

PRESENT:

- Trustees: Chair Elizabeth Hudie, Tom McGregor, Jane Bryce, Randy Campbell, Ruth Ann Dodman, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Tom McGregor (via teleconference), Bob Murphy, Lareina Rising (via teleconference) Shannon Sasseville
- Student Trustee Elisabeth Guthrie and Evan Rogers
- Staff: Director of Education Jim Costello, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Gary Girardi, Helen Lane, Taf Lounsbury, Mark Sherman and Phil Warner
- Regrets: Vice-Chair Scott McKinlay and Heather Hughes, Public Relations Officer
- 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 Vice-Chair for the Meeting.
Chair Hudie read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.
- #2018-75
Approval of the Agenda
May/8/2018
Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Shannon Sasseville,
"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting Public Session of May 8, 2018 be approved."
CARRIED.
- Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None
- #2018-76
Approval of Minutes
Apr/24/2018
Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 24, 2018."
CARRIED.
- Business Arising None.
- #2018-77
Action of the Regular
Board Private Session be
the Action of the Board
Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Dave Douglas,
"That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board."
CARRIED.
- Questions from the Public None.
- Discontinuing Provision of
Bottled Water
Report B-18-51
Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Randy Campbell,
"That the LKDSB not provide water, sold in plastic bottles to the attendees at all LKDSB meetings."
Trustee Fletcher served Notice of Motion at the April 24, 2018 Board Meeting. He referred to the information he shared with Trustees in his report about the problems associated with plastic water bottles. He advised that he has attended meetings involving the LKDSB and has observed the number of plastic water bottles provided by the LKDSB. He confirmed that he has used the bottles at many meetings but is now making the effort to bring his own non-plastic container of water. He acknowledged that there may be a problem policing the policy but he stated that he believes most people will respect the rationale

behind the ban. He mentioned that he is not worried about policing the practice but setting an example. He commented on eliminating water bottles in relation to eliminating canned pop and noted that people recycle cans more than water bottles. He noted that water is readily available in most facilities and suggested that pitchers of water and cups could be provided. Trustee Fletcher advised that he believes, as a Board of Education, this would make a statement that the LKDSB will do its part to move in the direction of responsible stewardship for the planet earth. He provided examples of how the discontinuation of the provision of bottled water relates to various LKDSB Belief Statements.

Trustee Sasseville commented on her support for environmental initiatives and shared her experience with trying to implement measures when the infrastructure to support the initiative is not in place. She questioned how the policy would be operationalized and the associated cost to achieve it.

Trustee Bryce noted the hospitality aspect of providing bottled water for guests. She stated that she believed that the matter was an operational issue not a governance matter.

Director Costello commended Trustee Fletcher and agreed with the sentiment and philosophy of his report. He explained that this is an operational matter not a governance matter and questioned how it would be implemented throughout the system. He commented on the work already being done in this area throughout the district noting that most schools have water filling stations and that data is collected on the reduction of water bottles through refilling.

Student Trustee Rogers supported the philosophy and commented on his research that confirmed that some school boards have banned them. In response to his question if the LKDSB could implement an improved plastic reduction strategy if the motion was defeated, Director Costello confirmed that the LKDSB could still support a renewed commitment to reduce the use of bottled water. It could be included in an operational plan to support the strategic plan. He referenced all the measures currently in practice throughout the system aimed at reduction.

Trustee Rising commented that she understands the impact of plastics on oceans and applauded the sentiment and thinking but cautioned against vilifying the plastic industry. She supported a strategy focused on reducing the use of plastic bottles. She commented on issues related to other products sold in plastic bottles and the need to provide filtered water options for those who choose to drink it. She suggested that other options that might go a step further need to be considered instead.

Chair Hudie stated that this topic was an operational issue not a governance issue and acknowledged the need to reduce, recycle and be hospitable.

Trustee Fletcher questioned why the report made it to the floor if the Chair and Secretary of the Board believed that this is an operational issue. He noted the need to change practices and set an example for students.

MOTION DEFEATED.

#2018-78
Regulations on *Display of
Flags*
Report B-18-52

Director Costello advised that it has become the practice of the LKDSB to lower flags in honour of individuals involved in tragic events and shared examples of when the flags were lowered recently. Item #9 in the LKDSB regulations on *Display of Flags* has been revised to incorporate this practice. He reviewed the components of the regulations

Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,

“That the Board approve the revised regulations *Display of Flags*.”

It was agreed that #9 would be revised to read, *The Director of Education may order the lowering of flags to half-mast throughout the system or at an individual location at the Director's discretion.* Director Costello confirmed that when flags are lowered, he sends a message to the system explaining why the flags are being lowered.

CARRIED.

Special Education
Advisory Committee
(SEAC) Report
Report B-18-53

Trustee Fletcher reported on the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 19, 2018. He commented on the presentations provided on the LKDSB Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD): Continuation and Expansion of After-School Programs and on how post-secondary institutions support students, transitions out of high school and preparing special education students for the workplace. SEAC members approved the updates to the LKDSB Special Education Plan. The SEAC association members shared information on upcoming activities. Trustee Fletcher shared a letter received by a LKDSB employee about a student's positive experience at a transition fair

Indigenous Liaison
Committee Report
Report B-18-54

Trustee Rising reported on the April 18, 2018 Indigenous Liaison Committee (ILC) Meeting held at Wallaceburg District Secondary School (WDSS). Reports from the First Nation Communities were received. Kim Sonneveld is the new education manager for Delaware First Nation. Walpole Island First Nation is working on a new education service agreement with the LKDSB, hiring a Director of Education, exploring and based learning initiatives and organizing a spring community pow wow for May 19 and 20, 2018. Trustee Rising noted that the Aamjiwnaang First Nation is discussing the roll out of the Anishinabek Education System (AES) which will require a new education service agreement between Aamjiwnaang First Nation and the LKDSB. Trustee Rising explained that the education representatives of the Four First Nations caucus prior to the start of the ILC Meeting and she brings collective concerns forward on behalf of the Four First Nations to the ILC Meeting. At the ILC Meeting, they requested to have detailed information about this year's Indigenous Education budget as well as the new budget information for the coming school year presented to the ILC. The Four First Nations are interested in becoming participating members in the community Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) protocol and receive the required training. Trustee Rising stated that information about the April 27, 2018 Indigenous Education Professional Development Day was shared with ILC members as well as the plans for Youth Symposiums at Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School (AMSS), North Lambton Secondary School (NLSS), Wallaceburg District Secondary School (WDSS) and Ridgetown District High School (RDHS). Trustee Rising noted the information shared with ILC members about Jason Simon, former NHL hockey player and member of Aamjiwnaang First Nation, sharing his story at LKDSB secondary schools this Spring and Fall.

Trustee Questions

In response to Trustee Campbell's question about the cancellation of tractor day at Ridgetown District High School, (RDHS), Superintendent Sherman confirmed that the cancellation was not a Board level decision. It was a school level decision to remove the parade aspect of the day for liability reasons. He commented on the article in the Ridgetown paper that presented the student voice aspect on the issue. Superintendent Sherman advised that RDHS Administration was restructuring the event into a larger fall Agri-focused event that would involve more community organizations. He noted that the LKDSB and school administrators do not regulate what students drive to school.

In response to an invitation from the Principal and School Council, Trustees Sasseville, Hudie and Dodman visited the gymnasium at King George VI Public School in Chatham on May 7, 2018. In response to Trustee Sasseville's question about what the next steps were in the capital project process, Superintendent McKay explained that the gymnasium project would be part of the Budget presentation at the June 12, 2018 Board Meeting. Administration plans to bring this project as an item for Trustees to consider. If Trustees support the gymnasium as a capital project, an application for Capital Priorities Funding would be submitted to the Ministry in the Fall of 2018. The gymnasium at King George VI Public School in Chatham is the LKDSB's number one gymnasium priority. The LKDSB has had other priorities associated with school accommodation needs in recent years but that is currently not the case.

Superintendent Barrese confirmed that Administration is in the process of hiring a Mental Health Lead. She outlined the various activities occurring in LKDSB schools this week in celebration of Education Week and Mental Health Week. Schools are working in collaboration with many local agencies.

Announcements

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Sarnia Education Centre.

Chair Hudie encouraged Trustees to visit the Indigenous Museum at Sir John Moore Community School.

Adjournment
8:57 p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Hudie declared the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board