

PRESENT:

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

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

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

Regrets: Trustee Dave Douglas

Recording Secretary: Jaime Shannon, Executive Assistant to the Director

Call to Order: Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#2022-86
Approval of the Agenda
Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Jack Fletcher,
"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of May 24, 2022 be approved."

CARRIED.

Chair Campbell read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest
None.

#2022-87
Approval of the Minutes
May/10/2022
Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Malinda Little,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 10, 2022."

CARRIED.

Business Arising
None.

Motions Emanating from the Regular Board Private Session
None.

#2022-88
Action of the Regular Board Private Session be the Action of the Board
Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,
"That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board."

CARRIED.

Presentation – Supervised Alternative Learning Program
Superintendent Sherman introduced System Coordinator Paul Wiersma and Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Coordinator Dennis Meston to Trustees.

System Coordinator Wiersma provided Trustees with information on the SAL Program, a temporary non-credit program that excuses compulsory school aged students fourteen to seventeen years old who are not attending school full-time due to personal challenges. He explained that the program is used

when all other re-engagement efforts, student supports, and/or alternative programming options have been attempted and the goal that supports are provided to students so they can leave the program, return to the classroom, and be on the path to graduation. The SAL Committee, which includes four Trustees, a Superintendent designate, and two community members and is supported by LKDSB staff, approves entry to the program. He noted that there are normally about 250 students in the program per year, but there was an anomaly of 565 students in 2020-21 due to COVID-19.

SAL Coordinator Dennis Meston explained that he oversees the creation of the SAL Plan, liaises with the school to monitor the progress of the student, and maintains regular communication with the students in the program. He provided Trustees with two examples of student success following participation in the program.

SAL Coordinator Meston confirmed that outside organizations/programs such as ACCESS Open Minds, Restorative Justice Chatham-Kent Positive Strides Programs, Goodwill Future Focus, Sarnia-Lambton Rebound, and St. Clair Child & Youth Services are used as supports for the program. System Coordinator Wiersma added that the SAL program has been refocused in the last couple of years to concentrate on student transition back to school and it was recognized that this could not be done without supports to help with this transition.

A Trustee asked how many students are denied entry into the program and what the reason for the denial would be. SAL Coordinator Meston responded that the only denials are due to ineligibility for the program, such as the student's age, and as long as the school has made every effort to engage there is no reason to deny a student. He added that some students decide not to participate in the program after the initial meeting and return to school.

Director Howitt remarked that the SAL Program presentation provided a reminder that relationships matter for student achievement and well-being and that SAL Coordinator Meston is one of the many caring adults within the LKDSB.

Chair Campbell thanked System Coordinator Wiersma and SAL Coordinator Meston for their presentation and noted that he was on the SAL Committee when he started as a Trustee and was pleased to see how the program has expanded and has supported so many students since then.

Delegations None

Questions from the Public None

#2022-89
Policy and Regulations –
Advertising on School
Board Property
Report B-22-69

Director Howitt explained that the review of the Policy and Regulations on *Advertising on School Board Property* were brought forth to Trustees as part of the LKDSB cyclical review. He explained that there were no changes recommended for the Policy and only minor changes for the Regulations.

Director Howitt confirmed that Regulations - item two within the Regulations was a new item.

Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by Scott McKinlay,

“That the Board approve the review of the policy and revised Regulations on Advertising on School Board Property.”

CARRIED.

#2022-90
Policy and Regulations –
Representation and
Communication on Behalf
of the Board
Report B-22-70

Director Howitt explained that the review of the Policy and Regulations on *Representation and Communication on Behalf of the Board* were brought forth to Trustees as part of the LKDSB cyclical review. He explained that there were no changes recommended for the Policy and only minor changes for the Regulations.

Director Howitt confirmed that items one and two within the Regulations are new items and that renumbering occurred.

Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,

“That the Board approve the revised policy and regulations on Representation and Communication on Behalf of the Board.”

CARRIED.

Parent Involvement
Committee
Report B-22-71

Director Howitt referred Trustees to the Board Report on the final Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting of the year, held on May 16, 2022. He noted that PIC members discussed the lack of participation in the April 28, 2022 virtual speaking event on the topic of Bias and it was felt that the topic wasn't universally met with interest and more work was needed in the area. A recommendation was made to have Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion as a standing agenda item in order to broaden the discussion on the Board's Strategic Priority of Inclusive Diversity: champion anti-oppression education.

Director Howitt confirmed that an agreement was made with the presenter that the presentation can be shared internally.

Director Howitt noted that future Board Reports for the Parent Involvement Committee will be brought forth by the Trustee committee members as is the usual practice with Board Committees.

Special Education
Advisory Committee
Report B-22-72

Trustee Barnes referred Trustees to the Board Report on the May 12, 2022 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting and highlighted the presentation on Understanding the Role of Occupational and Physical Therapists in LKDSB Schools and the partial review of the Special Education Plan. She was happy to note that the next meeting, scheduled on September 15, 2022, will be held in-person.

#2022-91
Ontario Public School
Boards' Association
Update (OPSBA)

Trustee Fletcher reminded Trustees that the OPSBA Annual General Meeting will be held on June 9 to 11, 2022 in Ottawa, Ontario. As Trustees Fletcher and Dodman will not be in attendance at the meeting, a voting delegate for the LKDSB was needed.

Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Derek Robertson,

“That Trustee Jane Bryce be named as the LKDSB voting delegate at the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association Annual General Meeting to be held on June 9 to 11, 2022.”

CARRIED.

Supervised Alternative Learning Program

Superintendent Sherman thanked System Coordinator Wiersma and SAL Coordinator Meston for their presentation. He referred Trustees to the Board Report and added that it was nice to see the program numbers return to pre-COVID-19 levels.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

None.

Trustee Questions

None.

Notices of Motion

None.

Announcements

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chatham Regional Education Centre.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Campbell declared the Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board