

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
 PUBLIC SESSION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019
 7:00 p.m.

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Board Room
 Chatham Education Centre
 476 McNaughton Avenue, Chatham

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Recommendation
 "That Board approve the appointment of Jack Fletcher as the Alternate member on the Special Education Advisory Committee from December 4, 2018 to December 3, 2019."
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16. Notices of Motion:

Director Costello – to serve Notice of Motion regarding Section 7.24 of the LKDSB Procedural By-laws

The Board approves annually the appointment of ~~three~~ ~~two~~ Student Trustees from September 1 to August 31. One student will represent a public secondary school from Sarnia-Lambton, one will represent a public secondary school from Chatham-Kent and one will represent Indigenous students across the district. The Students will attend all public Board Meetings. The Student Trustees may participate in all Board deliberations and provide input except on matters involving individual staff or student issues or those which create a conflict of interest. Student Trustees may not vote on a motion or make a motion.

17. Future Agenda Items

18. Announcements

- a) The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 7:00 p.m. at the Sarnia Education Centre.

19. Adjournment

Lambton Kent District School Board

Minutes of the Regular November 27, 2018 Board Meeting held at the Sarnia Education Centre

Present:

Trustees: Chair Elizabeth Hudie, Acting Vice-Chair Jane Bryce, Randy Campbell, Ruth Ann Dodman, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Tom McGregor, Bob Murphy, Lareina Rising

Student Trustees Autumn Bressette, Lexi Graham and Rihana Kukkadi

Staff: Acting Director of Education Gary Girardi, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Ben Hazzard, Helen Lane, Mark Sherman and Phil Warner and Heather Hughes, Public Relations Officer

Regrets: Vice-Chair Scott McKinlay, Trustee Shannon Sasseville and Director of Education Jim Costello

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 Bryce served as Acting Vice-Chair and Superintendent Girardi served as Acting Director of Education for the Meeting.
Chair Hudie read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.
Chair Hudie read an in Memoriam for student Nathan Symington. A moment of silence was observed.

#2018-163
Approval of the Agenda
Nov/27/2018
Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Randy Campbell,
"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting Public Session of
November 27, 2018 be approved."
CARRIED.

Declaration of Conflict of
Interest: None

#2018-164
Approval of Minutes
Nov/13/2018
Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Jack Fletcher,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of
November 13, 2018."
CARRIED.

Business Arising
Superintendent McKay referred to the question asked at the November 13, 2018 Board Meeting regarding school funding raising abilities and possible methods to find a balance amongst and explained that the Ministry does not provide funding based on socio-economic differences between schools. Administration continues to have discussions on the topic. He noted that schools can reach out to community groups, like Noelle's Gift, to support students. Trustee Fletcher encouraged Trustees to continue to think about the situation and have further discussions. He suggested that it be a topic for the Parent Involvement Committee to discuss. Trustee Murphy noted the investments that the Board has made in facilities to enhance opportunities for students and suggested that the Board continue to remind the public of the investments. He referred to the investments made at Wallaceburg District Secondary School (WDSS) and noted that the girls basketball team just won gold at OFSAA. He suggested that the Board continue to remind communities that the investments the Board makes have long term benefits for all students.

#2018-165
Action of the Regular
Board Private Session be
the Action of the Board

Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Tom McGregor,

“That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board.”

CARRIED.

Presentations:

Presentation to Trustees
Hudie, McGregor and
Murphy

On behalf of the Board, Chair Hudie thanked Trustees McGregor and Murphy for their service to the LKDSB and noted their contributions. Trustees McGregor and Murphy commented on their experiences as Trustees and thanked the Board and Administration for the opportunities.

Acting Vice-Chair Bryce thanked Chair Hudie for her 13 years of service, most recently as Chair. Chair Hudie commented on the privilege of serving on the Board and thanked everyone for their support.

Questions from the Public

In response to Michelle LaLonge Davey’s question, Chair Hudie explained that the Organization Meeting of the Board is held annually on the first Tuesday in December. This year, the newly elected Trustees will be at the Board table. Trustees will elect a Chair, Vice-Chair for the year as well as the OPSBA delegate and alternate. The Meeting is open to the Public.

Ad Hoc Naming
Committee for the
Kindergarten to Grade
12 School in Forest
Report B-18-124

Chair Hudie explained that in March 2017, Trustees passed a motion to form an Ad Hoc Naming Committee for the consolidated Kindergarten to Grade 12 School in Forest in the event that the Ministry approved the grant application. She confirmed that in January 2018, the Ministry notified the LKDSB that the funding for the school had been approved. She advised that Trustees Bryce and Fletcher have agreed to serve on the Ad Hoc Naming Committee. Superintendent Girardi is working with Principals of the schools involved to collect the names of School Council Chairs, students, staff and community representatives to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. He has also contacted Kettle and Stony Point First Nation for a representative to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Naming Committee will meet to establish criteria for the new consolidated school name, the process to gather input from appropriate stakeholders and timelines for community input. The Committee will report back to the Board with this information. The Ad Hoc Naming Committee will submit a final report containing a recommended name for the consolidated school to the Board for approval. As per Board By-laws, Ad Hoc committees exist for a period of three months.

#2018-166
Trustees Bryce and
Fletcher appointed to
the Ad Hoc Naming
Committee for the
Kindergarten to Grade
12 School in Forest

Moved by Bob Murphy, seconded by Randy Campbell,

“That the Board approve the appointment of Jane Bryce and Jack Fletcher to serve on the Ad Hoc Naming Committee for the Consolidated Kindergarten to Grade 12 School in Forest.”

Acting Director Girardi confirmed that the three-month timeline for the Ad Hoc Committee would commence with the first Committee Meeting. This will likely be in 2019.

CARRIED.

2018/2019 Internal Audit
Plan
Report B-18-125

Superintendent McKay advised that the Internal Audit Committee members finalized their recommendations for the 2018/2019 Internal Audit Plan, at the Audit Committee Meeting of May 28, 2018. The two audits recommended to be conducted during the school year are 1) Attendance Management Practices and Employee Wellness Programs and 2) Social Media Strategy (Board and School). A Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PWC) member will participate in the audits.

#2018-167
2018/2019 Internal Audit
Plan approved

Moved by Tom McGregor, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,

“That the Board approve the 2018/2019 Internal Audit Plan.”

Superintendent McKay confirmed that auditing a social media strategy is a new area for PWC. PWC staff will be working closely with the Audit Committee members to plan the scope of the audit. He explained that communications are now an integral part of Board operations with associated risks. In response to Trustee Murphy’s question, Superintendent McKay confirmed that financial and procurement aspects are only part of the audit and that they do not want to get something from the audit that is of no value. His concerns will be addressed when they set the scope of the audit to ensure that the audit produces something that is beneficial.

CARRIED.

Special Education
Advisory Committee
Report
Report B-18-126

Superintendent Barrese reported on the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2018 at John McGregor Secondary School (JMSS). She explained that the SEAC members visited the Alternative Learning and Lifeskills Program (ALLP) classrooms at Tecumseh Public School, Indian Creek Road Public School and John McGregor Secondary School. The members appreciated the chance to see the resources available to students utilizing those classrooms. All Trustees were invited to attend the next SEAC Meeting on December 13, 2018 at Wallaceburg District Secondary School.

Annual Audit Committee
Report
Report B-18-127

Trustee McGregor provided a summary of the Audit Committee’s actions for the year ending August 31, 2018. The External Auditors presented the LKDSB detailed Financial Statements to the Audit Committee members and the Audit Committee members recommended the approval of the Annual Audited Financial Statements to the Board. He commented on the activity of the Internal Auditors and the audits completed. Superintendent McKay clarified that the report reflects the activity completed by the Audit Committee as of June 2018. The Board did not have the funding to complete the Social Media Strategy audit last school year and that is why it is on the Audit Plan for the 2018/2019 school year.

Budget Meeting
Schedule for the
2019/2020 School Year

Superintendent McKay outlined the 2019/2020 budget development schedule. The meeting timelines proposed will be used to guide the budget development process, but ultimately it will depend upon the date the Ministry provides school boards with the grant regulations. It is hoped that the Ministry will release the grant regulations during January or February 2019.

Parental Involvement
Committee Report

Superintendent Sherman reported on the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting held on November 26, 2018. LKDSB Mental Health Lead Katie Colameco attended to provide an overview of the development process and timelines for the School Climate Survey. PIC members are planning for a spring district parent/school council event. Similar events will be held in Sarnia and Chatham with a focus on ‘Healthy Family’. They are looking at late April or early May to hold the events. An update was shared on the People For Education’s “Making Connections” conference that was held in Toronto on November 20, 2018.

Announcements

The Organization Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Sarnia Education Centre.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on January 15, 2019 at the Chatham Education Centre at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment
7:35 p.m.

There being no further business, Acting Chair McKinlay declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board

PRESENT:

Trustees: Chair Jane Bryce, Vice-Chair Randy Campbell, Greg Agar, Janet Barnes, Ruth Ann Dodman, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Brittany Jenkins, Scott McKinlay, Lareina Rising, Derek Robertson

Staff: Director of Education Jim Costello, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Gary Girardi, Ben Hazzard, Helen Lane, Mark Sherman and Phil Warner and Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes

Student Trustees: Autumn Bressette, Lexi Graham and Rihana Kukkadi

Recording Secretary: Trish Johnston, Executive Assistant and Communications Officer

Call to Order: Director Costello called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.

He advised that in accordance with the LKDSB Procedural By-laws and the Education Act, the Director presides over the meeting until a Chair of the Board is elected. The official returns of the election of the Trustees for the Board have been received from the various Municipal Clerks as well as letters from the First Nation partners. The Declarations of the Office and the Oaths of Allegiance pursuant to the provisions of the Education Act have been completed and filed. Director Costello congratulated everyone on being elected to the position of Trustee to govern the LKDSB.

He shared that the Board has approximately 22,000 students in 62 schools with over 3,000 staff. He referred Trustees to the Board's Vision, Mission and Belief Statements and the Engagement Model displayed on the wall in the Board Room. He explained that the documents guide the decision making efforts of the Board. The Board seeks to engage with all stakeholders - students, staff and parents/guardians and community. He commented that the LKDSB is a progressive school board; one where staff are pushing the envelope of innovation to improve the learning conditions in classrooms with a strong marriage of technology and sound pedagogy. Staff are hardworking and with a strong focus on improving outcomes for all students. He noted that just as staff and administration focus on all students, Trustees focus on the best interest of all students as well. He noted that Trustees and Administration work together to make decisions with the best interests of all students in mind. On behalf of the Senior Executive Team, he welcomed a new LKDSB organization and advised that Administration was looking forward to working with the Trustees as work begins on the develop a new Strategic Plan which will provide stable direction for the Board.

Musical Performance Director Costello welcomed the members of the Cathcart Boulevard Public School Choir, staff, parents/guardians and community members to the Board Meeting.

The Cathcart Boulevard Public School Kindergarten Choir performed. Director Costello thanked the students and staff for sharing their talents and commented that everything the LKDSB does is about student achievement and well-being.

Invocation Trustee Dodman delivered the invocation.

#2019-1
Appointment of Student
Trustee Scrutineers

Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Lareina Rising,

“That the Board appoint Student Trustees Bressette, Graham and Kukkadi to serve as Scrutineers for the Annual Organization Meeting.”

CARRIED.

Director Costello invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board for the term December 4, 2018 to December 3, 2019.

#2019-2
Nominations for Election of
the Chair of the Board

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman,

“That Jane Bryce be nominated to serve as Chairperson of the Lambton Kent District School Board.”

#2019-3
Nominations Closed for
Election of Chair of the
Board

Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by Scott McKinlay

“That the nominations for Chairperson of the Board be closed.”

CARRIED.

Trustee Bryce allowed her name to stand.

Election of Chair

Trustee Bryce was acclaimed to the position of Chairperson of the Lambton Kent District School Board and assumed the Chairperson position.

Chair Bryce acknowledged Trustee McKinlay’s contributions to the Board leadership team as Vice-Chair for the past year. She thanked the Board for the confidence in her to serve as Chair of the Board for the coming year. She assured Trustees that, on behalf of the Board, she would support the Director and Senior team as they work to fulfil the LKDSB Mission of “Fostering Success for Every Student Every Day”. She commented that it was going to be an exciting term with four new Trustees, the recruitment of a new Director of Education, the development of a new Strategic Plan and perhaps renewing/revising the LKDSB Vision, Mission and Belief Statements. As Chair, she advised that she was looking forward to helping the LKDSB move forward and serving the students and staff of the LKDSB.

#2019-4
Nominations for Vice-Chair
of the Board

Chair Bryce invited Trustees to submit names for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the term December 4, 2018 to December 3, 2019.

Moved by Greg Agar,

“That Randy Campbell be nominated to serve as Vice-Chairperson of the Lambton Kent District School Board.”

#2019-5
Nominations Closed for
Election of Vice-Chair of
the Board

Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Lareina Rising,

“That the nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board be closed.”

CARRIED

Trustee Campbell allowed his name to stand.

Election of Vice-Chair

Trustee Campbell was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Lambton Kent District School Board and assumed the Vice-Chairperson position.

Vice-Chair Campbell thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to serve as Vice-Chair. He commented that one of the purposes of the Trustee position is to reflect the needs of community and the district of the Board. He noted that this is going to be very apparent in the coming term with the declining student population in some areas and the aging school facilities. He commented that this can be accomplished, as in the past, with all Trustees working together and keeping an open mind and coming up with a solution that will be beneficial to

both students and their communities. He referenced the LKDSB Motto *Student Achievement √ Community Success*.

Chair Bryce invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Delegate for the LKDSB.

#2019-6
Nomination for OPSBA
Delegate

Moved by Dave Douglas,

"That Jack Fletcher be nominated to serve as the LKDSB Delegate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."

#2019-7
Nomination Closed for
OPSBA Delegate

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Derek Robertson,

"That the nominations for the LKDSB Delegate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be closed."

CARRIED.

Trustee Fletcher allowed his name to stand.

OPSBA Delegate

Trustee Fletcher was acclaimed as the LKDSB Delegate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

Chair Bryce invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Alternate for the LKDSB.

#2019-8
Nominations for Election of
OPSBA Alternate

Moved by Scott McKinlay,

"That Derek Robertson be nominated to serve as the LKDSB Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."

Moved by Trustee Fletcher,

"That Ruth Ann Dodman be nominated to serve as the LKDSB Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."

#2019-9
Nominations for OPSBA
Alternate be closed

Moved by Dave Douglas, seconded by Janet Barnes,

"That the nominations for the LKDSB Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be closed."

CARRIED.

Trustee Dodman allowed her name to stand.

Trustee Robertson allowed his name to stand.

Election of OPSBA
Alternate

Secret ballots were cast for the position of OPSBA Alternate.

Trustee Dodman was elected to the position of LKDSB Alternate for the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

Chair Bryce explained that the Striking Committee is comprised of the Immediate Past-Chair, Chair, Vice-Chair and Director of Education. At present, the Board does not have a Past Chair. According to the Board By-laws, the Board is required to appoint a Trustee to the Striking Committee.

#2019-10
Trustee
Appointed to the Striking
Committee

Moved by Derek Robertson,

“That the Board appoint Trustee McKinlay to serve on the Striking
Committee.”

CARRIED.

The Striking Committee retired to meet and confirm Trustees’ Board Committee
appointments for the upcoming year.

Report of the Striking
Committee
Report B-19-01

Chair Bryce presented the report of the Striking Committee. Trustees were
provided with copies of the LKDSB Trustee Board Committee assignments. All
committees are required to elect a Chair for the Committee at the first meeting.

#2019-11
Committee Structure
Approved

Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Lareina Rising,

“That the Board approve the Striking Committee Report on the Board
Committee assignments for the period from December 4, 2018 to
December 3, 2019 as outlined in Report B-19-01.”

CARRIED.

#2019-12
Ballots to be Destroyed

Moved by Brittany Jenkins, seconded by Scott McKinlay,

“That all ballots be destroyed.”

CARRIED.

#2019-13
Appointment of Signing
Officers of the Board
Report B-19-02

Moved by Randy Campbell, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,

“That for the term December 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019 the Board appoint Jim
Costello, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, and Brian
McKay, Superintendent of Business and Treasurer of the Board, as the
official signing officers of the Board.”

CARRIED.

#2019-14
Appointment of Legal
Counsel for the Board
Report B-19-02

Moved Janet Barnes, seconded by Dave Douglas,

"That for the term December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019, the Board
appoint the legal firms of (a) Hicks Morley; (b) Harrison Pensa as its official
legal firms to conduct business."

Superintendent McKay explained that Hicks Morely handles personnel matters
for the LKDSB and Harrison Pensa handles business, finance and property
matters.

CARRIED.

#2019-15
Appointment of Auditors
for the Board
Report B-19-02

Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Dave Douglas,

“That for the term December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019, the Board
appoint the auditing firm of Bailey Kearney Ferguson LLP as its official
auditor.”

CARRIED.

Adjournment:
8:14 p.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Bryce declared the
Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board

**BOARD REPORT
ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD**

REPORT NO: B-19-08

Report To The Board

From: Jane Bryce, Chair of the Board and Striking Committee

Date: January 15, 2019

Subject: Report of the Striking Committee

The Board Committee Structure form for the period from December 4, 2018 to December 3, 2019 was approved at the December 4, 2018 Organization Board Meeting.

The Alternate member for the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was omitted from the approved list. Trustee Fletcher is the Alternate member.

Recommendation:

"That the Board approve the appointment of Jack Fletcher as the Alternate member of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the period from December 4, 2018 to December 3, 2019."

BOARD REPORT
REGULAR BOARD, PUBLIC SESSION

REPORT NO: B-19-09

FROM: Lareina Rising, Trustee

DATE: January 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Indigenous Liaison Committee Report

The November 26, 2018 meeting of the Indigenous Liaison Committee (ILC) was held at the Bkejwanong Kinomaagewgamig (Walpole Island School) Library with Trustee Lareina Rising chairing.

The Record of Action from the September 27, 2018 and October 23, 2018 meetings were reviewed and approved at the November 26, 2018 meeting.

Reports from the First Nation Communities were received:

Kettle and Stony Point First Nation: Zandra Bear-Lowen explained they were researching the use of Apple apps and the required professional development that teachers need with Apple products. Going forward there will be an increased focus on math to improve mathematic skill. She also shared that students and staff recognized Treaty Recognition Week and Remembrance Day with various activities.

Walpole Island First Nation: Everett Kicknosway noted that the Bkejwanong Children's Centre, the first children's center of its type, celebrated its 50th Year Anniversary. He also explained that they have a shortfall of staff at the Harriet Jacobs Center located at Wallaceburg District Secondary School. Chief and Council would be meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding and the Education Service Agreement at their next meeting.

Aamjiwnaang First Nation: Vicki Ware discussed the work that is being done on creating their strategic education plan expectations. They are close to completing the framework for the early years Language app that they are developing which is based on the thirteen moons. The app is built on conversational sentences not just singular words and it will also include games and activities. She also noted that all schools were involved in Orange Shirt Day and Treaty Week.

Trustee Lareina Rising announced that she will continue in her role as the First Nation Trustee for the next four years. She was congratulated by the Committee for her second term appointment.

Indigenous Lead, Minogiizhgad, introduced the LKDSB's Indigenous Education and Special Projects Elementary Teacher, Gretchen Sands-Gamble who presented a video and survey responses on Orange Shirt Day. Her role is to support elementary teachers by hosting workshops, providing resources, updating a department blog, and supporting staff to organize presenters and opportunities to hear student voice. A lengthy discussion occurred about the importance of Orange Shirt Day as a commemorative day and all the work that is being done to increase awareness and knowledge about the importance of the day. Minogiizhgad acknowledged how the growth is evident by the increased requests for information and presenters. He also discussed some ideas for the Youth Symposiums which will be held during the Spring of 2019 and acknowledged how technology could be used to promote language. Minogiizhgad will provide Committee members with more detailed information as requested.

Superintendent Helen Lane provided additional information about the process of registration fees for students and how it is determined between the Ministry of Education and the school boards with property tax levies. She acknowledged that the Board Action Plan (BAP) 2018-2019 was signed and submitted to the Ministry of Education. She also indicated that a formal invitation was sent to First Nation communities for the selection of a Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) representative and alternate.

Administrators from Ridgetown District High School, Sir John Moore Community School, A. A. Wright Public School, John McGregor Secondary School, H. W. Burgess Public School and Wallaceburg District Secondary School attended the meeting along with System Coordinators for Multi-Discipline Team and Alternative and Continuing Education. Trustee Rising encouraged administrators to send their written reports so that they could be forwarded to community members.

The next ILC meeting is scheduled on January 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Aamjiwnaang First Nation's Maawn Doosh Gumig Community & Youth Centre.

**REPORT TO THE BOARD
REGULAR BOARD, PUBLIC SESSION**

REPORT NO: B-19-10

FROM: Derek Robertson and Janet Barnes, Trustees, and Appointees to the Special Education Advisory Committee

DATE: January 15, 2019

SUBJECT: SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) MEETING SUMMARY

The Special Education Advisory Committee of the Lambton Kent District School Board met on December 13, 2018 at Wallaceburg District Secondary School.

Presentation – Supports in Response to Violence in the Classroom

Tracy Ronsick, Itinerant Resource Teacher High Needs Team, and Deborah Stewardson, Itinerant Student Support Teacher, explained that behaviour occurs for one of four reasons: to escape a task or social setting; to seek attention (negative or positive); obtain something tangible such as materials, activities or food; or, for sensory stimulus.

The High Needs Team members make observations and/or collect data to look for antecedents to the unwanted behaviour so that changes can be implemented. The Team works with school staff to correct the environment that surrounds the student to help them cope. In areas where the school has no control over the student (i.e. a lack of sleep, lack of food/medication, problems at home, etc.) staff look for proactive strategies that can be put into place to offset the problem(s) the student is facing.

Behaviour Management Systems (BMS) training is used to keep both staff and students safe at school. The BMS has four phases: planning; information-gathering; action; and a review/debrief. BMS training allows staff to know what their responses should be to help them remain calm when responding to situations that arise.

Correspondence

Letter from the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board Regarding Special Education Funding

A letter outlining funding concerns was received. The Committee requested that a letter of support be drafted by administration and placed on the January Meeting Agenda for discussion/approval.

Letter from Brant Haldimand Norfolk

A letter citing concerns about the increase in students with potential fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) and the lack of the adequate supports for these students, was received by the Committee. A presentation on FASD will be made at the February SEAC Meeting. If the Committee wishes to support Brant Haldimand Norfolk's request (that FASD be added to the Education Act as an exceptionality), they will request that a letter of support be drafted at that time.

Association Reports

For the benefit of the new Trustees, each agency's representative provided an overview of the programs and services their organization currently offers.

The new LKDSB Trustees appointed to SEAC indicated they were very happy to have been appointed to the Committee.

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2019, Wallaceburg District Secondary School, Room 141, 6:00 p.m.
Rose Gallaway, SEAC Chair



REPORT TO BOARD

FROM: Jim Costello, Director of Education

DATE: January 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Director's Annual Report 2017/2018

Attached is the Director's Annual Report for 2017/2018. It outlines the activities undertaken to achieve the LKDSB strategic priorities as well as ongoing efforts to enhance student achievement.

The Director's Report is to be submitted to the Ministry of Education and posted on school board websites by January 31.