario District School Boards, 2018*. The rules governing the number and distribution of trustee positions are found in Section 58.1 of the Education Act, and in Ontario Regulation 412/00 -

Elections to and Representation on District School Boards. School boards are required to calculate trustee determination and distribution by March 31, 2018. These reports are to be submitted to the Ministry of Education and municipal clerks by April 3, 2018. Data provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is used to complete the necessary calculations. He explained that, based on past calculations, the LKDSB has been comprised on ten elected trustees as well as one First Nation Trustee. As per Ontario Regulation 462/97 *First Nations Representation on Boards*, the local four First Nations select one person to represent them on the Board. He advised that a report on the determination and distribution of Trustees will be brought to the March 27, 2018 Board Meeting.

Director Costello advised that the Municipal Elections Act requires school boards to appoint a compliance audit committee before October 1, 2018. He explained the purpose of the committee and membership. Municipalities and school boards can appoint the same members to their respective audit committees. A report to appoint the members to the LKDSB Compliance Audit Committee will be brought to a future Board Meeting.

Director Costello explained that, according to the Education Act, the outgoing Board must set the trustee remuneration policy for the next term of office. The deadline for setting the remuneration policy is October 15, 2018. A report will be brought to Board for approval in September.

Thoughtexchange for the
City of Sarnia

Superintendent Girardi advised that in March, the LKDSB will be conducting a Thoughtexchange survey involving 13 elementary schools in the City of Sarnia. Administration worked with the Thoughtexchange company during the survey done in South Kent last year. He advised that, while there were some learning moments during the South Kent survey, Administration believes that the participation numbers and the discussions that occurred were effective. The Thoughtexchange company has also modified their process in order to better reach out to communities, and increase accessibility for the target populations. Superintendent Girardi advised that the goal is to solicit public input into the proposed plan for the phase involving the 13 elementary schools in the City of Sarnia. Participants will be encouraged through email and web links to share their thoughts on two questions and provide additional feedback through the star phase. A detailed analysis report will be provided to LKDSB Senior Administration in the discovery stage and an online report will be made publicly available. Individuals will be able to participate through their local libraries if they are not able to access a home computer or some other personal device. The survey is expected to be launched on March 26, 2018 and close on April 6, 2018. The analysis stage will commence on April 9, 2018. The two main challenges facing the LKDSB remain declining enrolment and limited finances, which are linked. Superintendent Girardi confirmed that the cost would be similar to the cost of the South Kent survey, \$24,000. He confirmed that Bridgeview Public School in Point Edward would not be included in the survey. He explained that Thoughtexchange modified their process to address the accessibility concerns some of the population in South Kent encountered. Since Thoughtexchange has changed their process, a paper option for participants will only be available during the sharing of thoughts phase this time. Trustees supported having a workshop/presentation on the functionality of the online survey.

In response to Trustee Sasseville's question about the plan to accompany the survey tool, Superintendent Girardi explained that the survey is outside of the

pupil accommodation review process as outlined by the Ministry of Education. The engagement tool will not take the place of the meetings with the various community groups or the public meetings. Director Costello commented that it was important to note that this survey is pre-pupil accommodation review process and the purpose is to gather thoughts from the community. He commented the proposed changes to the Ministry' review process which includes more public meetings, longer timelines and more data to be included in the Initial Staff Report.

Transition Committee
Updates

Superintendent Girardi updated Trustees on the transition process involving Great Lakes Secondary School(GLSS). Construction continues on schedule at the new GLSS site. The History and Memorabilia Committee is hosting an open house on April 28, 2018. The corner stone time capsule will be removed and opened. Superintendent Girardi advised that the Plympton Wyoming Transition Committee is hosting a final farewell celebration at South Plympton Public School on April 28, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Construction at the permanent site is nearing completion and Administration is continuing to meet with Municipal representatives to address transportation concerns.

Superintendent Girardi announced that John N. Given Public School is having an open house on May 5, 2018. He shared that the Transition Committee is meeting on February 28 to finalize the mascot name and colours. A media release will be issued following the decision. He noted that LKDSB Building Services staff will be providing a walkthrough of the proposed interior construction for the school. Superintendent Girardi advised that one of the originators of the Totem Pole, that is located in the front foyer of Tecumseh Public School, is attending the Transition Committee Meeting to speak about the history of the item. He confirmed that the members of the Transition Committee have not made a decision regarding the Totem Pole

Trustee Questions

In response to Trustee Fletcher's question, Director Costello confirmed that Administration is not proposing a change to the composition of the Student Senate.

Trustee Murphy commented on and read out a letter the Principal of Lakeroad Public School sent home to parents with students' report cards. He noted the number of retweets and likes the letter received on Twitter. He questioned if this was a wider practice with the LKDSB or could it be encouraged. Superintendent Lounsbury agreed that it was a beautiful letter. She shared that principals are encouraged to communicate with parents/guardians on a regular basis, not just during assessment, and to promote all aspects of learning, the whole child. She noted the different methods principals use to communicate with parents/guardians. Director Costello stated that Administration would share Trustee Murphy's thoughts with principals. He noted that it is worthwhile to discuss with principals to reinforce the need to communicate with parents/guardians about the multiple sides to learning.

Announcements

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Sarnia Education Centre.

Student Trustee Rogers announced that the secondary schools would be celebrating Pink Shirt Day, Anti-Bullying Day, on February 28, 2018. He encouraged everyone to wear pink and show their support.

Adjournment
8:14 p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Hudie declared the meeting adjourned
at 8:14 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board