

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 John Howitt, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Gary Girardi, Ben Hazzard, Helen Lane, Mary Mancini, Mark Sherman and Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes
- Student Trustees: Aurora Bressette, Simon Harris and Byren Newcombe
- Excused: Trustee Scott McKinlay
- Recording Secretary: Trish Johnston, Executive Assistant and Communications Officer
- Call to Order: Chair Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Chair Bryce read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.
Chair Bryce informed the members of the public of the acceptable behaviour during Board Meetings.
- #2019-113
Approval of the Agenda Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,
"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of September 24, 2019 be approved."
CARRIED.
- Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None
- #2019-114
Approval of the Minutes Sept/10/2019 Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Janet Barnes,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 10, 2019."
CARRIED.
- Business Arising: None
- #2019-115
Action of the Regular Board Private Session be the Action of the Board Moved by Randy Campbell, seconded by Jack Fletcher,
"That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board."
CARRIED.
- Presentations: None
- Delegations: None
- Questions from the Public: None
- Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Day Report B-19-85 Chair Bryce stated that the Board is very proud of its staff and is aware of the important role they play in the development of children. Staff are very dedicated and caring individuals striving to improve student achievement for the betterment of society. She noted that at the 44th Session of the International Conference on Education, the United Nations agency declared October 5th as World Teachers' Day. She advised that the LKDSB has chosen to expand the focus and celebrate Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Day on October 4 to acknowledge the contributions of all employees. She stated that Board members and members of Senior Administration are proud of the staff and volunteers as they support student achievement. She quoted LKDSB Belief Statement #1 *Public education is an investment in the future of all peoples and all communities.*

Director Howitt, commented as someone new to the LKDSB, he is thrilled that all staff, not individual groups of staff, are recognized together. They all work together and are integral to student wellbeing and development.

#2019-116
Staff and Volunteer
Appreciation Day
October 4, 2019

Moved by Randy Campbell, seconded by Greg Agar,

“That the Board observe Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Day on October 4, 2019.”

CARRIED.

Great Lakes Secondary
School Update

Chair Bryce commented on the tour of Great Lakes Secondary School (GLSS) that Trustees participated in tonight, prior to the Board Meeting and thanked Administration for arranging the tour. On behalf of Principal Stewart, Superintendent McKay thanked the Trustees for touring the school. They are very proud of the school and the enhancements made to the facility to date. Progress is being made on the completion of the machine shop. Administration continues to work with staff and students as they get used to their new spaces. They have been able to meet some of their specific needs that were not in the original scope of the project. Completion of the student learning spaces is the priority so some of the contractor's time to work on completing the kitchen requirements was redirected to student learning spaces. The kitchen should be completed by October. This has not been an issue because students are bringing their lunches or walking to businesses close by.

Trustee Questions

In response to Trustee Fletcher's questions about the Ministry's recent announcement about a Reciprocal Education Approach (REA), Director Howitt explained that the Ministry released preliminary information at the end of August and further information this afternoon which Administration needs to study. He noted that some Education Services Agreements (ESA) between First Nations and school boards are very cumbersome and make it difficult for students to move between the two systems. The goal of the REA is to simplify the process and provide a method for funds to transfer between the parties so students can move between the systems. This will make it easier for families to make choices about where their students will attend school. Director Howitt commented that some of the ESAs contain sections on Reverse Tuition Agreements. The need for these sections may be eliminated with the REA.

Student Trustee Harris referenced the Global Climate Strike planned for September 27, 2019. He shared that since this is a LKDSB PD Day, students have informed him that they are planning to participate during last period on October 4, 2019. School Administrators have been informed. Student Trustee Harris asked what the consequences would be for students if they participated. Director Howitt confirmed that he had received some signed emails from the organizers of the event on October 4, 2019. Administration had thought it would not impact the LKDSB because students did not participate on the first Global demonstration day, September 20, 2019, and the second day is September 27, 2019 which is a Professional Activity Day, and students are not in school. He confirmed that student safety and well-being is Administration's first responsibility. Elementary students will not be allowed to participate without parent/guardian permission and supervision. Staff do not supervise walkouts. At the secondary level, attendance would be taken as per usual practice and participating students would be marked absent as they would not be in class under the Board's care. The issue will be discussed at Executive Council on September 30, 2019. A review of the situation will determine if there will be consequences or not. Normally, students would not be disciplined unless students were inappropriate in their behaviour, unsafe or insubordinate.

Chair Bryce confirmed that Orange Shirt Day at the LKDSB is on September 30, 2019 and individuals are welcome to wear their shirts whenever they wish.

Notice of Motion

Trustee Fletcher served Notice of Motion:

"That the LKDSB explore ways to phase out and reduce single use plastics and produce a report outlining what steps are doable with recommended timelines."

Announcements

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Chatham Education Centre.

The OPSBA Western Region Meeting will take place on Saturday, November 2, 2019 in London. Location to be determined. Trustees were asked to let Trustee Fletcher know if they are able to attend.

OPSBA Regional Meetings will take place at the OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting on September 27 and 28, 2019. Trustees were asked to forward Trustee Fletcher any items they wish to be discussed at the Regional Meeting.

Adjournment:
7:25 p.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Bryce declared the Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board