

PRESENT:

Trustees: Chair Randy Campbell, Vice-Chair Derek Robertson, Greg Agar, Janet Barnes, Jane Bryce, Ruth Ann Dodman, Jack Fletcher, Malinda Little, Lareina Rising. Joining virtually Dave Douglas, Scott McKinlay.

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

Regrets

Student Trustees: Brianne Machan, joining virtually Taryn Jacobs and Kate Martin

Recording Secretary: Bonnie Gotelaer, Executive Assistant to the Director

Call to Order: Director Howitt called the Annual Organization Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m. and explained that as per the LKDSB Procedural By-laws Section 2.3 and the Education Act Section 2.8, the Director presides over the meeting until a Chair of the Board is elected.

Director Howitt noted the governance work Trustees complete does permeate down to the classrooms to the students. The guidance provided by Trustees in the LKDSB Vision, Mission, Strategic Priorities and policies resonate with all adults in LKDSB who work directly with students. He had recently taken part in interviews where every candidate cited the Board's Vision and Mission and provided concrete examples of how it impacts them and their work. They cited the Strategic Priorities and how they are using them in the classrooms and their impact in the system. He noted this is an ongoing theme with more depth as we proceed.

Director Howitt noted learning has continued through Covid without pause and with some positives including the resumption of some extra-curricular activities. He noted his optimism at the beginning of the school year and the positives of extra-curriculars. He noted that a significant number of students and staff required substantial supports to return to the classroom. He explained there were differences of opinion and conflicts outside of the schools and thanked staff for allowing the students to thrive within the classroom. Director Howitt noted to Trustees there is well-being work to help students to thrive. He thanked the Superintendents who have consistently supported staff to do their best for students.

Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Howitt noted there will be a combined Invocation and Traditional Territorial Acknowledgment by Trustee Rising.

Trustee Rising explained she would give some learnings around the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement. She noted there is a renewed commitment to reconciliation and that the LKDSB has always tried to learn and evolve and make sure words match actions and commitments. Trustee Rising noted the LKDSB began to use the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement and as time goes on, a more brief version is being used. She explained there are meanings behind the words. She noted Traditional Territorial Acknowledgements have always been read by First Nation communities when crossing into another territory for hunting, harvest and trading and they would introduce themselves to

the Creator as well as those in these communities, acknowledging it was their territory. The Traditional Territorial Acknowledgment has a Preamble that lists the treaties within the physical geography of the board which helps for understanding as the treaties are said out loud. She explained everyone is a treaty person as both nations signed the treaties and each have their own obligations.

Trustee Rising noted the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has recommended calls to action to understand the acknowledgements and their meanings. She explained that there is a commitment to this by the LKDSB and Trustees will be able to volunteer to read the Territorial Agreement. She explained when said with good intentions, coming from the heart, even with mispronunciations, if you are genuine, you cannot go wrong.

The Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement was read including the Preamble by Trustee Rising.

Trustee Rising expressed gratitude in wanting to renew commitments and noted many cultural celebrations and fresh beginnings including the winter solstice, a new calendar year, welcoming the incoming Chair and a renewed commitment to the Strategic Priorities including Championing anti-oppressive education.

Trustee Rising noted the upcoming video has an emotional impactful presence created by students of the LKDSB and is an acknowledgement of the resiliency of both Residential School survivors and those who didn't survive. She noted the LKDSB through policy making and through work in supporting schools needs to move forward as an actively anti-racist organization.

Student Performance:
Tribute on National Truth
and Reconciliation Day

Director Howitt explained the student performance completed by Asia Nahdee and Allyson Joseph.

Director Howitt noted the student voice and how powerful our student voice can be.

#2022-01
Appointment of Student
Trustee Scrutineers

Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Jane Bryce,

"That the Board appoint Student Trustee Machan to serve as Scrutineer for the Annual Organization Meeting."

CARRIED.

#2022-02
Nominations for Election
of the Chair of the Board

Director Howitt invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Chair of the Board for the term December 7, 2021 to December 6, 2022. He explained the process for election of the Chair.

Moved by Greg Agar,

"That Randy Campbell be nominated to serve as Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board."

CARRIED.

#2022-03

Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Malinda Little,

Nominations Closed for Election of Chair of the Board	<p>“That the nominations for Chair be closed.”</p> <p>Trustee Campbell allowed his name to stand.</p>	CARRIED.
Election of the Chair	Trustee Campbell was acclaimed to the position of Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board and assumed the Chair position.	
Address of the Chair	<p>Chair Campbell addressed the Board. He thanked Trustee Agar for nominating him for Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board. He gave thanks to all LKDSB staff, parents/guardians, and community partners for keeping LKDSB schools open and a safe and secure learning environment for all involved. He noted one of the board’s largest concerns going forward is declining enrolment and although action cannot be taken at this time, it continues to be a concern. He looks forward to serving as the Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board for a second year.</p> <p>Chair Campbell invited Trustees to submit for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board for the term December 7, 2021 to December 6, 2022.</p>	
#2022-04 Nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board	<p>Moved by Janet Barnes,</p> <p>“That Derek Robertson be nominated to serve as Vice-Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board.”</p>	
#2022-05 Nominations Closed for Election of Vice-Chair of the Board	<p>Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Trustee Agar,</p> <p>“That the nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board be closed.”</p>	CARRIED.
Election of Vice-Chair	Trustee Robertson allowed his name to stand.	
Election of Vice-Chair	Trustee Robertson was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board and assumed the Vice-Chair position	
Address by the Vice-Chair	<p>Vice-Chair Robertson thanked Trustee Barnes for the nomination and noted it was an honour to serve in this role over the past year. He noted it has been difficult to feel connected to the schools. He explained to Trustees and Director Howitt that the challenges faced with optimism created a stronger group of people and all staff who work tirelessly to maintain a safe learning environment for the students. This success fosters a level of pride with the Lambton Kent District School Board. He thanked Trustee Rising for her comments and the students who created the video and noted everyone will leave this meeting emotionally impacted and because of that everyone will be better people. He thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to serving the Lambton Kent District School Board for the coming year.</p> <p>Chair Campbell invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Ontario</p>	

Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Delegate for the LKDSB.

#2022-06
Nomination for OPSBA
Delegate

Moved by Jane Bryce,

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

#2022-07
Nominations Closed for
OPSBA Delegate

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Trustee Barnes,

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

CARRIED.

Trustee Jack Fletcher allowed his name to stand.

OPSBA Delegate

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

#2022-08
Nominations for Election
of OPSBA Alternate

Moved by Jane Bryce,

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

#2022-09
Nominations Closed for
OPSBA Alternate

Moved by Malinda Little, seconded by Janet Barn ,

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

CARRIED.

Trustee Dodman allowed her name to stand.

Election of OPSBA
Alternate

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

Chair Campbell thanked Student Trustee Machan for being a scrutineer.

#2022-10
Appointment of Signing
Officers of the Board
Report B-22-01

Moved by Trustee Rising, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,

"That, for the term of December 2021 to November 2022, the Board appoint John Howitt, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board and Brian McKay, Superintendent of Business and Treasurer of the Board as its official signing officers."

CARRIED.

#2022-10
Appointment of Legal
Counsel for the Board
Report B-22-01

Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Jane Bryce,

“That, for the term of December 2021 to November 2022, the Board appoint the legal firms of: (a) Hicks Morley LLP and (b) Harrison Pensa LLP as its official legal counsels to conduct business.”

CARRIED.

#2022-10
Appointment of Auditors
for the Board
Report B-22-01

Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Malinda Little,

“That, for the term of December 2021 to November 2022, the Board appoint the auditing firm of Bailey Kearney Ferguson LLP as its official auditor.”

CARRIED.

#2022-11

Jack Fletcher left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Moved by Randy Campbell, seconded by Derek Robertson,

Appointed to the Striking
Committee

“That Jane Bryce be appointed to serve on the Striking Committee.”

CARRIED.

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

#2022-12
Report of the Striking
Committee
B-22-02

Moved by Janet Barnes, seconded by Lareina Rising,

“That the Board approve the Trustee Committee Assignments for the period from December 7, 2021 to December 6, 2022 as outlined in Report B-21-02.”

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Campbell declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. and noted to everyone to have a safe and healthy holiday season.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board