

PRESENT:

Trustees: Chair Randy Campbell, Vice-Chair Derek Robertson, Greg Agar, Janet Barnes, Jane Bryce, Ruth Ann Dodman, joining electronically, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Malinda Little and Lareina Rising

Staff: Director of Education John Howitt, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Gary Girardi, Helen Lane, Mary Mancini, Mark Sherman, joining electronically, Ben Hazzard and Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes

Regrets Scott McKinlay

Student Trustees: Brianne Machan, joining electronically, Taryn Jacobs, Kate Martin
Recording Secretary: Bonnie Gotelaer, Executive Assistant to the Director

Call to Order: Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

Territorial Agreement Read by Lareina Rising. The next regular board meeting will include the teachings.

#2021-140
Approval of the Agenda Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,

“That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of November 9, 2021 be approved.”

CARRIED.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

#2021-141
Approval of the Minutes
Oct/26/2021 Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Jack Fletcher,

“That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 26, 2021”

CARRIED.

Business Arising None

Motions Emanating from the Regular Board Private Session None

#2021-142
Action of the Regular Board Private Session be the Action of the Board Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Greg Agar,

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

CARRIED.

Presentation
Voluntary Demographic Student Census Superintendent Lane introduced Candice Fung, Inclusive Diversity Consultant. Superintendent Lane noted the Ministry of Education mandated a Voluntary Demographic Census is required. The LKDSB Voluntary Demographic Census will take place March 1 – March 25, 2022. Candice Fung explained the Census is a collection process that will track disparities for marginalized, minoritized and racialized students. This will be the first Voluntary Demographic Data Census for the LKDSB and will adhere to the Anti-Racism Data Standards and

the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Social identities are identified but the voluntary census does not disclose specific students or the school that the student attends.

Superintendent Lane noted there are several Board committees that the census will be presented to. Consultations will be held with the LKDSB First Nation partners to help gather what information is needed to better serve students. Data analysis will be provided by an outside consulting company and will be used to achieve organizational goals and strategic priorities.

Students and families can choose questions they would like to answer and can be completed online or paper copy. Information will be provided to students and staff to be familiar with terminology and definitions.

Trustee Bryce asked for clarification regarding sharing data back to community. Superintendent Lane confirmed the data will be shared with the Board, families and guardians of students in our district and local community agencies and partners. She confirmed the data is aggregated data and does not have any personal identifiers.

Trustee Bryce asked if there is a question regarding housing. Superintendent Lane noted there are basic questions the province has mandated but there is the ability to add additional questions.

Trustee Rising asked if there would be an opportunity for the First Nations communities to have opportunity to review the questions and descriptions and provide feedback as necessary. Superintendent Lane noted there would be collaboration with the First Nation communities to ensure accuracy of the questions.

Director Howitt noted the Census is in a draft format. Feedback is welcome as it moves forward to help identify any gaps that may need correction.

Delegations None

Questions from the Public None

#2021-143 Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Jane Bryce,

#2021-144

Report B-21-111

“That the LKDSB Audit Committee recommends to the Lambton Kent District School Board the approval of the annual audited Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying Independent Auditors; Report for the year ending August 31, 2021.”

Vice-Chair Robertson noted the Audit Committee met on November 1, 2021 to receive the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Draft Audit results. Vice-Chair Robertson introduced Kevin Sabourin, Bailey Kearny Ferguson LLP who thanked the Audit Committee for their attentiveness at the meeting and proceeded to present the report.

Kevin Sabourin noted the Auditor is engaged by the board to conduct an audit to ensure the financial statements are prepared and reported within the Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAB) for School Boards. The LKDSB Management Team is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and is in draft form until approved by the LKDSB Board of Trustees.

He referred Trustees to the Independent Auditors' Report. He noted based on the evidence gathered, the financial statements fairly represent the financial position of the Board as of August 31, 2021 and the Statement of Operations, which show the Board is compliant by Ministry definitions.

He noted the audit was completed 70% on site.

Trustee Bryce asked if the assets and liabilities line change for money received and spent on land in Forest. Superintendent McKay confirmed there will be corresponding increases and changes over a number of years with the school being built.

CARRIED.

Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Jack Fletcher,

"That the LKDSB Audit Committee recommends to the Lambton Kent District School Board the approval of accumulated surplus allocation amounts from the August 31, 2021 year end as presented in the Accumulated Surplus Attachment."

CARRIED.

Indigenous Liaison
Committee Report
Report B-21-112

Trustee Rising noted Indigenous Liaison Committee meetings continue to be in a virtual format. Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit submitted a report and several administrators were in attendance reporting Orange Shirt Day and Treaties Recognition Week activities and acknowledgments.

An update regarding the Board Action Plan (BAP) was provided by the LKDSB Indigenous Lead as well as professional development plans for the language teachers. Trustee Rising noted the Voluntary Aboriginal Self-Identification regulation was discussed.

Trustee Rising noted information regarding the summer program held at Wallaceburg District Secondary School and expressed a reminder the intake into ITEP concludes on December 1, 2021 for those interested.

LKDSB Annual Audit
Committee Report
Report B-21-113

Vice-Chair Robertson noted the Audit Committee held four meetings over the year and indicated government requirements have been met for the Audit Committee and met with both internal and external Auditors throughout the year. Vice-Chair Robertson noted the attached summary for review.

Ontario Public School
Boards' Association
Update (OPSBA)

Trustee Fletcher noted he and Trustee Bryce attended the Western Regional meeting held November 3, 2021 via Zoom. He indicated the working meeting involved looking at the governance model and structure of OPSBA. He noted it focused on mission and vision and funding priorities for Boards. He indicated

Superintendent McKay provided helpful, detailed responses to a number of questions forwarded to OPSBA which were reflected in the Western Regional meeting.

Trustee Fletcher encouraged the Board of Trustees to review information shared today via email and noted it is worthy to read.

Student Senate Report

Student Trustee Brianne Machan noted the Student Senate held their first meeting on October 27, 2021. She indicated student senators received information on the purpose of the Student Senate and dates for meetings were determined. She noted the election of Co-chairs and Recorder.

LKDSB COVID-19 Update – SHSM and Dual Credit Program Adaptations During the Pandemic Report B-21-114

Director Howitt noted there were some changes to the Specialist High School Major (SHSM) due to the ongoing pandemic.

Superintendent Mancini discussed the adaptations made in the SHSM and Dual Credit programs. She indicated the need to modify the programs to keep students engaged and that students are required to participate in co-operative education. Co-operative education credits were provided virtual opportunities to achieve SHSM certification.

Dual Credit relies on students being able to access credits at Lambton College and St. Clair College. While the pandemic impacted the program, in partnership with the colleges, adaptations were made to allow students to attend virtually. Students requiring face-to-face followed all Health and Safety protocols. Some students were able to complete virtual learning in a college they may not have had access to prior to the pandemic.

SHSM and Dual Credit programs are expected to move back to face-to-face and hands on courses in the second semester.

Trustee Fletcher requested confirmation regarding discussion or plans in increasing specialist high skills majors. Superintendent Mancini noted there are opportunities to increase engagement in the SHSM sectors and SHSM leads at all of our schools continue to develop and add to some sectors.

Director Howitt noted OPSBA has been active in advocating the expansion of SHSM offerings.

Correspondence

None

New Business

None

Trustee Questions

None

Notices of Motion

None

Announcements

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sarnia Education Centre and via Zoom.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Campbell declared the Stay safe, stay healthy. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board